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From: Katharine Shipley <"s.22(1) Personal and Confidential">
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 12:04 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Re: 1068-1090 Burnaby Street and 1318 Thurlow Street

Dear City Councillors and City Staff,

I was shocked to hear about the proposal to have a segregated playground based on socio-economic status in the West End development on Burnaby/Thurlow street. It is not a huge stretch of the imagination to summon up photos from the American Civil Rights era with its separate drinking fountains for people based on ethnic heritage and skin colour, or to remember the struggles of apartheid in South Africa. The separate entrances (aka "poor doors") are already an anathema to a civic society that supposedly prides itself on equity and inclusion, but a separate playground takes it to the next level. You are now communicating to children that privileged and non-privileged children do not belong together - you are teaching them a lesson that will shape a lifetime of perception and action.

To trade off a society which opens the same doors to everyone, for one that has different sets of doors for different people and makes sure that we don't meet one another for rental stock is a steep price to pay. You are not just building buildings; you are shaping a city with your values. It appears to me that your values include "othering" and segregation.

Please take a step back and return to your core question - how do you want this city to look? How do you want people to be together? (Do you want them to be together?!) Functioning communities include everyone and teach us about those who differ in the hopes of working together while non-functioning communities separate people based on a societal construct and teach us to fear one another.

I hope you take the recommendations in the memo and make them a deal breaker, rather than a suggestion. You are in a privileged position to make or break this city which is already suffering from an increasing divide from those who have and those who don't.

Sincerely,
Katharine Shipley

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Mayor and Council Feedback

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i would like the development proposed by strand blocked due to the plan to segregate the poor and the wealthy. i don't see that vancouver city council should be in the business of segregating various levels of society.

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