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It's an awfully ugly design. It looks like a concentration camp. Try something in the European tradition of architecture.

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From: Victor Roza-Pereira s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
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MONSTER STRUCTURE

The proposed mass of buildings right next door to the Cooper's Lookout building absolutely dwarf it. These buildings look like one super monster structure running towards the waterfront. These buildings are blocking the view corridors for both Cooper's Lookout and The Parq. There is no need for the structures to be so intrusive when a simple 30% scale down in height and mass of the buildings next to Cooper's Lookout would probably alleviate many people's concerns. This scale down can be made up by a 10-12 story building in between the planned structures. This building will not be tall enough to block the lighted areas of BC Place, a night view that can be appreciated from the distance. The existing Cooper's buildings are a prime example of responsible development as it provides passers-by with a cool shaded area of mature trees and benches. It also provides an open green area for a dog park and children's playground for public use. The proposed development has no such open spaces for the public. The proposed terraces coloured green are private areas and likely will not be kept green once approved.

DESTRUCTION & ELIMINATION OF EXISTING MATURE MINI FOREST The proposed building that replaces the existing glass structure that used to be Edgewater Casino, also eliminates the existing mini forest of mature trees. These trees provide much needed shade for the numerous passers-by that use the seawall each day. Numerous geese and ducks make their nests close by at the small bay next to it. They provide refuge for the small wildlife population there that's so precious and a pleasure to watch. Not only should this small patch of forest be protected, it should be expanded to attract more wildlife to complement the existing population. It takes a long time and the right conditions to maintain and attract wildlife populations. The main reason why wildlife is present is that the back of the glass building has no public access and therefore the wildlife is left undisturbed. The proposed development has no plans whatsoever to replace the natural forest nor is there a plan to protect the existing patch of trees and wildlife while the glass building is being replaced. It is only interested in mass density without any regard to the wildlife in the area. The other day, I walked from Cooper's Landing to Olympic Village and back to enjoy the festive dragon boat races. The geese and ducks are swimming in the bay with their young. Further east, there is a small patch of mature trees on the waterfront next to the Concord Pacific show building. It provides a much needed shaded area for many people passing by as well as watching the races. Despite a hot and sunny day, the small area is nice and cool. Many people sat under those trees to enjoy the shade. It's a tiny oasis. It shows the importance of such natural places no matter how small.

NO GREENERY NO TREES JUST CONCRETE PAINTED GREEN Trees provide a cool shade and inviting area for anyone passing by who needs a rest. They attract birds and other wildlife. Concrete areas are hot in the summer and cold in the winter. Sitting around concrete without natural shade is not very inviting. The proposed development has no such areas.

THE PROPOSED COOPERAGE WAY THROUGHFARE PAST THE EXISTING COOPER'S LOOKOUT BUILDING The beginning and end of every month is moving day for many units in the building. There are always moving trucks parked in the driveway. Allowing pedestrians from such a huge development to go through this area is going to cause a lot of unnecessary chaos and noise to a private place. Not only will there be pedestrians from the development, there will also be pedestrians from the numerous events at the stadiums. Cars going in and out of the building while there are pedestrians walking and trucks parked in this small area is a security concern for the building. The city seems to be favouring one developer at the expense of another.

MISREPRESENTATION BY THE DEVELOPER

At the "open house" run by the developer and the city regarding this development, I pointed out to the city representatives as well as the developer representatives that the proposed model of the development is far bigger than the area model in the view corridor plan. The view corridor model is a misrepresentation. This misrepresentation eliminates a lot of concern from many people. As a result you do not get as many objections on record. The real model when placed in the view corridor plan would cause a lot of concerns. This is wrong and a travesty. You cannot have models scaled differently in a public open house. I find the developer responsible for this misrepresentation but the city seems to be collaborating. It has been brought to their attention yet the picture posted and advertised right now, is of the bigger model uncorrected.

TRAFFIC IN THE AREA

Try getting to the Cambie Bridge from the area before and after an event when there are so many pedestrians and bicycles crisscrossing everywhere. It is frustrating right now. With the addition of thousands of people and cars at the new development, this will add more frustrations and chaos to the area. At present, there is no smooth access to the Cambie Bridge. You have to make many lighted turns to get there. Anyone should be able to anticipate a huge traffic problem when a development of this magnitude is coupled with the impending loss of the viaduct. I do not see the city having any plans to tackle the existing problem let alone anticipating a super influx of traffic from the proposed development and the viaduct demolition. This wait and see attitude of the city is certainly farsighted.

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Mayor and Council Feedback

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Request Details

1. Describe details (who, what, where, when, why):

I am writing to express my anger at the possible approval of skyscrapers that will impact the view cone corridors. The beauty of the views in Vancouver is one of the very important aspects that make life so wonderful here. Seeing the mountains as I drive into town each day is like meditation; it relieves stress and contributes to a peaceful beginning and ending of the day. It is a gift that should be vigorously defended by those elected to work for the betterment of the city and of citizens. Keep in mind the trust we have in your commitment to us rather than to developers. I am sure there are OTHER ways to build a profitable tower.

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9. Specific area of concern:

750 and 777 Pacific Boulevard

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