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Subject: 4653 Kingsway

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July 23, 2021

My name is Jackson Chao and I am a software engineer here in Burnaby. I have lived in the Metrotown community for the last 20 years.

I support the development at 4653 Kingsway and hope the council approves it.

I've seen Burnaby grow rapidly in my time living and growing up here. So many people are moving here every day and we don't have enough housing to meet the demand. This proposed project will significantly increase our housing inventory and enable people to live and thrive in our community. We also need more affordable housing options in Burnaby and I like that this proposal includes 70+ units that will be more accessible to the average person.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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From: Dean Hull **Sec. 22 (1)**
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Dear Mayor and Council,

I live at 4689 Hazel Street. Since 2016, my little street has been used as a staging area for the construction of the 40-story Townline buildings on the northeast corner of Sussex and Hazel: lines of cement trucks idling from the early-morning hours and all manner of heavy machinery and trades vehicles awaiting their turn to access the site during the day. After five long years, those buildings are nearing completion. I am opposed to yet more massive towers of the size we see in the Station Square development. By any rational measure, Metrotown now has sufficient giant towers completed and under construction. We need to take care that Metrotown doesn't become unliveable. We're on the edge now.

Cutting off sunlight reaching people and trees on the north side of Hazel is an outrageous idea. Our twenty-story buildings have been here for close to 30 years. We expect that the current zoning of six floor buildings on the other side of our street be respected. We counted on that zoning when we moved here and feel that changing it now, for monstrous towers scant metres away, is contrary to our expectations and a betrayal of our trust.

Increased traffic is also my concern. Traffic from the unfinished Townline buildings on Sussex has not yet manifested and already Hazel is a busy street. Increasingly, it is being used by drivers seeking to bypass congestion on Kingsway. It's also being used by sociopathic owners of loud motorcycles and cars to demonstrate their capacity to generate pointless noise. But that's an aside. Permanent vehicular gridlock may already be Metrotown's future. If the site in question is rezoned, it would seem to be a certainty for my locality.

Metrotown may be just a development concept for city council but it is our residence and our neighbourhood. We demand some respect for the quality of our daily lives. We live here, now.

Sincerely yours,
John Hull

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My name is Lois Reid. My husband and I have lived at 6220 McKay Avenue in Station Square, Burnaby for nearly 18 years. We care deeply about the function and beauty of our neighbourhood.

I am here today to express my support of Anthem Properties' proposed development at 4653 Kingsway.

I think I am qualified to speak from experience about living in a construction zone, as we have been for the past 8 years. The nearly completed Station Square development is literally outside our door. I have experienced the benefits of urban renewal first-hand and believe this development will continue the revitalization of the Metrotown community for the benefit of all.

I think the new proposed project will add significantly to our neighbourhood.

- a. We have seen many of our low-rise rental properties sold to developers as an alternative to bearing the cost and upheaval of trying to maintain and repair old, decaying wood construction apartment blocks. The thoughtful composition of residential rental options built into the proposed development may help Burnaby alleviate the rental crunch we are experiencing.
- b. The proposed project will visually balance the Concord complex being constructed at Nelson.
- c. We prefer to see one very tall building on the horizon rather than 2 or 3 slightly smaller ones with each of them taking a bite out of our beautiful views.
- d. The proposed development will certainly make that block of Kingsway more attractive with the low rise section along the street and the tower offset. It's a far better use of the space than the previous street level parking lot, an odd collection of decaying shops, and 3 single family dwellings.
- e. We especially appreciate that it will help to keep money circulating in our own neighbourhood by providing construction jobs now and by supporting our local stores, businesses, and services in the long term.

I spoke previously at City Hall in support of Anthem's Station Square development. The owners in our building understood that a neighbourhood must be upgraded and repurposed or it slides into an undesirable place to live. We did not want to be left behind while other areas of the Lower Mainland were taking major steps into the future.

People naturally worry about the possibility of congestion from new towers but the reality has not been what people expected or feared. We have been surprised how little life has been disturbed by this increase in population. Planned entrances to various buildings and sections of Station Square have dispersed the traffic, avoiding traffic jams. Over the past 6 years we have seen 10 new towers fill with new neighbours. Now, instead of a crumbling neighbourhood, we have prosperous people shopping here, dining out here, playing in the parks, and using our library.

Now, finally, when the walk lights go on there are many people waiting to cross the street. It is a vibrant, busy, functional neighbourhood. It's a pleasure to live here.

Life has continued smoothly for residents in this area during the rebuilding of Station Square, in large part because Anthem consistently demonstrated good neighbour building practices throughout construction of Station Square. When we had concerns, Anthem listened, responded, and took action. The result has been wonderful. What we see and experience today in Station Square far exceeds our original hopes.

With City Council approval, it will be exciting to watch Anthem complete this new project with the same success as they have demonstrated in Station Square. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today.

