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4750 Kingsway Concord Metrotown

Submission

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my deepest concern for the proposed development at 4750 Kingsway. While I am generally in support of the new development, and appreciate the desperate need to fast track affordable non-market rental housing in our city, I must object to the proposed unit sizes Concord is pushing at under 400 sq.ft. for a Studio or 1 bedroom. These unit sizes are simply not liveable and I trust that much is already obvious to you, Councillors. So, it is up to you to push back against these development proposals that do nothing to address key issues that we elected you to tackle. We need affordable housing in key rapid transit areas. That much is clear. But don't have buyers remorse! Do not forget that we need housing that will support all dynamics - singles, students, couples, elderly, families... Housing that supports people for the long term, and not just tiny boxes that one could only bear for the short term (can you even fit a kitchen in a 300 sq ft unit?!).

Concord offers no benefit to the community with these unit sizes. They seek to only fill their pockets and nothing more. The smaller the unit they can get away with, the larger the profit. We all look to you to set the rules. So please do not let this happen. Force Concord to go back to the drawing board and present unit sizes that MAKE SENSE for Burnaby. If not, you will set a precedent that will be hard to ignore.

Thank you for considering my input.

Kindest regards,
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