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**From:** Gregory Clarke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** December 19, 2018 11:11 PM  
**To:** Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** Aquara development

Mayor and city council,

I live in the Shutters condo complex at 68 Songhees Rd. in Vic West. My unit faces Kimta Rd and the Aquara construction site, which has been the site of increasingly aggressive blasting and drilling for the past 5 months. Our son was born in August and has had to endure this brutally disruptive noise from day one. I am appalled that the City of Victoria would approve such a development, knowing it would allow massive, daily blasting so close (10-20 m away) to our home. Why did council totally disregard the potential impact (literally) on the neighbours when it green-lighted this project? While some residents are less affected since they work during the day, I am an Air Force Officer who works in Search and Rescue, thus a shift worker. My wife is off on maternity leave. In all, my newborn son, wife and I have all been exhausted on many days, incapable of sleeping due to the incessant noise and blasting vibrations. Furthermore, I'm also having increasing adverse reactions to many of the large, irregularly-timed blasts stemming from a year (2013-2014) serving as a UN Observer on an outpost during the Syrian civil war. I spent much of my time in a bomb shelter as shells landed around us. Your developer-friendly Council has completely disregarded any ill-effects of this project on residents. If council were half as concerned about affected residents (including new parents, their babies, as well as veterans) as they were about cyclists, then perhaps you would have scrutinized this plan a little more.

I am clearly appalled and feel betrayed after living here for 9 years. While city council spends much of your time debating the offensiveness of Christmas trees and poinsettias, or railroading more bike lanes for the benefit of a fraction of citizens, you've neglected to look beyond your base and address the less-ideological and more pragmatic issues that affect everyday folks.

Fed up, we have decided to sell our condo and move out of the area. It has been listed for 6 weeks now, but to add more insult to injury, it appears we will not be able to sell it while the construction is going on. Every single prospective home-buyer has indicated that, although they liked the unit, they would never buy it with such disruptive noise. Given that this project has no hard timelines and foreseeable end-date, it has rendered my home effectively worthless. All while the BC Assessed value of my property increased again this year. Add to this, the rental restrictions imposed by my Strata, we are in a bind. The City of Victoria's hasty, financially-motivated, insensitive, or even careless support of this development will result in revenue for many, including the City, but at the significant expense of others.

You have a responsibility here. I wanted to raise my plight, beginning with the City, as the approving authority for this project, in hopes you might take the matter seriously, despite skepticism following my experience a few years ago when a simple email query went completely unaddressed.

Thank you.

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Mayor Lisa Helps and City of Victoria Council Members

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Dear Mayor Helps and City Council Members;

We are neighbours and supporters of the *AQUARA by element* retirement community development at Kimta and Tyee Roads and part of the Bayview Master Plan Community currently under consideration by the City of Victoria Council.

We are seniors and are looking forward to the aging-in-place retirement development, options and opportunities that *AQUARA by element* will provide. At this point we are healthy and active but as we need help we will be able to access the necessary services right at the *AQUARA* community.

In our opinion, the development will be a welcome addition to the City of Victoria and to the Bayview Master Plan community. The community will provide the safety, security, support, care and activities that will enhance my life and contribute to my wellbeing.

Our interactions with the *AQUARA* Team have been very positive and we believe that the integrity, passion, and trust exhibited by the *AQUARA* Team will be reflected in the development and will be a positive addition to the community and a community that will be a pleasure to be a part of.

We support the development of *AQUARA by element* and encourage the approval of the development from the City Council.

Regards,

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To the Victoria Mayor and Council,

It has come to my attention that you are now considering whether to give the go-ahead for construction of a new senior living development downtown, the Aquara project. I'm writing to urge you to approve the proposed development, which came to my attention through media coverage.

The development would fill a hole in a woefully underserved segment of the real estate market, one I have a close eye on. Until now, we have searched in vain for appropriate independent, assisted living for my elderly father. Yet, from what I can see in the coverage, Aquara would be perfect for him. We are particularly attracted to the downtown location.

I'm confident that I'm not alone in my desire to see Aquara built and that your approval would help many people in similar circumstances. Please give this due consideration and approve the project,

With kind regards,

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To the Mayor and city council,  
My husband and I have been looking in the downtown area for appropriate senior living accommodations for some time.

We plan to sell our house, giving us the means to downsize and invest in a moderately priced condominium.

From what I understand, you are considering a new project by Aquara that looks like it would well suit our needs, with its central location and an attractive, walkable harbour neighbourhood.

Please give the project the go ahead.

Kind regards



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