

3. CD-1 Rezoning: 3084 West 4th Avenue and 2010 Balaclava Street - OTHER

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February 14, 2021

Mayor Stewart and Councillors
City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
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RE: INCREASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TOGETHER WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

Dear Vancouver Mayor and Council members,

As a federal Member of Parliament I have the responsibility to serve citizens and residents in the Vancouver Quadra constituency, and from time to time I advocate for their requests to be adequately consulted and their views considered, on local matters affecting them. This letter concerns a proposed development that rightly offers the opportunity to add density and affordable housing supply on Vancouver's west side, but according to local residents could be improved to better reflect housing character and livability in their Kitsilano neighbourhood.

It has been brought to my attention that involved constituents and neighbours believe their efforts of the past year to bring forward constructive input into the proposed development of 3084 W 4th Ave & 2010 Balaclava Street have not been properly considered. Therefore, they are opposed to the rezoning application.

From my understanding, these residents do support affordable housing and additional density in Kitsilano; however they object to the overall design inefficiencies and neighbourhood impacts of the proposed building design. They agree that secured rental housing, at higher densities than permitted under existing zoning for this specific site, would be beneficial. To this end, local residents engaged with the developer of the 2010 Balaclava project, enlisted the volunteer help of respected urban designer Scot Hein, and have proposed a mutually beneficial way forward.

These community representatives claim they are actively committed to promoting a more efficient, more environmentally sound, and more neighbourhood-friendly building, while retaining the majority of the current plan's increased housing supply benefits.

With the residents directly impacted by the development and from nearby neighbourhoods being willing to collaborate on new forms of affordable housing and density at this site on Vancouver's west side, I encourage the City to undertake further consultation and consideration of proposed alternative solutions, for the redevelopment of 3084 W 4th Ave & 2010 Balaclava Street.

Sincerely,

Joyce Murray