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**From:** Sean Reilly s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
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Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Council,

As a neighbor of the proposed development at 2805 Hastings Street, I have significant concerns about the proposal, and I wish to share my concerns with you.

The Hastings Sunrise Community Vision was prepared by the community and the City at significant cost and effort. Confirmed in that document, the character of the Hastings Sunrise neighborhood is defined by low rise residential/commercial buildings along arterial routes such as Hastings Street, backing immediately onto single family residential neighborhoods. With the current limit of 4 storeys for development along arterial streets such as Hastings Street, streets like Pender Street and Franklin Street, despite being only one block from an arterial route, maintain their single family residential character. Allowing development of a building that will extend up to 25 m (82 feet, or some 8 storeys) above adjacent street level will completely change the look and feel of the residential neighbourhoods for many blocks. Indeed for homes like my own, located a couple of blocks to the south of the site, I can look forward to the current view from my office window being replaced by the view of a building.

I should make it clear that I am not anti-development, in fact I am an engineer that makes a significant income off of development related work. As such, I fully understand the need for increased density, and for improved access to rental housing. This said, I do not believe that this goal should be achieved through spot re-zoning to meet the immediate demands of the City and developers. Rather, decisions such as this that change the long term direction of our community need to be made through a community consultation process that considers not only this one development, but the cumulative impacts of other, similar applications in the future. In short, I am asking the City to place this application on hold until a new Hastings Sunrise Community Vision can be developed.

Regards,  
Sean Reilly