

4. Rezoning: 721-735 West 49th Avenue (Opposed)

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09/12/2021	14:21	PH1 - 4. Rezoning: 721-735 West 49th Avenue	Oppose	<p>I oppose the rezoning for the following reasons: - You have already approved many developments here, and I see other re-zoning signs up in this block. The city is dumping 1,000's of people here with no additional amenities. You must drive to get groceries, for example. There aren't enough green spaces to support the increased volume. - I'm guessing few of you on council want to live in a cubicle with windows on one side, and neighbours only separated from you by a wall or ceiling/floor. It is not making housing more affordable ' it's pushing the current occupants of the neighbourhood to other communities and worse rental situations. - Changing this neighbourhood at the level you are means all the detached homes think about selling. Developers are among the few who can afford to buy houses here, and they are willing to pay handsomely so prices and rentals remain unaffordable. My landlord tells me they already said no once to a developer attempting a land assembly, but its a matter of time before they are offered enough money to relent and sell. None of the new units are affordable to me as a renter. A developer makes a lot more money building multi-family units than single family homes. The City makes a bundle on the permits and taxes so the City approving these developments is technically a conflict of interest. - I rely on a vehicle to maintain independence. I burn more gas idling than I do driving in here. More developments mean less street parking. You have a provision for more parking signs in the application, but you've not said what they are. Few friends will visit if they can't drive here and park or are only allowed to park for 1 or 2 hours. - Most of these developments are ugly boxes with lots of concrete and very little greenery. The more concrete, the less noise absorption. 2 and 3 storey buildings drastically diminish the daylight for anyone living close to one. - Stop crowding us into these cubicles. The current pandemic isn't going away, and there are likely more on the way. This is not a healthy way to live. - You approve these applications, but the sites sit empty and derelict sometimes for years. The one you've approved in July 2019 at 749-815 W 49th is still sitting there with a house boarded up and derelict. The development you approved in April 2019 at 6250-6410 Oak St. is also still sitting derelict. These empty houses are a breeding ground for vermin and invitation to vandalism.</p>	Shelley Stevens	<p>s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential</p>	Oakridge	No web attachments.