

CD-1 Rezoning: 254 East 12th Avenue - Oppose

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2025-06-28	19:38	CD-1 Rezoning: 254 East 12th Avenue	Oppose	<p>OPPOSITION OF 254 E 12th Ave.</p> <p>I am a very proud, long-term Fairview, Vancouver resident and I am in absolute OPPOSITION of the rezoning proposal of 254 E 12th Ave.</p> <p>I am not opposed to change. I am not opposed to building more affordable housing. I am ABSOLUTELY FOR THAT.</p> <p>But I AM 100% against negative change, and chance done in a bad and destructive way – which this project, and other projects in the Broadway Plan, are. There is a RIGHT way to do this, and THIS is NOT the right way.</p> <p>This proposal is in an residential, family, neighbourhood community. It is a Hospital and Health Care Community – Mount Saint Joseph’s Hospital, the Medical Mile, all the clinics and facilities here that thousands of people access daily, and thousands of people live here because of working here, or needing to have direct access to the life saving care from here.</p> <p>The last thing this area needs, and can accommodate, is a project such as this. The disruption from this kind of construction and negative impact on the hospital and patients being able to access it and life saving care will be HUGE – creating more congestion and traffic. This kind of project is the LAST thing needed in this area. What IS needed is protecting the ALREADY AFFORDBALE homes in this area (NOT demolish them and displace thousands of residents in place of these ugly, environment destroying – anti Green – luxury towers that only the wealthy can afford to live in), and more social housing – which ABC just voted to reduce even further; absolutely shameful. They clearly do not care one iota for the actual people of Vancouver – who projects like this absolutely do not serve. They only serve the wealthy.</p> <p>This tower is FAR TOO TALL (AND EXCEEDINGLY UGLY) and will block light and views, and is not in keeping with the neighbourhood and existing buildings and community. THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN.</p> <p>There should be NO towers in residential neighbourhoods. Only towers along main transit routes (Like ON Broadway; this location) Should NOT be any taller than a maximum of 12 storeys. And these should all be at AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRICES (which NONE of these proposals are), and should also include Social Housing – which THE MAJORITY of these proposals are not.</p> <p>The last thing this area needs, and can accommodate, is a project such as this. What IS needed is protecting the ALREADY AFFORDBALE homes in this area (NOT demolish them and displace thousands of residents in place of these ugly, environment destroying – anti Green – luxury towers that only the wealthy can afford to live in), and more social housing – which ABC just voted to reduce even further; absolutely shameful. They clearly do not care one iota for the actual people of Vancouver – who projects like this absolutely do not serve. They only serve the wealthy.</p> <p>And all of these rezoning proposals that the City are hellbent on forcing though also are not factoring in infrastructure. They are not factoring HUMANITY. They are not factoring the PEOPLE of Vancouver who live here and love here and call this their FOREVER HOMES. These neighbourhoods are already dense and there are already barely enough streets, park space, schools, health care access and GPs, for people already here.</p>	Fiona OConnell	Fairview	

Now the City wants to build all these super tall towers and bring in 64,000+++ (one of the many high figures I have see on the news and other forms of media) to our ALREADY DENSE communities, with ALREADY STRAINING INFRASTRUCTURES.

...and NONE of these god awful proposals being put forward (and through) are creating more parks.  
None will create more green space, more community space, more driving space, more parking space.

None of them will be creating more schools, more libraries, more health care clinics, hospitals, more gyms and community centres.

All these proposals will:  
Destroy existing affordable homes.  
Displace thousands, such as “the poor” (which include):

- veterans
- seniors
- low-income earners and families
- mid-income earners and families
- small business owners and workers
- artists
- medical workers who need to live in the affordable housing in these neighbourhoods for them to do their local healthcare work there
- people with serious health care needs

All of the above “type” of humans, are of zero interest to these people.

If you fall under the above descriptions, then you are nothing to these people and these proposals - to them:

You are nothing.  
You are not Vancouver.  
You are not the future of Vancouver.  
You are useless, collateral damage, and you must go;

So that the rich and the wealthy and the higher (“better?”) Class of people can come in; and then they will have the Vancouver, and that is the Vancouver that all these developers and proposals and the city, is envisioning.

This is what all this really is.  
This is inhumane.  
This is utterly shameful

The Vancouver as we have always known and loved and fought hard to protect, will be gone, gone to this greed and this vision.  
Vancouver will be dead

For all this vision of influx of people into these luxury towers, the city and these proposals are also not factoring in how the life for all the (wealthy only) people that these luxury high rise towers will bring.  
No, it’s just all about destroying infrastructure and community. Demolishing the incident infrastructure and community (and affordable homes) that we already have, to be able to put up fancy, ugly, high rise, show-box sized apartments, fire hazard, earthquake hazard, monstrous luxury towers.

If you want to bring in more people – you need way more infrastructure and community buildings and needs!!!

We need:  
To keep the already amazing and beautiful, and in keeping with the old character neighbourhoods aesthetic, and with being able to have visual access to lots of glorious light and the amazing, majestic mountains of Vancouver. This is why we are all here!! - we are here (and put up with all the nonsense; from city hall, from life in general) because this is Vancouver. Our supernatural, beautiful, incredible Vancouver. - because of its mountains, beaches, nature.

