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To: Public Hearings
Subject: Rezoning Application for 43, 45 and 55 Gorge Road East

December 8, 2020.

Mayor Lisa Helps and Council

City of Victoria

#1 Centennial Square

Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

**Re: Rezoning Application for 43, 45 and 55 Gorge Road East &
2827, 2829 and 2831 Irma Street**

Dear Council,

I am opposed to the proposed rezoning and variances requested relative to this application.

This is the third recent rezoning application in my immediate area which does not, in my opinion, provide for sufficient parking, not for residents nor for visitors.

Given that this proposal has but 98 residential parking spaces for 153 units, just where might the rest of the residents park? It will not be on the street because street parking in this whole area is at a premium now.

Yes, there are bike stalls included in this proposal and I am sure that some will say that people living here will ride their bikes or bus to work and they don't need a car. The increased vehicular traffic in downtown Victoria, and throughout the City, would suggest otherwise. Further, lives do not revolve around going downtown and people do need or use a vehicle for other purposes.

Seven visitor parking spots for 153 units is ludicrous. Keep it at the required 15 spots, which I believe is still too low. Again, there just isn't an abundance of street parking.

In my complex, I believe that we have 101 residential parking spaces for 74 units (not including townhouses which each have their own single-car parking) and a total of 11 visitor parking spaces for the complex. We could use more of both. Some residents have two vehicles - yes, we live close to downtown but some folks actually have TWO vehicles! Visitor parking has to be monitored to ensure that it is being used by those who are, in fact, visiting

residents, that it is not just anyone parking here because it's convenient and/or they can't find street parking. It happens.

Council has approved the supportive housing at Gorge Road and Carroll Street, which also has woefully inadequate parking for residents or visitors. Another current development application on Washington Avenue, while seeming to have adequate parking for the townhouse residents, does not, in my opinion, have sufficient visitor parking.

Perhaps if you lived in this area you would recognize the severity of the situation. I'm hoping that you will take to heart the opinion of one who does.

Respectfully,

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PC URBAN'S GORGE+IRMA PROJECT ENDORSEMENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2020
Victoria, BC

To Whom It May Concern:

Upon reviewing the initial details and architectural drawings within PC Urban's proposal, I strongly believe this new development will help transform Burnside Gorge.

The 3 Provincially-owned hotels chosen to house the homeless surrounding Dodd's, have had a very negative impact on our day-to-day operations. Since June, we've personally witnessed extensive property damage, vandalism of multiple delivery trucks, lewd acts directed towards both staff & customers and regular drug use in plain sight.

While things have improved thanks to additional security measures, it's our hope that this beautiful new Gorge+Irma project will signal to others...much better days lie ahead!

Adding 153 Condo-quality rental homes, each with their own outdoor living space is not only a great idea, it's a very positive step in the right direction. The many attractions set to accompany this new build will no doubt help others discover what WE already know:

Despite its' current challenges Burnside Gorge is a wonderful place to live/raise a family and call home. This community has allowed me to give back in ways I never thought possible. Our family will continue to help those less fortunate...that will not change.

After seeing these plans, I'm confident that we can work together to make a difference. Thank you for all of your efforts thus far.

Sincerely,



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Re: Proposed rental buildings at Gorge and Irma

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to support the proposed rental project for Gorge Road and Irma Street. I have recently become a renter in Victoria and the amount of options for a city of this size are far too low. I am a single parent to two children who attend Selkirk Montessori School on Jutland Road on the Gorge Waterway. There are very few options for rental close to the school and I am now driving twice a day from the Fernwood area to drop and pick up my son and daughter. The low supply of rental options also means that renters are paying very high rates. This is difficult for families, particularly single parents. I am originally from Germany and my siblings in both larger and smaller cities are not experiencing the same types of hardships that families are here in Victoria when it comes to finding a suitable place to live. If you have more rental housing in the city there will be more options in a wider variety of areas of town and less stress for families who are looking for a place to call home.

Thank you, Anna Bailey

Fix Healthcare
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November 4, 2020

Dear Victoria Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of PC Urban's proposed rental at the following addresses: 43-55 Gorge Road East, 2827-2831 Irma Street.

I am the co-owner of Fix Healthcare, our Selkirk location on Jutland Rd is close to this proposed project. We employ more than 50 people between our two clinics where we offer chiropractic, massage therapy, acupuncture, physiotherapy, kinesiology and yoga. Over the past several years it has become increasingly difficult for people to find adequate rental options in Victoria. It seems that the singular focus has been on housing the unhoused in "affordable housing" while the working class struggles to make ends meet. I know from the conversations that I have with my patients that this project would be a very welcome addition to the area.

Sincerely,

Simon Pearson, DC,
Fix Healthcare