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**From:** Lesley Mackenzie [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017 5:22 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Re: Public hearing tonight, Jan 24 at 6pm for the development of the Masonic Hall at 1495 west 8th street.

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As a south facing resident of [REDACTED] s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential I'm very concerned that the 18 storey tower planned for the new Masonic development will block the light and warmth we're used to on 6th Ave. Couldn't its height be limited to the height of the green tower on 7th? Otherwise our apartments will be shrouded in gloom all winter long, not to mention spring and fall.

Yours sincerely,

Elisabeth Maclaren

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**From:** Sean Nardi s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017 5:33 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This new tower will cut-out a large section of the sunshine that the Portico, the Community to the north, enjoys. This mean less natural light and heat for all of us and for the beautiful green belt that runs from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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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