

**The following item(s) of
correspondence were received in
opposition to Rezoning Reference #
15-52.**

To: Burnaby City Council,

Nov. 11, 2016

Regarding: Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965
Amendment Bylaw No. 49, 2016
Bylaw No. 13673

Rez Ref # 15-52
Bylaw # 13673

I wanted to let you know that I live at 6965 Arcola St.
I have three daughters, their ages are 13 years, 10 years
and 2 years. We moved to this address 4 months ago.
My children are settling in, but because our suite
might be demolished we will need to move again.
We like our neighborhood, we like our neighbors,
we like our rental unit and we like our landlord.
In the last few years we have had to move due to
circumstances out of our control, this has created
unwanted instability for my children. Now we will
be forced to move again. We were lucky to find
our current suite in Burnaby, especially with rental
costs having skyrocketed. We are a low income
family, having been on the BC Housing waitlist
since 2014 when we first became homeless.

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I have lived in Burnaby since I was a child, my children have lived in Burnaby since they were infants. It is upsetting to me that most likely once we move again we will be forced out of Burnaby. We have created a life here, our friends and family are here. I am also volunteering with Citizen Support Services, I am an in home visitor volunteer, I have been volunteering with my client since 2012, My client has previously told the Coordinator of the program that if I am ever unable to volunteer with her anymore she wouldn't want another volunteer. Her and I have become attached to each other, I care about as if she was an extension of my family, I would hate to move far away from her, my family, and my friends. I am positive my children feel the same way. With barely any affordable housing in Burnaby we will be pushed out, if

not only my suite but everyone who is living in lower cost suites get evicted, their suites get demolished and expensive townhomes take their places. A lot of houses have unique individuality but that uniqueness, Creative art that each house has gets stripped away and demolished in favor of highrises, townhomes etc-- that Citizens cannot afford, Unless you the Burnaby City Council decides that lower income homes are important for the Citizens of Burnaby, evicting the lower class with no other alternative but being homeless doesn't sound like a fair chance to all who are lower income. If an immediate alternative suited for lower income individuals so no one gets pushed out of where they grew up is available such as where this current bylaw could be made into low income townhomes that would be great, so everyone has a fair chance at housing they can afford

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At my previous residence I was given a 3 month
eviction notice for landlord use of property.

I Searched almost crazily for anything to rent in
Burnaby. I looked in newspapers, Craigslist etc...

I didn't find any suites to rent in Burnaby within
my price range. I had two weeks to move out with
nowhere to go. I found my current residence for rent

on Craigslist. I felt like it answered my prayers,
my kids can still go to school in Burnaby, I am
near to where I grew up as a child, the rent

isn't too high and we are close to amenities, Library,
bus stop, Rec centre, Doctor and Dentist office and
Shopping. I have no qualms with my landlord and
appreciate that the owner has allowed us to stay here.

I am scared of what will happen to us if we are
forced out of Burnaby. Where will we be living?

Will it be another short term rental that will end
up getting torn down? More instability for

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my children? What is going to be the cost to try to stay in Burnaby? A familiar place we have known our whole lives?

I am truly hoping that we will be able to stay at our rental unit as long as we need to, instead of being forced out yet again with circumstances beyond my control.

It is ultimately up to you City of Burnaby Council, I Plead that you decide to deny this bylaw, unless it is replaced with low income townhomes.

Sincerely, Monica Skinner
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