

CITY HALL PRESENTATION

I feel very privileged to be able to address city council in support of the redevelopment of the Vancouver Jewish Community Centre.

My involvement with the JCC began in 1948 at eight years of age when I attended youth programs every Sunday at the old JCC on Oak Street.

During my high school years it was the lunch time hangout as my friends and I attended King Edward High School just across the street. It was the place to meet friends on the weekends, do Israeli dancing, and put out a community newsletter.

As an adult I left Vancouver but visited often. So much so, that one by one our children made the move to Vancouver. My husband and I followed. Very soon after returning to Vancouver I checked out and became involved with the present JCC.

The JCC had changed. It was also no longer just a place where the Jewish community gathered but had grown to accommodate the broader cross-cultural community of Vancouver and the needs of a growing city. This is reflected in the enrollment in the day care with children of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds and by the adults I see participating in the wide range of cultural and recreational programs and opportunities for people at all skill levels and needs.

I quickly found programs that worked for me. Excellent gym facilities and top notch trainers struck a chord and I was a member again.

I also became involved with the annual Jewish Book Festival to the point that I know manage the book store which operates during the festival. The festival has been running for 34 years. Authors from Canada, US, Israel and Vancouver present their most recent work. We hold writing workshops, children's sessions, poetry readings and an opportunity for self-publishing authors to present their works. The authors and topics

of discussion are broader than just the Jewish community and there is something for everyone. During the six days of the Book Festival we are able to offer close to 50 events and we are running out of places to store the books and fixtures as we work to make it bigger and better every year.

The JCC is for all ages. My granddaughter has participated in the performing arts and dance programs since she was in pre-school and this year, as a teenager, she worked as a counsellor at the day camp with children from ages 5 – 12. . She loved it and hopes to continue her involvement.

Friends play bridge there. Members of my family volunteer at the library, participate in seniors exercise classes, the book club, and so much more.

The present JCC facility was a huge step from the little building on Oak Street but its bursting at the seams. I look forward to the next phase of my home away from home.

Thank you for your time.

Dragnea, Irina

From: Donny Lucas s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 9:37 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Support for JCC rezoning 950 West 41st Ave

Importance: High

Hi. My name is Orlando Lucas and I am speaker number 6. I could not make it to the hearing as it is too late on a school night for me. I am therefore submitting my comments in writing.

I am 13 years old and have been a family member of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver since birth.

I started in the toddler daycare program where I was in full day care from the age of 18 months. I also took extracurricular classes as toddler and throughout my childhood that were offered at the JCC such as swimming, dance and sports.

I attended many community events organized by the JCC and know all of the staff there by their first names. The JCC has always felt like a safe haven for me where I feel comfortable and at home.

Once I started elementary school, I was part of the after school care program from Kindergarten through to grade 6.

I look forward to continuing being part of the JCC and all it has to offer.

I have always wished that the gym space was bigger there as I love to play basketball and other sports and since there are so many people wanting to use the space at once there is not enough open gym time where I can use the gym to play.

I support the JCC being even bigger and better so that we can all enjoy it as a community and all it has to offer.

Thank you

Orlando Lucas

Dragnea, Irina

From: Ingrid Catz s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2018 7:18 AM
To: Public Hearing
Cc: Alexis D
Subject: JCC rezoning:950 West 41 Avenue, Vancouver

It is imperative to rezone the JCC. The building is old and it became too small for the multitude of activities it offers. Let's make it known that many children, adults and seniors enjoy spending quality time in this friendly 'second home'. Least you can do is to please help us make it adequate for all.

Many thanks.

Ingrid Catz
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Re; JCC rezoning at 41st and Oak.As a resident renter in the area, I strongly endorse the proposed rezoning. Not only is this community centre the life spring of the neighborhood, but its proposed housing is vital to the vitality of the area. I have heard from other community centres in the YVR and the pressures to find solutions for affordable middle class and children endowed families is of prime importance to the city. It appears that the middle class is a threatened segment of the city lack of affordability and so large spaces and guaranteed tenancy is what we need to survive. we are all facing existential risks of survival. Movement out of vancouver is our only alternative today.

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