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From: Teena McWilliams
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Hi I am responding to the numerous notices of public hearing I have received in the past year.

If you need a specific one I can reference 225 smithe st.

I usually would not get involved with something like this as I trust that the people who deal with this on a daily basis understand better than I how to plan a city.

However I have several concerns and it has reached the point that I think something needs to be said.

I am not against creating more supply and as housing prices increase (this is another topic that needs to be addressed) it benefits all to increase supply. However as someone who lives in this city with a family I feel there are things that are being overlooked.

How can you allow tower after tower to be built without securing the proper necessities to go along with these towers. As you know this city is a very residential city with more and more families choosing to live in the city.

The schools are all over capacity with wait lists to get into your catchment. I understand that there is a plan to built another school however I can't imagine it will not be full as well once built even with the wait lists now let alone after increasing the density to the extent that you have proposed and approved. The same goes for day care centres. Also parking and traffic especially once the area in false creek is developed and those proposals have been made.

I understand the improvements to bike lanes etc but you are catering this city to families. And families need 2 cars we can't use the bike lane with children we can't walk out of catchment to get to school, the inner city public transit is far from ideal to get around the downtown core nor is it cost effecting for families with children.

I have lived in many downtown cities from Chicago to New York to Toronto all have effective inner city transit that could allow the things our city doesn't.

So I urge you to please consider the fact that while increasing supply is necessary there are many people making significant financial gain with all of this and these necessities will have to be addressed.

Of all the cities I have lived in I chose to settle in Vancouver for the fact that it had such an amazing family friendly residential core but if you don't take care of that it will end up being a terrible place to raise a family. It is already starting to be difficult.

Thank you
Teena McWilliams

Sent from my iPhone