

## Castro, Maria

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**From:** ivana conversano "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"  
**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2017 7:37 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Comments on the rezoning proposal

Good evening.

My name is Ivana and I recently read about the rezoning proposal for Gabriola Mansion and Casa Mia in Vancouver.

Please allow me to express my great disappointment when I discovered that Gabriola Mansion is going to be converted in rental units. That's such a shame for a great and unique historical building like that, and I'd be really surprised and disappointed if the City of Vancouver will approve this kind of proposal.

Vancouver unfortunately doesn't count many great heritage buildings, and the Gabriola Mansion is surely one of them, so I think it's a wrong decision to convert it into 16 rental units, feeding in this way an already messed up housing market and incrementing the rental prices in that area.

Since the first day I noticed that beautiful building, I was honestly hoping that it would be destined to a museum, a cultural center, an association or something that could elevate the historical aspect of Vancouver.

I come from Italy, a country where even the smallest building with a minimum of historical value has a cultural destination.

Hope that this proposal will be substantially reviewed and be influenced by a different prospective.

Sincerely

Ivana Conversano

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**From:** F George Amaral "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"  
**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2017 10:29 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Gabriola Mansion

**Importance:** High

Pros and cons on Gabriola Mansion

Dear Sirs

I'm sure everyone will be heard and their views considered, such as social as structural and not only financial motivations.

I am not writing this email to support or be against the conversion of Gabriola Mansion into leased units. My goal is to present the consequences of each choice.

### Option 1 - Accessible for a couple of dozen people.

Convert the Gabriola Mansion into Leased Units.

#### *Benefits*

Provide new rental units in the region.

Increase of tax collection for the city hall

#### *Disadvantages.*

Deprive the rest of the population to access to Mansion. Example: I am a neighbour to the four years of Gabriola Mansion, and I do not know her from the inside, and if this proposal executes, I will never do.

Increase the number of residents of the already populated West End region.

Overload the already limited public transport system. West End is not Yaletown. There is no Skytrain to supply the region's growth. It is not only Gabriola Mansion but adding up all the skyscrapers that are being built, lacking the service of water distribution, energy, garbage collection, public transportation, vehicle transit, Etc.

The great work that the West End needs for the future is a branch of the Skytrain connected with one of the two nearest lines.

### Option 2 - Convert the Gabriola Maison for use by the entire population of Vancouver.

#### *Advantage*

For being a part of the history of the city, the public would have access and pride of that space.

The garden of the house would be a park.

The house could be used for commemorative events being effective at each specific event such as Easter, Pride, Halloween, Christmas. Etc. The enormous potential for Halloween is undisputed and now during the month of December would be a beautiful home of the paper Noel. It would attract tourists and promote the local commercial.

It could serve as a point of support for the population in specific events like the Day of Light, the Pride Parade, and others, serving as a temporary station for the police, VVC, Etc.

It would still be a great place to shoot movies and TV shows, the primary aspiration of the Vancouver Metropolitan area. (Northern Hollywood)

It could also be used for exhibits of outdoor arts showing the culture of the region and promoting new local artists.

#### *Disadvantages*

Space would not be profitable between Event Gaps.

The options are clear. Now, it is up to the committee to choose the use of Gabriola Maison for the entire population of Metro Vancouver and Tourists, or for a small group of people.

I only hope that someday West End will be attended by the Skytrain.

Feel free yourself to contact me if it is your wish

Yours truly,

F. George Amaral, MAS

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