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Dear City Council,

I am writing today regarding the public hearing that will take place today December 14th at 5pm. I live in one of the building on Silver Avenue. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting due to work schedule. However, I believe it is very important to state a couple of aspects for your consideration.

Like most people, I too am pro the city's progress and development. As Burnaby is part of the metro Vancouver area, it is quite normal to have lots of constructions, new store, services, etc. But the drawback for me, when it comes to new residential buildings is the rent affordability. Usually, as the newer buildings offers a range of facilities and services such as gym, spa, etc, the rent is more expensive which I believe it is fair. The issue here is that we live in a place where the living wage is quite different than the minimal wage and it is challenge for people to find places to rent if most new condos are charging high rates.

I would kindly ask for you to consider rent affordability as you prepare and conduct the hearing later today. As I mentioned before, progress is great and yet we also need to examine various layers that are part of the process. If you could please consider also the impacts in nature, such as soil, of having multiple buildings at the same time in the same area (Maywood). I say this because we have experienced heat haves and floods in this province recently.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Caroline Ferreira

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Submission

I am writing on behalf of ACORN members in Burnaby against proceeding with this rezoning. The Tenant Assistance Plan (TAP) in its current form does not do what ACORN proposed at the Mayor's Task Force. ACORN consulted hundreds of our members and other tenants facing demovictions from 2015 until the formation of the Mayor's Task Force in 2019. The overwhelming response from these community consultations was that the problems tenants were facing from upzoning (ie demoviction) was the enormous incurred costs they faced because of lack of affordable housing in the area. When ACORN brought the Tenant Assistant Plan proposal to the Mayor's Task Force in 2019 we clearly communicated that a new policy would need to follow two principles: First, that Burnaby tenants incur no additional housing related costs from their displacement (demoviction) and second that they need to stay in the general Metrotown neighbourhood.

The current TAP has many loopholes that prevent the initial intention of the policy from occurring. For brevity, I will outline 2 of the biggest problems that Metrotown tenants are reporting to us.

The first problem is that the 'rent-top-up' is far from sufficient. 'Rent-top-up' is limited by CMHC median rents +30% which means that tenants are expected to be able to rent a 1 brdm unit for \$1518/mo and a 2 brdm unit for \$1990/mo. These are out of sync with current market rentals in the area by at least \$500/mo. Many residents are paying well over 30% of their income on rent in their present situation and this addition burden is not a sustainable situation for a majority of renters being evicted.

The second problem is that 'rent-top-up' was limited to 36 months. That means the tenants will lose all TAP help long before their replacement units are built. There is no chance that 36 months is enough time to build the replacement units that are required to be built and the tenant is being punished for delays that are beyond their control. This means there is a chance that some tenants will face rents at over 100% of their income between 36 months after their eviction and when their new unit is ready to occupy.

These loopholes are serious enough that ACORN cannot support the TAP in its current form and we are asking that these projects are put on hold until these and other problems are addressed.

Thank you,

Murray Martin
Burnaby ACORN Chair