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To: Legislative Services email
Subject: Zoning Bylaw 2018, Amendment Bylaw (No 16), No. 25-002

To Whom It May Concern:

I run a business at 648 Herald Street. I would like to provide written feedback for this proposal.

1. Reduce the minimum required number of vehicle parking stalls from 54 to 13.

I am absolutely against this variance being approved. As a business owner, my clients require on street parking. It is already difficult for them to find parking on Herald St. In addition, with the addition of separate bike lanes in the downtown and near-by my office, there is already a reduction of on street parking. Reducing the number of parking spots will cause me and my clients undue stress. It is naive to think that most people living downtown do not have vehicles. As living space in the downtown is expanded, council needs to ensure that there is still adequate parking for visitors.

2. Increase the maximum building height

I am also against this variance. The lot beside this building was already granted a variance for 7 stories. I think that a 6 story building would increase the density for the block too much and overwhelm parking needs (even for visitors) and local services.

Sincerely,

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