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Hello,

I am writing you regarding the **#22-09 "rezoning application"**, i.e. construction of 2 mid-rises on the green space at **5166 Halifax street Burnaby**.

This is **UNACCEPTABLE**. The area is already overpopulated/overcrowded, with multiple high-rises and mid-rises built over the past 20-30 years. It is fast becoming even more crowded and polluted as many high-rises are being built on Lougheed highway just beside this area, making the place unlivable because of multiple kinds of pollution, traffic, noise, smog and so on.

How many high-rises have been built along the skytrain tracks and Lougheed highway in North Burnaby? Dozens! And the madness will not stop apparently. Brentwood area, Holdom and beyond, eastwards are being "prepped" for construction. The noise is unbearable and it never stops.

No green space, no park, no tree planting have been planned to be created between/close to these buildings. Trees are being cut down, green spaces destroyed.

The building frenzy of the past 2-3 years did not help at all with the housing crisis and the rent increase. On the opposite, rents have skyrocketed and many apartments, especially in the high-rises built alongside Lougheed highway are empty. This has to be dealt with by the governments (provincial and local), by establishing laws and by-laws regarding the rent amounts and the income, property taxes for foreign citizens, multiple residences, etc, not by encroaching whatever (green) spaces have been left.

And before you ask, I am a low-income rent paying citizen, so I know and I understand the situation first-hand.

Instead of more concrete and asphalt, we need more trees and green. This is not optional, it is mandatory if we want to survive in this century.

As I said, building 2 more mid-rises on the lawn in front/besides of other buildings will not help people who struggle with paying the rent, but by not have them built will help the people living in the area by not making their environment even worse than it is.

So, **NO, we do NOT want more buildings** at 5166 Halifax street.

Sincerely,

Simona Niculescu.