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Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Vancouver City Councillors  
City of Vancouver  
453 West 12th Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Councillors:

Re: Rezoning Application for 105 Keefer St and 544 Columbia St

Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver (CBA) has organised several forums for the Chinatown community groups and invited the owner and developer Beedie Group to attend so they hear first hand of each other's plans and concerns regarding the rezoning application for 105 Keefer St and 544 Columbia St. The last forum took place yesterday.

I would like to advise that, following extensive discussions, there is mixed opinion from our member groups on this rezoning application. CBA is not in a position to support or object this rezoning application, but rather to act as a bridge for all stakeholders so they understand each other and come up with a plan with the best intention for the future of Chinatown. I have also urged the forum attendees to voice their opinion at the May 23 public hearing.

This property is now owned by a private group with the expectation that they can develop it with the already approved zoning. Whether the rezoning application gets approved or not, it is my sincere hope that the City will make sure that the developer work very closely with the Chinatown groups to build in harmony with the cultural uniqueness of the area, to inject new life into the neighbourhood, with the utmost respect to the nearby monument for the Chinese Canadian soldiers and railroad workers who fought and worked so hard for this country, and to showcase its historic significance to the world. Ultimately, I would like to see that the local Canadian Chinese community are proud of this new development that will enhance the prosperity and liveability of Vancouver's Chinatown.

Respectfully,

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Hilbert Yiu

President, Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver



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**From:** Leona Lin s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 4:48 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing; Robertson, Gregor; Louie, Raymond; Jang, Kerry; Affleck, George; Ball, Elizabeth; Carr, Adriane; Meggs, Geoff; Reimer, Andrea; Deal, Heather; Stevenson, Tim; De Genova, Melissa; Kelley, Gil; Mayor and Council Correspondence; Zeng, Yan  
**Cc:** s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Subject:** Chinatown YVR "That's it."

There is a lot of talk about revitalization and reinvigoration of the social fabric Chinatown, what we need is innovations. Something culturally significant rather than the status quo.

This area is distinctly Chinatown. Up Georgia and about much has already been transformed. The area of Chinatown need a retention of heritage and historically related elements.

Lets take a walk. You walk around and you see a poster of Douglas Jung during the 1957 elections. Than, there is the Sun Yat-Sen, and at the door step there is the commemoration monument of Chinese railway workers which is fitting for CPR town and the Chinesse-Canadian solder in WW2.

This area is distinctively Chinatown. You go up the street to Georgia near Main, and you have an area that already transformed. But Keefer is the core of what Chinatown is about.

Plus, we might like the Sun Yat-Sen garden but infacts, is Dr. Sun Yat Sun Garden enough.

A British woman walks in to Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden. Shortly after she walks right out. She demands for a refund. She's basically says "That's it?"

That Is what I am also asking. "That's it?"

And the City is planning to apologize for the discrimination of Chinese Canadians.

I am a proposing a Centre of Democracy in the heart of Chinatown.

That is what Dr. Sun Yat Sen is about.


And that is what is missing in the fabric of Chinatown now.

Do we need to ask the federal government to step in? and provide funding? Do we need a moratorium? As far as I know we need to stop and review and open this up to all Canadians.

Yours Truly,

Leona Lin

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**From:** Jonathan Oldman s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 20, 2017 10:07 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Rezoning Application for 105 Keefer Street and 544 Columbia Street

Mayor & Council  
City of Vancouver

**Via email – May 20<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Dear Mayor Gregor Robertson and Council,

### **105 Keefer Street & 544 Columbia Street Rezoning Application**

I am writing with regard to the above rezoning application. While we don't believe The Bloom Group is appropriately placed to express a view on the specifics of the revised application and its suitability for the Chinatown neighbourhood, we are able to comment on The Beedie Development Group's community involvement and partnership track record.

The Bloom Group has worked extensively with Beedie over the last 4 years on several community projects and we think it is important that, as part of Council's consideration, you are fully aware of their activities and track record of partnership.

As you may recall, both the Beedie Group, and the Beedie family, played a key role in us being able to double the capacity of Powell Place Women's Shelter in 2015. The project also received broad community support, led by Cindy Beedie, our Capital Campaign Chair. In addition to donating \$375,000 to the project with her husband Ryan, Cindy inspired hundreds of donors – including staff of Beedie Development Group – to give over \$1.2million to our private fundraising campaign. Cindy and senior staff from Beedie Development Group also advised project leaders during construction. Their significant investment demonstrated ongoing and tangible commitment to the health and wellbeing of our community.

Since that time, staff from Beedie Development have acted as advisors and pro bono consultants on another affordable housing project undertaken by The Bloom Group, and continue to work with us to consider future opportunities.

In all their work with us, everyone connected with Beedie has worked with great integrity and respect. They have always followed through on their commitments and worked with us to understand our needs and the needs of those we serve. I have every confidence that Beedie would fully deliver on any and all community benefits that may ultimately be part of this development.

Yours truly,

Jonathan Oldman

**Jonathan Oldman, BA, MA, CIHCM**

Executive Director

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