

**Council Delegation of Authority to Approve the Form of Development - Support**

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2024-11-26	11:52	Council Delegation of Authority to Approve the Form of Development	Support	<p>I understand that very soon there will be a presentation by city council staff about making room for arts and culture zoning in the city of Vancouver.</p> <p>I would like to offer my comments on this based on a lifetime of travel to other major cities that have vibrant, cultural lives, and activities, and businesses.</p> <p>This is much more than just gallery space, performance space! It is the need to foster and protect small businesses that become cultural institutions by sheer determination and years.</p> <p>Like other great cities — if Vancouver sincerely aspires to be more than just condos and franchise businesses— you need to implement “Cultural Business Protection Zoning” Rome, Madrid and other cities have this.</p> <p>Similar to Heritage Building designation, — it would protect those cafes and spaces that enrich community and street life from being “new building owner/rent spike evicted”.</p> <p>In essence, it ties use to the site. A beloved cafe that offers poetry slams and new musicians a space to play must be only replaced by a similar business structure and offering. So landlord can’t Jack up rents and kick out a cultural zoned business to bring in a highest bidder Starbucks or Browns Social House.</p> <p>This is the only and best way to preserve and encourage vibrant commercial street life and not keep systemically ripping all the remaining soul out of the remaining districts with some urban cultural interest like south Main, Gastown and the Drive.</p> <p>I hope you will do the right thing . I mourn what is lost every time I visit. Vancouver is known abroad as a pretty city with no soul!</p>	Ken Gurr	I do not live in Vancouver	