

1. Streamlining Rental Around Local Shopping Areas - SUPPORT

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11/02/2021	22:04	PH1 - 1. Streamlining Rental Around Local Shopping Areas - Amendments to the C-2, C 2B, C-2C and C-2C1 Zones and Creation of New Rental Zones for Use in Future Rezoning Applications in Surrounding Low Density Areas Under the Secured Rental Policy	Support	<p>Hello, my name is Vivian Wong and long-time listener, first time caller. I currently live in the Grandview Woodland area and have been a renter in Vancouver for over a decade. I'd like to think I'm still young enough to be considered a 'young voter'. I work as a research coordinator at BC Children's Hospital and so I am far from being an expert in housing. But I am not a rookie at advocating for others. And it is in this spirit I fully support this streamlining rental policy. It's getting exhausting to fight for a chance to live and work in Vancouver by supporting the increase of density. This policy is an example of such a very, very conservative effort. Renting for so many in this city is the only viable way of staying within a reasonable commute distance of where they work or study. And we know that evidence links long commutes to increase rates of obesity, stress, and depression. Obviously, the City isn't going to solve the homeownership problem and the glaring gap between income levels and housing prices. So one of our only means is controlling and providing affordable housing. Especially during a housing crisis that has been unfolding for so long, it's preposterous to hear anyone bring forward their business case around feelings, preferences, and attachment for history in order to slow down or opposing policies that support streamlining of purpose-but rental units. 'I don't want my home to be wedged between two apartment blocks' 'I can't have a six-story building blocking my garden' 'Why don't we ask other neighbourhoods who do want density' 'We're clear-cutting the entire city!' These are not new sentiments that some Vancouver residents have expressed. Yet why does the City continue to provide them the same legitimate platforms as if these are valid concerns ADMIST A HOUSING CRISIS' Imagine that statement contrasted against "I don't want my home to be a closet-sized space for my family of five" or "I don't want my home to be situated in an area that is a 2.5-hour public transit commute to work as a cleaner at Vancouver General Hospital". Vancouver's housing availability is dire, and opponents of rental policies don't have to make it worse. But they choose to. We require housing solutions that are appropriate to the gravity of the situation, and yes this means aggressive, fast, and streamlined. Opponents of this policy would rather waste their dollars on launching lawsuits against the City than putting their efforts in adjusting to what real solutions calls for. Yes, it might mean living 'wedged' between two apartment buildings (God forbid they are above four-stories), but that's the social cost of living in a civic and progressively-driven city like Vancouver. I think anyone who can't tolerate that has should be asking some serious questions about themselves and their priorities. As for all the perils expressed about being 'forced to move' or 'neighbourhoods destroyed', I really don't understand how the leap of logic is made.</p>	Vivian Wong	s.22(1) Personal and Confidential	Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.
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