

## Public Hearing Correspondence Case

Case number: 101016168733

Case created: 2022-07-05, 05:17:00 PM

Channel: WEB

### Incident Location

Address: 311 UNADDRESSED LOCATION, VANCOUVER, VAN 311

Address2:

Location name:

Original Address: 311 UNADDRESSED LOCATION

### Request Details

- 1. Subject (address if applicable):**  
906-982 W 18th Ave and 907-969 W 19th Ave (Balfour Block) rezoning application (resubmission)
- 2. Position:**  
Oppose
- 3. Comments:**  
Hello!

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the following rezoning and redevelopment: CD-1 Rezoning: 906-982 West 18th Avenue and 907-969 West 19th Avenue. I have lived on this block for the last year and a half, and it is the most community and family oriented space I have ever been part of in my 20 years of renting in this city.

The particular layout and shared green space are a perfect safe space for families with young children, something that I've seen become unfortunately rarer and rarer in this city. I would love to see the developers work toward a new concept that would incorporate this communal green space!

I can also understand the need for increased density in developments in this city. That being said, I'm concerned about the environmental impact of demolishing an entire city block. There is absolutely nothing wrong with the duplexes that currently occupy the space! I think this city is ever-more-often too quick to approve the destruction of good homes. Perhaps additional townhouses could be added between the existing structures? The whole block is also surrounded by very beautiful, decades-old trees. What preservation efforts, or environmental offsets have the developers offered for these trees?

As a city, Vancouver prides itself on environmental efforts and accountability. I don't think it's very responsible to allow another mega-company to buy up and tear down a perfectly lovely neighbourhood. There are people here who have lived here for 20-30 years, and have raised their families here. And those of us who have arrived more recently would love that opportunity! I know that my family and I moved in with the understanding that these buildings had already been sold, but having spent some time here, I just can't walk away from the sweetest home and community we've ever known, without having my opinion heard.

We love this community, we love our neighbours, and we love this city, but watching spaces like the Balfour Block being destroyed, over and over, is utterly heartbreaking. I would love to stay in the city I love, knowing that it puts the wellbeing of its citizens and their families above the financial gain of big companies. If there's any way that the developers could consider adding to this very unique and ever-blossoming family atmosphere, without completely demolishing it, I beg our city to encourage them to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Optimistically Yours,

Amanda Letang

s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

- 4. Neighbourhood:**

Shaughnessy

5. **Full name:**  
Amanda Letang

7. **Email:**  
s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"

8. **Subject classification:**  
PH1  6. CD-1 Rezoning: 906-982 West 18th Avenue and 907-969 West 19th Avenue

#### Additional Details

#### Contact Details

Name: No Name No Name (ps)

Address: ,

Address2:

Phone:

Email: s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"

Alt. Phone:

Preferred contact method: Either

#### Case Notes

#### Photo

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## Public Hearing Correspondence Case

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Location name:

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### Request Details

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CD-1 Rezoning: 906-982 West 18th Avenue and 907-969 West 19th Avenue

**2. Position:**

Oppose

**3. Comments:**

I have only briefly lived in the Balfour block, but it is the first time I've felt that I've had a home. I have been demovicted before, and I cannot bear to go through it again, but it feels as though I will have no choice. All I can afford are run down, possibly illegal suites. I live here. I have begun my career here. I work full time and still cannot afford a place on my own. Average rent is nearly \$2400 for a one bedroom. That is 100% of my gross monthly income - the government of Canada says that rent should only be a third.

As it stands, I will receive no compensation for my eviction. To secure the place in Balfour block, I had to sign an addendum saying I would not fight for compensation. Writing this comment breaks my lease. Finding this place was the first time I felt like I could put down roots, and become a member of a community. When Balfour block is torn down, I do not know where I will go. Finding affordable housing is impossible in this city. Additionally, I learned that Wesgroup left 9 units empty while the rezoning process went through, during a housing crisis. If they can afford to do that- they can afford to compensate ALL tenants. I stand with the Balfour Tenants Collective, and their recommended amendments to the TRPP.

**4. Neighbourhood:**

South Cambie

**5. Full name:**

Anonymous tenant of West 18th

**6. Organization you represent:**

Balfour Tenants Collective

**7. Email:**

s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

**8. Subject classification:**

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### Additional Details

### Contact Details

Name: Anonymous tenant of West 18th

Address: ,

Address2:

Phone:

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