Take this away, and Vancouver will very quickly become just be another sh!thole concrete jungle city, with disgusting, non-green, ugly, luxury high-rise monstrosities, that no one wants to visit or live at.

And we need to build affordable housing in the right way – low rise buildings, in keeping with the beautiful, old, character neighbourhoods of Vancouver.  
Need to build on uninhabited land, undeveloped land, on top of commercial buildings.

And we need to all be doing everything we can to protect our existing affordable housing and beautiful, old, character neighbourhoods (our proper, historical, Vancouver), protect it like gold -

Not allow the city and these types of developers to do what it wishes to do with our land and homes, and lives:  
Which is to “scorch earth” it all, for wealth and the wealthy.  
The city and developers happily demolishing historical, aesthetically pleasing, fire and earthquake safe, low-rise buildings and homes,  
The city and developers happily displacing thousands of people and  
The city and developers happily destroying thousands of lives,  
The city and developers happily displacing medically vulnerable residents who have to live in these homes and neighbourhoods to have access to critical life sustaining medical care...

All this, to put these high rise luxury, small-scale sizes apartments, that only the wealthy will be able to live in.

Who on earth is this nonsense for????  
Not Vancouver and it’s people  
Only the developers and the wealthy

DO NOT BLOCK THE MOUNTAINS. This is the reason why Vancouver is so amazing and people choose to very work hard and call it home Without the mountains, and with these ugly luxury towers, Vancouver will just be another ugly, crappy, urban jungle.  
This neighbourhood is NOT a Downtown. It is NOT a City Centre.

It is part of Vancouver’s rich history, being one of its oldest; with beautiful, ALREADY AFFORDABLE, low-rise buildings that compliment the natural beauty of the area.

THIS IS A HOSPITAL ZONE.

There is no place for luxury towers. These towers will not enhance the aesthetic of the neighbourhood and community. They will destroy it.

It makes ZERO sense to destroy already affordable housing for these monster towers, which will, no matter how much The City continues to claim, NOT be affordable.

If these proposals were actually building the much needed, and more, affordable housing,

			<p>then people would be absolutely on board – but not in the form of towers.</p> <p>And these towers are not going to be affordable housing any way.</p> <p>Even having apartments in these towers at 20% bellow market rate, they are still going be at least \$500 a month more than what people who live in the affordable housing here is, and they will be SIGNIFICANLTY smaller as well.</p> <p>So we will be asked to lose our beautiful, affordable homes, to be rehoused god knows where and in god knows what conditions, then eventually move into these towers and pay MUCH more and have MUCH LESS space. THIS IS PURE INSANITY.</p> <p>Do not Scorched-Earth existing, beautiful, affordable, neighbourhoods for new developments. Instead, build on undeveloped land or on top of commercial buildings.</p> <p>The video on The City website of this tower does not actually show INSIDE the building.</p> <p>If it did, it would show that the living spaces in these towers are SIGNIFICANTLY smaller than the size of the already affordable housing that The City wants to tear down to build this tower.</p> <p>A one bedroom in the already existing affordable housing in the beautiful low-rise buildings here average 600 sq ft.</p> <p>The “small scale units” in these towers will be HALF the size, if not even smaller. That is not a livable space. That is not a home.</p> <p>And why can’t the city give essential information clearly? Why hide the actual living space measurements in this floor space ratio 9.06 gobbledygook? Why can’t you just simply say how many square feet an apartment and a room is? Why so deceptive?</p> <p>The proposal states that 20% of the apartments in this tower will be at below-market value.</p> <p>BUT BELOW-MARKET RENT IS STILL UNAFFORDABLE. THIS IS NOT AFFORDABLE HOUSING.</p> <p>My rent is \$1200. Others pay just \$1000, or even less. And we pay this for beautiful one-bedroom apartments that are 600 sq ft or larger.</p> <p>These apartments this luxury tower will offer are significantly smaller than this.</p> <p>So, we are being asked to give up our ALREADY AFFORDABLE, beautiful, healthy sized, homes for tower apartments that are much smaller and will cost much more.</p> <p>THIS IS NOT LIKE-FOR-LIKE.</p> <p>THIS IS NOT HELPING THE HOUSING CRISIS, BUT INSTEAD ADDING TO IT.</p> <p>And taking living space away from people with ALSO ADD TO THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS.</p> <p>Towers completely go against the concept of providing affordable housing and Vancouver being the greenest and most beautiful city.</p> <p>And this tower is UTTELRY HIDEOUS.</p> <p>These towers will not be for residents of the community. They will be for the wealthy.</p>			
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2025-06-30	09:01	CD-1 Rezoning: 254 East 12th Avenue	Oppose	<div>I have lived in this neighbourhood my entire life. I grew up with people who looked like me, only to now cohabitate an apartment complex with people I no longer identify with. I have watched BIPOC people get pushed out of my neighborhood for things like this, only to get compensated for less than a year's worth of rent if they were to relocate. People should be able to afford to live within walking distance of an accessible transit system. The transit system should accommodate the people who already live there, not the businesses implanted there. This area is one of the last few affordable places. I do not want to see more rezoning applications in my neighbourhood.</div>	Dela Cruz Lyncee	Mount Pleasant	