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I would like to add my support to those opposing the rezoning and development of stacked townhouses next to the Vancouver Hospice at 4575 Granville. I have been to hospice several times and am impressed with what a lovely homelike, caring and quiet atmosphere they have created for those nearing their end of life and their families. Most residents have access to the outside where they can get fresh air and be in the garden. This peaceful atmosphere would be severely compromised by such a development next door. I agree with Michael Geller's article in the *Vancouver Courier*. Good idea to densify but not next to a hospice. The two are incompatible. For example when someone dies they have a solemn procession to place a shroud over the body and take the person out to the hearse, with family and friends attending. Can you imagine people nearby having a bbq party or kids playing? Imagine what you would like for a family member or yourself when the time comes. Profits/tax revenue are not the most important consideration. I understand that the hospice originally offered to buy the property for about 6 million and expand as there are not enough hospices for those who need them. Unfortunately the owner realized there was more money to be made by turning it into condos.

Please do not rezone this property. Then hopefully the hospice could purchase it to expand this important service for all of us.

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