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From: Kai Hsieh s.221(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 11:33 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 3600 East Hastings and 3680 East Hasting

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Dear City Council,

I am writing in support of both 3600 East Hastings and 3680 East Hastings Street. The two developments lie on the same block as the R5 Kootenay loop stop eastbound, and the westbound stop is right across the street.

Knowing the success of the 99 B-Line as a replacement for travel by motor vehicle, the R5 should bring the same success to East Hastings. And being across from the Kootenay loop will also give residents access to a large number of buses (14, 131, 160, 130, 27, 28 and N35) allowing them to travel to North Vancouver, Burnaby, and Skytrain stops with ease. This should mitigate the number of cars on the road due to this development.

What I think some people tend to ignore is the question of where the people in this development would live otherwise -- for those that live in Vancouver, they're probably in a basement suite or shared accommodations, meaning that they probably don't have adequate parking and thus vehicles. If those people move into this development, there would be no traffic issue.

For people that currently live further away from Vancouver due to affordability issues, they likely have a car already. By moving into a development like this, they could reconsider using their car, or they would not add to congestion until this point, whereas they would've been part of traffic from wherever they currently live.

With respect to height, it is clearly taller than its neighbours on the Vancouver side, but very much in line with the neighbours on the Burnaby side of Boundary, meaning that its height wouldn't be that obtrusive. But one other thing to consider is that with the R5 Rapidbus running down the line with a capacity that is in the same vein as the 99 B-Line, what do we want to see down East Hastings? If we look at West Broadway, there are low and mid-rise buildings mixed with taller buildings. Why not here as well, where there are fewer restrictions with respect to view cones? The people living here will be a mix of higher-paid professionals but also teachers, entry-level engineers and others, thanks to MIRHPP, and though you would have to compromise on the character of the neighbourhood as it is today, the influx of these professionals and potentially families will serve as a net benefit to the community.

Regards,
Kai

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Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 9:55 PM
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Subject: RE: public hearing for 3600 + 3680 Hastings
Attachments: submission development.docx

Hello

I would like to submit the attached letter for consideration, and additional input on the development.

Thank you
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From: Vicki Donoghue s.221(1) Personal and Confidential
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Hello

My name is on the speaker list for the follow up hearing day for these two developments, planned for tomorrow night Jan 28th. However, as I was able to speak on January 21st addressing shared issues for both buildings, you can take me off the speaker list for tomorrow night.

Thank you,
Vicki Donoghue
3470 Turner Street
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January 27, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council

RE: Asking developers/staff to investigate opening access to common rooms, etc to the community

First thank you for continuing to be concerned and for taking action on housing. I encourage you to continue to push further and to innovate and be bold.

I was glad to be able to express my views last week at the January 21st public hearing in support of the two developments at 3600 + 3680 Hastings.

I am writing to further encourage you work with developers to expand access to amenity or community space in developments to more of the community. Developers and staff should be looking at ways to invite the community into the common rooms that are being put into developments. There are likely various issues to address and be concerned with. However, the developers need to know that community groups (settlement agencies, parent support groups, non profits of all types, as well as private citizens looking for gathering space) all need space in the city and inexpensive community space is very hard to find. Partnerships or other arrangements should be considered for common rooms. Preference could be given to businesses such as Waves coffee house, or other businesses who include some access to community meeting space.

Thank you for your attention,

Vicki Donoghue