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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 2:01 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Masonic centre plans - development application

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From: Lois Kathnelson s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Masonic centre plans - development application

My purpose in writing is to express our firm opposition of the Masonic Centre redevelopment application on West 8th Avenue.

My husband and I have worked and paid taxes our entire lives to purchase a condominium and retire in this beautiful RESIDENTIAL neighbourhood.

The development request to include a banquet and restaurant facility on 7th Avenue must be rejected outright.

The nature of our opposition stems from the fact that this is a residential neighbourhood and the current banquet facility in the existing building has caused countless sleepless nights, disruption to our right to peace and quiet in our home.

In addition to the above, when functions are held in the existing facility, the resulting traffic, noise pollution and late night carousing is the only indicator that we need that the planned facility will draw even more traffic and create greater disruption to our lives.

In closing, with respect, we ask that you reject the zoning application for the restaurant and banquet facility outright.
Lois and Stephen Kathnelson

Sent from my iPad

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:14 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Notice Of Public Hearing - 1495 West 8th Avenue

From: Sean Nardi [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2017 2:42 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Cc: [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: Re: Notice Of Public Hearing - 1495 West 8th Avenue

Good afternoon,

We're writing in regards to the notice of public hearing relating to the proposed Development at 1495 West 8th Avenue.

We're unhappy that the proposed tower will be 18 stories tall and on much higher ground, giving it a height much like the tower at 1483 West 7th Avenue. This new tower will cut-out a large section of the sunshine that the Portico, the Community to the north, enjoys. This means less natural light and heat for all of us and for the beautiful green belt that runs from 7th Avenue to 5th Avenue and from Granville to Hemlock, across the property. The shadow that this tower casts will affect the beauty of our home and this magnificent garden oasis, diminishing the area's benefit for the families, children and pets that live in the Community. What's more, the reduced natural light and thermal heat will increase the Community's overall electrical and natural gas energy consumption, contradicting the City's Green mandate.

We are also concerned about the "mixed-income social housing" aspect of the Development. Over the past few years, our neighbours have reported an increase in unpleasant encounters with vagrants sleeping in the Granville Loop Park, troubled people wandering the neighbourhood and disrupting businesses, and break-ins in the street level homes. In fact, just recently, an office adjacent to the proposed Development had a very disturbing intrusion. These unfortunate changes seem to have coincided with the development of a social housing complex at 7th and Fir (Sanford Apartments), and raise concern for the many families that live in the Community.

We're writing the City of Vancouver to voice our concern and to suggest that the Development's height be capped at the same height as the tower at 1428 West 7th Ave. As well, given the proximity of Sanford Apartments to our Community, we recommend that the City change the designation to market housing, and locate another area in the City for this social housing initiative, better distributing and integrating these types of homes into the City's fabric.

The City has done a magnificent job of developing smart zoning policies, increasing density, developing social housing and creating beautiful parks; we agree with these philosophies and appreciate the efforts of developers and Council in pursuing these causes while protecting our safety and standard of living.

Thanks for your time and respect for our concerns.

Regards,

Sean Nardi & Ian Poole
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