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From: raise the rates <"s.22(1) Personal and Confidential">
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 4:38 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 58 W Hastings rezoning comments

Hi there,

My name is Kell Gerlings and I am a Community Organizer with Raise the Rates. I am writing today to send in my comments on the rezoning of 58 W Hastings because I cannot speak at city hall tonight.

Mayor Gregor Robertson promised: 100% social housing, 100% shelter rates for 58 W Hastings. I should not have to say more, but I will.

I am completely in support of the call for 100% shelter and pension rates at 58 W Hastings. On a site that is the heartbeat of activism and resistance from the most resilient communities in this city on stolen land, it is the only acceptable answer. As an Organizer with Raise the Rates, part of our demands are raising income assistance rates-- that is due to the decade long freeze and also the absolute crisis of affordability in this city. That is a provincial mandate. A municipal mandate that would save and transform so many lives? Deeply affordable, accessible, community-controlled housing! 100%. No less.

The city needs to commit to this. The city has, already, committed to this. Funding can be found. Try the Vancouver Police Department budget-- cut that. It is appalling that the police (who mostly just terrorize, victimize and brutalize poor people) will take up 22% of the City's ENTIRE budget. That is absolutely insane. If you are capable of listening to anyone speaking for social housing, for 100%, then you will know that the community knows exactly how to take care of itself.

Vancouver has oft titled itself, Greenest city. Livable city. Absolutely laughable concepts when the opioid crisis rages, while homelessness grows. Make the last move of Vision Vancouver (before the elections this fall), be one of actual, true, commitment to building community, the community that has been ravaged by developers and stigma for so long now. Commit to 100% shelter rate housing.

Thanks,

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From: Bunny Wilder "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 4:28 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 58 W Hastings Street

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I oppose the current proposal for 58 w west Hastings. It is inhumane and disconnected from the reality of low income Vancouverites to describe \$1200 one bedrooms as affordable housing. As a DTES resident and recipient of PWD who has lived in unstable and inadequate housing this issue is very important to me on a personal level.

the city must stick to it's previous agreement to build 100% welfare/pension rate affordable housing at 58 w Hastings. anything else is a slap in the face of downtown east side renters and people living on or near the streets.

This is an opportunity for Mayor Robertson to leave office with a hopeful and positive mark made on the poorest postal code in the country.

sincerely,
Bunny Wilder

From: Maria Wallstam "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 5:02 PM
To: Public Hearing; Mayor and Council Correspondence
Subject: 58 W Hastings Rezoning letter

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To Mayor and Council,

I reject rezoning 58 W Hastings for a social mix development. It is crucial that the lot is rezoned for 100% social housing at welfare rate, and nothing else. We are in the midst of an unprecedented housing crisis, with record high number of people forced to sleep on the street. Yet the federal and provincial government is barely building record low numbers of social housing (see graph). It is crucial that the few units of social housing that are built go to the people who need it most: homeless people and people on welfare and social assistance.

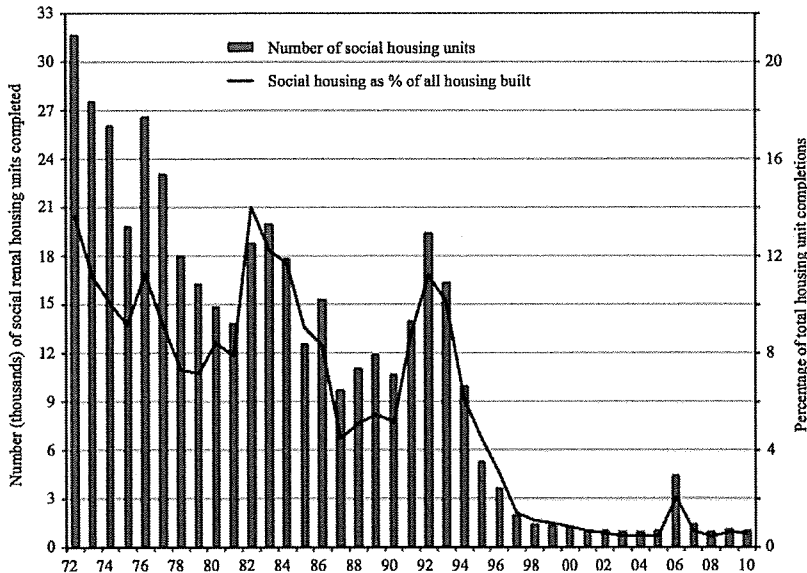


Figure 2. Social housing units built, by year, Canada 1972–2010 (source: calculated by the first author from CMHC *Canadian Housing Observer*, various years).

Here are some reasons why the City should reject a social mix plan for 58 W Hastings.

- 1200 homeless people and 3000 SRO residents live in the DTES without decent, affordable housing
- Homeless people have half the life expectancy of other people in society
- Social mix does not work and contributes to gentrification and mass dislocation of poor people as seen with the Woodward's development
- The proposed project the city is going with could provide as few as 70 units instead of 300 at a time with record high homelessness.
- Over 500 units of low-income housing were lost to low-income people last year (Balmoral Hotel, Quality Inn, Roddan Lodge, Jubilee Rooms);
- The DTES desperately needs a development to counteract the gentrification brought on by Woodward's. A 100% low-income development close to Woodward's will help

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From: Letizia Waddington "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 5:37 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 58 West Hastings

Dear mayor and council

I support the development at 58 w hastings if rents will be 100 % at welfare and pension rates as mayor Robertson publicly promised last year.
Anything less compromises the stated objective to begin a solution to the housing disasters taking place through satisfying the profit motive of developers which should have no place where basic human needs cry out for decency.

Sincerely,

Letizia Waddington
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