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Hello,

I am filing a complaint about the proposed rezoning of 7679 and 7701 on 18th Street. I am an owner of one of the apartment units and have been a faithful resident of the area for over 30 years. However, in the past 5 years, there have been growing concerns and complaints amongst residents about the population density in the area and the reduced walkability of the area, due to traffic concerns, construction and pollution.

The area's density is growing, with the expansion of the Southgate Village underway, the development of the community centre, the high school and existing buildings. I am concerned that the infrastructure cannot sustainably support the current population growth, let alone the proposed developments.

The roads are inadequate for the current proposal. The proposed rezoning is next to 20th street, an already busy street with long traffic, which causes environmental issues and health concerns for residents living in the buildings nearby. Additionally, 20th street is intersected by 10th avenue, a street notorious for its long traffic, as it is one of the main streets for entering the Patullo bridge.

From my research conducted, Burnaby appears committed to spearheading environmental initiatives such as the Green Development. The strategy encompassed by this initiative includes Burnaby's [Environmental Sustainability Strategy](#), in place to "guide development in the City to eventually have a positive impact on the environment, particularly the *Live, Build and Move* sections of these plans. **They include strategies for reducing energy, resource use and carbon emissions while improving health for people and ecosystems.**" However, numerous studies have been conducted on this topic, all leading to one conclusive answer, an increase in traffic increases residences' risks of short-term and long-term cardiovascular morbidity and mortality.

The proposed rezoning is in contradiction to the goals of the city and its fiduciary duty to community stakeholders. I cannot in good faith accept that the city is acknowledging its current residents' health and local ecosystem by proposing this as a feasible rezoning idea. Residents are significant stakeholders to consider and the quality of their lives should not be sacrificed when there are such high stakes to consider.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

Abdul Emami