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Subject: Article on basement size

Hello Mr Mayor and the council members.

I read an article in Burnaby newspapers last week where it says that there is a motion in front of Mayor and council started by councilor Pietro for enlarging the size of the basements and getting rid of crawl spaces.

As a residence of Burnaby I fully support this direction and I hope this motion gets an approval of yours and the other council members without further delay. This is way overdue and I believe one of your election campaign was getting rid of crawl spaces and bringing laneway housing and that's why so many people voted for you including me.

Director of planning who is opposing this is following the footsteps of previous mayor who people rejected for not understanding the real issues. I think he's simply playing politics and not in touch with the families who are facing difficulties by either finding a decent place to rent with such a low occupancy rate or other families who want their family members to stay with them because they can't either buy expensive houses or don't have means to move out.

As far as his suggestions about changing neighborhoods demography and lack of parking are just excuses. Many people are not even driving these days and neighborhoods are already changing.

Vancouver and other municipalities have already made amendments long time ago and they are not facing problems which he is suggesting. Now Burnaby should also adopt this and lane way houses. This would attract more people move to Burnaby.

I believe many home owners of Burnaby are already renting their other suite to pay their expenses mortgages or have dug out the crawl space areas to accommodate their family members then why not legalize it and maybe charge some extra taxes.

I hope this gets passed soon.

Best regards.

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