

1. **Adrian Kelly's statement (AJ) - lives in the** [REDACTED] - As a result of the City's decision to demolish the [REDACTED] (where I live) and redevelop the property on which it stands, the Vancouver Tenants Union asked me to provide an impact statement on my forced relocation. First and foremost, due to the City's stunning lack of direction, and clarity of intention, I am extremely stressed and anxious. My home is my foundation; to know that I am losing it, but to not have a date as to when this will happen, or to not have any confirmed new housing in place, is unacceptable. I live alone and I have no family to rely on, and the unnecessary suspense the City has created is affecting my personal well-being and my work performance. My job is physically demanding and the stress this predicament is causing me, is affecting the quality and duration of my sleep and, therefore, my ability to function properly and safely while executing my work duties.

In addition to the tension I have already outlined; after countless months, only a handful of accommodations have been offered up. Where am I to live? Will I be able to walk to work, as I do now? How do I plan my move if I haven't any information as to the size, whereabouts, or even the possible existence of a new apartment for me? Do I sell some of my belongings? Do I put furniture in storage? Do I box everything up and HOPE for the best?? At every tenant meeting I have been told the same thing, "Don't worry, we'll take care of you," but the City hasn't been taking care of me, not by any stretch of the imagination, and I am worried.

I have lived at the College Apartments for close to ten years, and during that time, I have worked to create a space that is uniquely mine. My home is the bedrock on which my life is built. Make no mistake, I am not happy to leave this wonderful neighborhood. Of the meagre housing possibilities the City has put forward to me, none have come close to what I have now. I am being forced out of a community I have lived in for a decade and an apartment that I love. I expect that I should be (at the very least) offered something comparable to move into and be given some assurance that it won't also be demolished in a few years. I hope you can appreciate how uneasy the prospect of this move has made me feel. I hope you also understand my lack of confidence in, and my displeasure with the City for the horrible position this has put me in.

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2. Kerry Smith's statement – also in the "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential" - I am Kerry one of the affected tenants along with my roommate Dan that will be displaced by the proposed 1st & Clark development. I am a senior (66 yrs old) on old age pension and my roommate is on a disability benefit. We have both been very happy in the apt building and will hate to leave. Dan (who is 53) my dear friend was homeless when I asked him to be my roommate and he was very grateful and happy to finally have a roof over his head. It has been good for him living with me, under my supervision, and I help him in many ways. Now we are very stressed and saddened to have to leave our home. We are a couple of home bodies with a cat, 2 budgies and we love the freedom of independent living. Neither of us drive and this area is well connected by bus routes and we love Commercial Dr. We were told that different apts would be offered to us and yes 6 or 7 were offered but they were \$700 to \$1000 more than what we are paying here, so we are worried that we won't be able to live together and will fall through the cracks, if we don't find affordable housing. We are paying \$825 now and we can afford a bit more. We want to return to our block of East 1st and our neighborhood. This is our home.

3. Michael Hannah – also lives in the "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential" - As a result of the City's decision to redevelop the property at "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential" I was asked by the Vancouver Tenants Union to provide an impact statement on being forced out of my home. No accommodations have been offered to me that meets our current apartment, either in price, quality, benefits (free parking) or location. Will I be able to walk or have a 10-minute drive to work? We have lived at the College Apartments for close to ten years, we are not keen to leave it or the area. I hope you can appreciate how unsettling the prospect of this move has made us feel. ~~The cost of living in Vancouver is very high, and this forced removal of us appears to result in the doubling of our rent, and will most likely result in a longer commute, gas cost, and time cost.~~ We ask respectfully that we be offered similar accommodation in the new building for the same or very close to the same rent and space.

4. Debbie Stanbrough – she lives in the "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential" - As part of my statement I offer up a housing challenge to this city council and mayor. Can you find respectable and affordable housing that you and your family would personally live in for a long period of time without ending up living only paycheck to paycheck or

giving up things such as vehicle as that may be a means to get to work? I think you would find this very difficult in Vancouver. This what I am up against. I can't pay my rent and all the costs of getting to work and being a productive citizen of Vancouver and expect to have a family some day. I believe that the City does not truly and fully understand what hoops we have to jump through as renters in this city. To find safe and affordable housing some people even want proof of work from employers, criminal record checks, hard credit checks, and you can't even bring your cat with you. What am I to do? I feel I have so few options. This is my home and neighborhood. Support me to stay here.

5. Christine Percival's statement – a s.22(1) Personal and Confidential After receiving a notice from the city in Feb. of last year that I would be losing my home of 30 years to this development, I've been so overwhelmed with worry. I know I'm not alone, the rest of the tenants losing their homes feel the same way, especially with the rental situation in Vancouver. I'm on disability and affordable housing is not affordable to me, especially with my low income. Stress is one of the main trigger's that ~~causes me to have painful spasms in my neck, I have Cervical Dystonia.~~

The City does have a relocation policy, but in the last year I have only been offered places twice, listings that are double the amount of what I've been paying. My ~~current rent is \$980 for a two bedroom.~~ I'm terrified that I will be relocated outside of the city or offered a micro unit or end up homeless. Their policy says they will try and find something comparable to what we have now within 10% of what we are paying, but they can't seem to find these places. I've been on disability for 8 years now, and ~~renting out the second bedroom is how I've survived lately.~~ My last tenant moved out in Nov. ^{and I'm barely} making ends meet as is. I love my home and this neighbourhood. I love my belongings and the thought of having to get rid of them, puts me in tears. I also own 2 beautiful cats and most places aren't pet friendly. What's happening in this city is appalling.

My other concerns are what they're planning to replace our homes on the block with, a large Detox, Sober Tank and outpatient services 24/7. In the policy they're suppose to offer us replacement units in the new development. I would be happy to take advantage of this opportunity to move back but the rent and space must be comparable. I strongly suggest that more research and revising of this treatment center development must be considered – in particular for those who live in the neighborhood or will be living above it – as I hope to.

In summary.

My statement - I live at [REDACTED] and rent in an apt building very close to the proposed development. This neighborhood is my home and the renters that live on East 1st are my neighbors. I am here speaking as a neighbor and as the Co-Chair of the Vancouver Tenants Union Outreach & Advocacy Team.

I support this development however as a tenant advocate and neighbor I am very concerned for the tenants who are being displaced by it. I want this Council to reassure me and the tenants who are being displaced by this development that they will be able to come back to this neighborhood they call home, and to the proposed apartments that are planned in the development - at the same rent, space and benefits (parking and laundry). I believe without a shadow of doubt that this is possible. I and the Vancouver Tenants Union are here to help make this happen. Thank you for listening to these moving stories of the tenants at East 1st and Clark. I trust that you will do the ethical and right thing for these tenants. Support them as they are temporarily relocated and then bring them back home.

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