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To: "mayor@burnaby.ca" <mayor@burnaby.ca>
Subject: Support Enlarge Basement and Lane way House

Dear Mayor Mike Hurley and Council Members,

I am a residence in Burnaby for more than 10 years. I just learned from Burnaby News that Councillors Mr. Calendino and Mr. Johnston proposed a motion to enlarge basements and allow laneway house. I am 100% support theirs proposals. It could be a real solution to help Burnaby' housing crisis.

Burnaby is still the third most expensive place to rent in Canada, just ranking behind Toronto and Vancouver. To help people be able to afford living in this city, policy makers need find ways to increase the rent source to the market. I know what previous Mayor, Mr. Corrigan, his points to against these changes. Such as it will change neighborhood demography, cause parking issue. None of them makes sense to me. More and more population are moving to Burnaby, neighbourhood is changing and more people take public transit. From the experience from other cities, like Vancouver and Coquitlam, they have allowed change crawlspace to basement and build lane way house, they don't encounter these problems Mr. Corrigan indicated.

Property price is very expensive in Burnaby. A large group of people can't purchase their home have to rent. As a piece of fact, many Burnaby families have converted their crawlspace to basement for extended family, or for rent. Why not to legalized it? City of Burnaby is way behind of other Metro cities and this proposal finally arise.

It is my opinion and I encourage you could consider proposals seriously and pass the bylaw change without any further delay.

Yours Sincerely,

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