

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

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06/30/2022	09:55	PH1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 906-982 West 18th Avenue and 907-969 West 19th Avenue	Other	<p>As a renter in the city, the proposed new redevelopment of the Balfour Townhouses causes some significant anxiety among its current, soon to be displaced, residents. s22(1) Personal and Confidential reno- eviction in the City of Vancouver in less than 7 years. Each time I am displaced I end up paying higher rent, find it extremely challenging to relocate to a pet-friendly rental and generally need to find older properties that I can afford. This also causes MORE anxiety as anything seen as "older" in Vancouver is going to be slated for redevelopment at some point in time. And thus continues the cycle for low-income renters. So now, after 30+ years as a resident and tax payer in Vancouver, I don't feel safe as a renter. It's very scary. There is something very wrong when shelter is no longer seen as shelter but instead as a commodity and something only the wealthy can afford. Many of us that reside at the s22(1) Personal and Confidential will be displaced including low-income families, seniors, single incomes and newly graduated young people. With the current cost of living, inflation rates exceptionally high, gas prices astronomical, food prices soaring, and the mental health fall-out from a post covid world, I strongly urge developers like Wesgroup to do more than just the bare minimum when it comes to re-homing its faithful renters. We are living in a very different and unprecedented time and we need to take all of these pieces into consideration. When someone is reno- evicted, they should be re-homed in a "like for like" scenario and be able to function on the same rental budget. You shouldn't be forced to leave your community, school, churches and neighbours, whom have impacted and grounded your life, as if none of it was meaningful. Moving is incredibly stressful and being forced out to pave the way for others with more money feels at times sad and degrading. t shouldn't be so. There needs to be more thoughtful and innovative solutions where the needs of renters are holistically considered when it comes to being reno- evicted, and can work with redevelopers in a more positive and proactive way. I'd really urge the current leadership of the city to help find more solutions between renters and developers in balancing the need for re- development and the very real needs financially and societally of those renters that are going to be displaced. Whether this is "like for like", rental top ups for those displaced, compensation or combinations therein, we have the same fundamental rights as the wealthy to safe shelter - we just make a little less than they do.</p>	Erin Mussolum	s22(1) Personal and Confidential	Unknown	No web attachments.