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To: Robertson, Gregor; De Genova, Melissa; Carr, Adriane; Ball, Elizabeth; Affleck, George; Reimer, Andrea; Deal, Heather; Jang, Kerry; Louie, Raymond; Stevenson, Tim; Bremner, Hector; Public Hearing
Cc: Johnston, Sadhu; Quinlan, Kevin; Kelley, Gil; D'Agostini, Marco; Huber, Paula; Garrison, Dan (COV)
Subject: Letter and Petition: Public Hearing Sept. 18: Rezoning RS
Attachments: CHN-Rezoning RS-Sept.18-2018.pdf

Vancouver Character House Network

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City of Vancouver

Mayor Robertson and Council

Dear Mayor Robertson and Councillors:

Re: Public Hearing Sept. 18: Rezoning RS

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This rezoning is in conflict with the Heritage Action Plan, the Character House RS Zoning Review and character house retention incentives. This proposal will lead to even more demolition as it is a further incentive to do so.

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Please do not approve the proposed rezoning and refer it back to staff. This needs consultation and reconsideration, including both incentives for retention and disincentives for demolition as in the RT zones. More density can be achieved while still maintaining the character and liveability that comes with RT zoning.

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