

Chinatown Voices

Clarifying The Positions We Advocate

Myth #1 – Meeting the Need

- *Westbank*
- *Bluesky*
- *Framework*
- *Albert Block*
- *The Flats*
- *Solterra*



Myth #1 – Meeting the Need

Building	Replaced
Westbank	A 3 story mostly vacant building
Framework	A parking lot
Bluesky	A low functioning 2 story building with drug users in the courtyard
Albert Block	A rotting single story retail building
The Flats	A parking lot

Myth #2 – The Loss of Character

- True – Since the mid 1970's
- Elderly prefer other parts of Vancouver– Feel Safer
- New Buildings (Westbank) has provided only new Seniors housing in a decade
- Have not replaced ANY form of housing

Myth #2 – The Loss of Character

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- Next Largest is Main & Union and Main & Georgia
- There are no other large sites unless properties are consolidated

Myth #3 – Displacement of Residents

- No residents have been displaced by the new 6 buildings built in the last 10 years
- The 20 Senior's residences were created BECAUSE of new development

Myth #4 – We Must Stop Lot Consolidation

- Where has this Lot Consolidation happened?
- Tall Buildings on 25' lots are because Lot consolidation in Chinatown is very difficult.
- Chinatown Voices supports 25' Frontages with efficient cost effective structures behind

Myth 5 – Developments Culturally Appropriate

- Which Chinatown Culture? 1920? 1950? 1970? 1990?
- Do we mean the cultural mix of present Chinatown?
- Is Culture Is Defined By Activities Not Structures?
- How Can This Neighbourhood Support the Next Generation Of Young People?
- Do We Want Chinatown To Feel Like A Living Museum Or Something That's Alive and Vibrant?

Myth #6 – Protect Historic Pender Street

- Chinatown Voices Agrees – We must protect Pender Street
- Chinatown South was designed to bring in people and protect Pender
- Chinatown viability comes from people = customers in HA-1A shopping on historic Pender street

Myth #7 – Protect Historic Buildings

- Chinatown Voices Agrees.
- No Historic Buildings have been taken down

Myth #8 – Chinatown Needs Social Housing

- We Agree – Vancouver Needs Social Housing.
- Chinatown Voices Supports adding Seniors Housing to Chinatown.
- Done in concert with market housing not instead of

Chinatown Voices supports a Viable, Vibrant, Functioning Chinatown

To get that we need

- A Diversity of Housing option = Customers in Chinatown
- Merchants Selling & Customers Buying
- Office Space = Active 15 – 20 hours = Lower Crime
- Efficient Low Cost Buildings = More Affordable Rent

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