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To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>
Subject: Support for the Rotunda Development at 430 Parry Street

Dear Mayor and Council

I am writing in support of the Rotunda Development on Parry Street, James Bay, which expects to have its third reading at Thursday's council meeting.

I attended a meeting of the James Bay Neighbourhood Association in the fall of 2017, when the plans were first presented to the residents. I was extremely impressed with the architects who presented the designs to the nearly 200 people who attended. They were met with much resistance from the residents, who were extremely upset with the amount of construction happening in the James Bay area. I certainly understood the residents' frustration (although not their extremely disrespectful behaviour to the presenters.)

Luke demonstrated such a creative, enthusiastic approach, and genuine concern for implementing the project, which not only blended with the current structure, but also fitted in with the unique James Bay environment. Apart from the heckles Luke quietly listened to the concerns and took note of suggested improvements from the neighbours.

Now that Luke and his associates have completed the design, I am very pleased to see they have included many of the recommendations made at that first meeting. I note too, that the developers are intending to voluntarily implement an affordable housing programme which is a high priority for our council to provide. This project demonstrates housing diversity, affordability and good architecture in a very walkable neighbourhood which will eventually reduce car demand and greenhouse emissions - another high priority for council to implement.

Change is inevitable in a growing city, but what better way to develop James Bay than to use such creative and forward-thinking architects. Their attention to detail and to the needs of concerned neighbours is very commendable. When completed, the residents will be the beneficiaries of a beautifully constructed addition to an already beautiful community.

I hope you will all take note of the excellent design and give your consent to this project.

Respectfully,

Valerie Elliott

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