

CD-1 Rezoning - 270 East 13th Avenue - Oppose

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2025-09-16	19:38	CD-1 Rezoning - 270 East 13th Avenue	Oppose	This neighbourhood does not have the infrastructure to support the current population. Please do not continue to add density without also adding capacity for schools, libraries, pools, community centres etc.	Beverley Jones	Riley Park	
2025-10-01	08:58	CD-1 Rezoning - 270 East 13th Avenue	Oppose	dear city council. you've lost my vote. no one sitting will ever get it. stop this tower madness. you're turning vancouver into burnaby and it sucks. you approve towers that break the rules you made for these towers. it's ridiculous. enjoy all the money the developers are slipping you. I seriously hope you all lose your houses to towers soon. karma will get you.	greg williams	Mount Pleasant	
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2025-10-17	12:18	CD-1 Rezoning - 270 East 13th Avenue	Oppose	Without clarity on how the city or JTA plans to mitigate disruption in the resident's lives and have any affordability plans, it makes no sense to support this rezoning application.	Leonardo Giannoni	Mount Pleasant	
2025-10-17	15:19	CD-1 Rezoning - 270 East 13th Avenue	Oppose	One of the best qualities of mount pleasant is it's mid-rise housing. I'm not happy to see this type of housing being replaced with high-rise housing. I think the construction of this high-rise, as well as the other two high-rises on 13th Ave, should not be carried out for the following reasons: It displaces the people currently living here who call this neighborhood home. The application near the hospital removes one of the only green spaces in the area, which includes some larger trees. The people remaining will be subjected to ongoing construction for years. Since mid-rise housing is a common option for young couples, many of which are remote workers including myself, I can see this being problematic to many residents working from home. If the city were to provide temporary office space this could be a solution. It reduces the amount of mid-rise housing in the neighborhood. Lastly the developments will affect the character of the neighborhood. I think this is best expressed by Uytæe Lee in his YouTube videos on the missing middle, one of which was posted on the City of Vancouver's channel. I support the increase in housing, including high rises, but I don't think we should be removing mid-rise housing and green space in order to do so.	Kristjan Arnason	Mount Pleasant	

2025-10-18	11:40	CD-1 Rezoning - 270 East 13th Avenue	Oppose	As a long-time resident of this neighbourhood, I strongly oppose the proposed rezoning to allow high-rises. A 20-storey building would completely alter the character and livability of our community. Our streets are already busy, and traffic congestion is a growing concern. Adding hundreds of new residents and vehicles will make it far worse. This neighbourhood was designed for families, seniors, and pedestrians — not for high-density towers. Every day, you see children walking or biking to school, parents pushing strollers, and seniors from the nearby care home enjoying the parks. The increase in traffic and construction will not only threaten pedestrian safety but also diminish the quiet, walkable environment that makes this community so special. We are not against growth, but it must be thoughtful and in keeping with the existing character of the area. A 20-storey tower building makes sense in areas with less density, not in a residential neighbourhood where families and seniors have built their lives around safety, green space, and community connection. Please preserve the integrity of our neighbourhood and reject this rezoning proposal.	Thi Tran	Mount Pleasant	
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But the fact remains that BECAUSE IT WAS A TOWER IT WAS A SIGNIFICANT RISK FACTOR; as people were not able to get out in time due to limited stairwell space and access, and seniors and people with disabilities being unable to use or get down the stairs in time.

TOWERS ARE A SIGNIFICANT FIRE RISK.

This was a **24-storey tower**. **72 people died, 2 later in hospital, 73 more injured**. There have been many similar tragedies throughout the world in such towers.

THEY DO NOT BUILD TOWERS IN LONDON ANYMORE SINCE THIS.

I live in a **3-STOREY LOW-RISE APARTMENT**. We had a **FIRE** alarm just before Christmas. Everyone was **OUT OF THE BUILDING WITHIN JUST 30 SECONDS**. Think about this...

The City wants towers that height and even higher; up to 50 story's, 50, now 60.

More floors in a tower =/+ **more people** in the tower = the more extreme risk to get everyone out safety in the event of a **fire**; and the more the chance of safety and survival goes down – **more deaths**.

There is a formula used in building risk assessment mathematics that says **if you go above 6 floors, each story adds another 5 % risk** (or 5% less chance of surviving a fire), and another 5% for the floor above, and so on – so **each added floor adds 5% further increased risk of death in case of a fire in these towers.**

If we maintain the format of building low rise buildings that we have already existing in our beautiful neighborhoods here, then we would not have to worry ourselves with these statistics; with this rate that each floor that you build higher, the higher the risk people dying in a fire is.

If we keep with the low rise buildings, this would not have to be even a remote concern. As I said, my building had a fire alarm in early December 2024; it's a three level story, and even myself with a disability, we were all able to get out onto the street in less than 30 seconds. THIS LEVEL OF SAFETY SIMPLY CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IN TOWERS.

We should building OUT, not UP! We should be working with other municipalities and putting in proper infrastructure to support this. NOT DESTROYING EXISTING, ALREADY AFFORDABLE, BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBOURHOODS. We do not have the SPACE in what is already a dense, very congested area to add these towers and the amount of people that come with them.

Also, this location is close to VGH and its helicopter landing pad and towers compromise the flight paths of emergency helicopters. And more people mean more cars and more traffic, compromising ambulance and public access to the hospital and urgent medical centres.

AND, local businesses will NOT survive if these towers and their mainstream retail outlets are built.

Thus, I am voicing my absolute opposition.

- STOP destroying Vancouver neighbourhoods.
- STOP destroying Vancouver communities.
- STOP destroying Vancouver residents' LIVES.
- STOP destroying our beautiful Vancouver.

* STOP making it even harder and harder for people with disabilities to be able to remain in the Hospital Zone area for their healthcare and life support needs.

Yours sincerely,

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