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Cc: Jones, Jeanette
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We write to EXPRESS CONCERN about each of the following five items to come before public hearing on 12 July 2012. Please record this as separate comment on each of the five items.

1. REZONING: 106 - 116 East 35th Avenue
2. REZONING: 505 West 62nd Avenue
3. REZONING: 7807 Cambie Street
4. REZONING: 445 Kingsway and 2935 St. George Street
5. REZONING: 2805 East Hastings Street

We have no particular comment on the merits or deficiencies of any of the above applications.

Evidence mounts that the already mostly meaningless pro forma "public hearing" process that the City of Vancouver conducts on development proposals is at this point in time being turned into an arena for spam war.

The above five applications have attracted scattergun multiple written comments, perhaps with oral to follow, that show none of

- (1) history of involvement with the formulation of a particular development application
- (2) substantial acquaintance with the particulars of a specific application
- (3) personal connection to the application – especially adjacency to the affected location

These comments need to be evaluated for their spam qualities. In currently developing circumstances, a summary record of / Support / Opposed / Other / will provide much noise, but little significant information.

Spamming is nothing new, and in the past has been egregiously employed by persons sympathetic to and likely directly connected with particular development applications. A singular instance of such abuse occurred at the 12 July 2011 public hearing on 3. REZONING: 2667-2703 Kingsway, where a memorandum provided copies of an improbable 52 open house comments in support, with none opposed.

We urge Council to take measures to address spamming, especially in written form. Having to deal with broadsided repetitive single-issue comment is a waste of staff time, and this type of input smothers an already dubious process.

Sincerely,

Joseph Jones and Jeanette Jones