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To: Public Hearings
Subject: Zoning Amendment Bylaw #1139 (1417 May St)

To: Victoria Council Members

Re: Proposed Rezoning and Development at 1417 May Street

We strongly object to the proposal to rezone the single family lot at 1417 May Street to permit multi-unit, four unit residential development. In particular, the suggestion of reducing the requirement of on-site parking requirements is unacceptable.

The 1400 block of May Street is currently saturated with on-street parking on both sides of the street. This has intensified since the previous rezoning and development of the adjacent duplex at 1407/09 May Street. The residents of this neighbourhood were assured that parking issues would not be negatively affected at the time that redevelopment was approved, however, this has proven to not be the case. The current excessive parking causes severe safety problems for persons using the existing driveways. Vehicles parked close to driveways totally obscure any visibility of approaching traffic when attempting to enter the street from the properties. This problem is compounded because of the falling grade of the driveways due to the natural terrain. It is not unreasonable to project that this unsafe situation will result in motor vehicle collisions and most likely injuries in the future.

The intense parking situation on May Street in this block has now caused overflow parking onto Eberts Street, which already has parking safety issues. Eberts is a narrow residential street with now parking both sides. Although it is markedly more narrow than collector streets which accommodate bus routes, Eberts Street is regularly used by B.C. Transit vehicles. Buses frequently are required to carefully navigate their way between parked vehicles, some of which are carelessly parked in a manner further restricting the passage width. There are small children residing in the upper section of Eberts Street and a municipal playground also exists in the block. The unfortunate addition of secondary suites in several of the single family homes has already created parking congestion. Frequently, the home owners are precluded from the ability to properly park their vehicle in front of their own property due to renter's vehicles utilizing available space.

We respectfully request that Council not allow the property at 1417 May Street to be rezoned to permit multi-unit development. We base this upon the above stated issues and the wish to prevent further degradation of this delightful and established single-family community.

Sincerely,

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