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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of this area, I am deeply concerned and troubled with this proposal; the existing infrastructure is not even enough for existing residents. Every week we have morning traffic jams on both directions of Hastings street lasting hours (due to Iron Workers bridge lack of capacity and congestion). This outrageous plan is going to hurt the ordinary hardworking residents of the area.

I feel that this proposal was not made with the wellbeing current residents and taxpayers living in the area in mind. I cannot believe that our lives do not matter to the city and its decision-makers, so please act.

I want to point out some of the major issues we would be all facing if this application goes through:

- The public transportation is not nearly sufficient for current residents, the buses are all overcrowded in the area, and this part of the city already has a dense population. The bus station and Kootenay loop are hardly working out for us without these two massive towers.
- There is no Skytrain or similar express means of travelling in the area to justify two 14 story buildings.
- The traffic jams and gridlocks would deteriorate even further both during and after constructions: Hastings Street is the central hub that connects multiple cities and residents of northern parts of Vancouver, Burnaby and Coquitlam heavily rely on it.
- The proposed plans do not fit with the current buildings along Hastings street; 5 storey buildings are the norm. This area is not downtown Vancouver, nor should it be; it is suburbs for a reason.
- The parking requirements for such a huge population won't be satisfied in any way. The residents are already struggling with new buildings lacking the parking requirements, and this would only deteriorate by such rezoning.
- A developer's financial gain should not trump all of the residents' rights and wellbeings.

These are just some of the issues, and I am sure there would be even more. Please reject this proposal and stop the greed of development companies from hurting the residents of the area. This concept might be doable along the Skytrain line and areas with massive skyscrapers, but not here, it's not just about building more units, we need to think about supporting the people living in those units too!!! The developer can continue with a 4-6 story development instead; that way the residents of this area won't need to pay for the ramifications for years to come.

Thank you,
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