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From: Janice Wong s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 2:00 PM
To: Public Hearing; premier@gov.bc.ca; Cretney, Ken (PAVCO); TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Lisa.Beare.mla@leg.bc.ca; TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Rezoning: 777 Pacific Boulevard - Sub-area 10C and PavCo Tower

Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to state my opposition to the Rezoning: 777 Pacific Boulevard and the potential for PavCo tower to compromise our public view corridors.

I'm proud of the fact that Vancouver adopted a visionary preservation policy for view corridors in 1989. These protections have allowed Vancouverites of all cultures, income levels and backgrounds to enjoy our stunning mountain, ocean and forest views from key locations all throughout the city. This is a valuable, free, public amenity that needs to be carefully protected for future generations.

However, I am not proud of the fact that we are currently at a point in our civic and built history where such a valuable public amenity can be sold off for private gain. The City and the Province should act in the public interest and should not privatize our public views.

Our public views, this irreplaceable and free public asset, contribute to a liveable and healthy city and should not be blocked by private interests.

The PavCo tower violates the city's dome shaped skyline policy. It violates the city's view protection guidelines. It sets an extremely negative precedent for other developers who will want or expect the same opportunities to puncture our view corridors.

Instead of selling our public views, I ask that Council choose to approve the lower tower alternative at 300ft.

Thank you,

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Subject: PavCo Tower + Rezoning: 777 Pacific Boulevard - Sub-area 10C (1 Robson Street)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing in opposition to the Rezoning: 777 Pacific Boulevard and PavCo tower's impact on our public amenity, our iconic view corridors.

With this issue of Public vs Private we have the risk of the city selling part of a public amenity in favour of development of private condominiums.

Written in the decade when the city drafted its view corridor protections, urban ecologist Wayne Attoe published a book devoted to the subject of skylines.

He writes:

"Skylines can be a symbol for a city and its citizens, they can reflect social values, fulfill utilitarian roles through orientation and identification, they can be appreciated for their aesthetic qualities."
Attoe suggests four values that capture the sentiments of people in any city: spiritual, communal, laissez-faire, and ecological. Spiritual and Communal skylines harken back to classical cities, with traditional communities that valued spiritual or civic institutions. Laissez-faire skylines express the private-sector with its desire for freedom from regulation, reflecting private interests as the most potent force in a city. Ecological skylines show respect or adherence to the natural landscape, with buildings complementing the natural backdrop. "Skylines convey information about a society's values, which subsequently informs a city's identity."

I realize Vancouver is somewhere between the laissez-faire model and an ecological model, and my concern is that we are at the point of tipping the balance to the laissez-faire.

Vancouver was one of the first cities in the world to adopt a visionary preservation policy for view corridors. It has served us well and has enabled us to enjoy our iconic mountain, water and forest views, despite non-stop development for the past 29 years.

It's really difficult for people to visualize scale and impact until something is built and then it's too late. We need look no further than Westbank's Vancouver House as an example of a super tower that dominates and blunts our skyline. We don't need another precedent to allow other developers to do the same.

Thinking back to Attoe's statement that *"Skylines convey information about a society's values which subsequently informs a city's identity,"* it's my opinion that the visual message expressed by dominant super towers is that Vancouver is now a city of exclusivity and unaffordability where public amenities can be watered down in trade.

I regard the view cones as a public benefit that needs to be saved for future generations. Our public views, this irreplaceable and free public asset, contribute to a liveable and healthy city and should not be blocked by private interests. The City and the Province should act in the public interest and should not privatize our public views.

The PavCo tower violates the city's dome shaped skyline policy whereby the tallest buildings are to be placed in the Central Business District. It violates the city's view protection guidelines. We risk destroying the role of topography, our unique natural surroundings that gives our city a distinctive sense of place.

City skylines serve as a kind of fingerprint as no two skylines are alike. Our Vancouver mountain, ocean and forest views immediately offer a sense of location, a strong, undeniable, definition of place

Rather than selling our public views, I ask that Council choose to approve the lower tower alternative at 300ft.

Thank you,

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Subject: Rezoning: 777 Pacific Boulevard - Sub-area 10C and PavCo Tower

Dear Mayor and Council, Premiere of BC, Minister responsible for PavCo, Pavco CEO,

I'm writing in opposition to the Rezoning: 777 Pacific Boulevard and PavCo tower's potential to pierce our public Cambie Street view corridor.

Vancouver's view corridor protections policy has, since 1989, allowed Vancouverites of all cultures, ages, income levels, and backgrounds to enjoy our unique and beautiful mountain, ocean and forest views throughout the city. This is a valuable public amenity that needs to be protected for future generations.

I am disturbed that the city is even considering the idea that such a valuable public amenity can be undermined for private gain. The City and the Province should act in the public interest and should not privatize our public views.

Our irreplaceable and free public asset, these view corridors, contribute to a liveable and healthy city and should not be blocked by private interests.

The PavCo tower, at its 40-storey version, breaches the city's view protection guidelines. It breaches the city's dome shaped skyline policy. It sets a risky and extremely negative precedent for other developers who will expect the same opportunities to breach our protected view corridors.

Rather than selling our public views, I ask that Council choose to approve the lower tower alternative at 300ft.

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