

PH 1 - 1. Rezoning: 2325-2377 West 49th Avenue - Other

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2023-06-14	21:10	PH 1 - 1. Rezoning: 2325-2377 West 49th Avenue	Other	<p>I live at 49th and Balsam. I am a renter, with two children. We are extremely lucky to have a reasonable rent in the area, but our ability to stay in the neighborhood (or greater Vancouver at all for that matter) is at risk due to skyrocketing rents and the fear our landlord will sell or develop.</p> <p>The whole neighborhood has huge homes, huge properties. Many have only single people, or couples occupying them. Developers tear down beautiful single family homes I would die for, to build grotesque mansions that are half occupied, many sold to overseas buyers. It is a disgrace, when so many people cannot live in the city, for this to continue. It is a disgrace that it has happened at all, and you at city hall should hold your heads in shame..</p> <p>We badly need co-operative family housing, to provide long term security for working families. We badly need low rent apartments for young people to live in while they work, live, study and find love to start their own families. We cannot remain on the path we have been on for the past decades, it is not sustainable, this city will rot from within.</p> <p>I ask you to not only allow this development, but to increase the number of floors dramatically. To ensure that rental units are spacious for families, and liveable long term. To ensure that teachers, bus drivers, artists, cooks, and the rest of the people who keep Vancouver alive, not only have a place to live and barely scrape by, worried about their future and their ability to provide for their children, but an affordable place to thrive and be happy.</p> <p>Stop issuing single family build permits. Blanket rezone. Increase height permits. Demand larger square footage living areas. Ensure affordable, well below market units are included in these projects. Think ahead. Value Vancouver as a vibrant, multicultural city where people of all incomes can raise families securely, and save money, invest for the future. Help us. The time to protect the feelings of the property rich is over, it is not acceptable for those who got rich with insane property inflation to dictate the future for the youth of this city, the workers of this city, the have-nots.</p> <p>If you don't fix this, one day it will come apart at the seams and when it does, you will have nobody to blame but yourselves, because it's your job to make this city a better place for ALL its residents.</p> <p>We need far less Bob Rennie and far more Ron Basford. It's not too late, but if you don't change, it will be soon.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	James Mason	Kerrisdale	