

3. Employment Lands and Economy Review Quick Start Actions: Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to Remove Barriers to New Work-Only Artist Studios in Industrial Areas - SUPPORT

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01/20/2021	20:46	PH2 - 3. Employment Lands and Economy Review Quick Start Actions: Zoning and Development By-law Amendments to Remove Barriers to New Work-Only Artist Studios in Industrial Areas	Support	<p>I am the director of East Vancouver Raw Wood Studio Society, a non profit, member-run art and music studio that has been at 837 East Hastings in Strathcona for 18 years now. Our building is currently not zoned for class B arts studio space so every few years we have to spend a lot of time and money to get a zoning exemption to stay in our space. This process takes away from our artistic practice and is extremely stressful considering we could lose our zoning exemption at any time if our neighbours object to having artists and musicians next door. Our building is slated for redevelopment in the next few months so we will be looking for a new home imminently. This is going to be extremely difficult considering the real estate market and zoning bylaws currently in place. The zoning issue is a giant barrier for us since we will have to spend extra time and money during an already stressful and costly time if we somehow find a space that meets our needs but is not zoned for artist studio class B. As a member run arts space that relies solely on member funds and zero grants, any additional costs are a giant burden to our members who are already low income artists. If Vancouver is truly committed to no net loss of arts space then these outdated zoning bylaws must go. Also, triple net leases for art spaces must also be abolished. There is literally no way an arts space can afford to pay these leases without grants, which just creates an unnecessary bureaucratic funding loop to the city. Let artists be artists!</p>	Jonelle Aspa		s. 22(1) Personal and Confiden	Unknown	No web attachments.