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**From:** Emilija Tovirac [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:01 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** In support of Development Variance Permit Application No. 00256

To Whom it May Concern,

My husband and I wanted to voice our support towards the fence around Hampton court at 545 Manchester Road. As a family of 3 small children this fence would mean safety and a piece of mind the least. Our corner apartment #117 is on the ground floor. In the last 2 years we have been missing items from our patio, one of our window screens was taken down at night like someone tried to get in and gave up. We have also witnessed people that are not residents hiding items in the bushes next to us. We have been chasing out people trying to get into the garage through the side exit a few times. And what stressed us the most was the empty syringe my 16 month old daughter found on our lawn as she was playing. I was lucky to be a step behind, but as a growing toddler it is getting more and more difficult to keep up with her.

These are just a few incidents we can recall, but it is too much for the short time we have been here. I hope you will consider our safety concern and approve this request sooner rather than later, we just don't feel safe anymore in our own back yard.

Thank you,

Emilija and Srdan Tovirac  
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**From:** John Stanley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:53 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Development Variance Permit Application No. 00256

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in opposition of Development Variance Permit Application No. 00256. I strongly agree with the planning rationale outlined in the report written by staff (dated March 18, 2021), and I would encourage you to decline the application.

I can appreciate that the individuals who live at this property feel strongly about their personal safety. However, allowing a 6 foot fence along the Manchester Road frontage will create a less welcoming environment in the neighbourhood for the public. Constructing an unusually high fence will be a visual cue that tells people the area is unsafe, discourage people from the area all together, and therefore having an overall negative impact on the neighbourhood.

A 4 foot high fence (as currently permitted) would be more appropriate for the site, as it would minimize the visual impact along the street for members of the public, while still fulfilling the purpose of increased security for residents.

Sincerely,

John Stanley

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The City of Victoria

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To Whom it May Concern:

**RE: Variance Permit Application No. 00256**

Good Afternoon and thank you for allowing us the opportunity to write in regards to the above fence variance. First off, we would like to state that we are in full support of having the fence variance from 4 feet to 6 feet and will explain why.

We moved to 545 Manchester Road, Hampton Court, unit 102 in January 2021 and thought we had found heaven. Although we are happy, we have a few grave concerns and believe the increase in the fence height would be beneficial to everyone in both buildings.

We would like to point out that due to the homelessness, drug addiction and crime in the immediate area we feel our new home is in constant jeopardy of the safety of ourselves, our children and our pets. There have been several attempts of break ins and theft in just the few short months we have been here. We can not let our dogs out our front yard without finding needles, discarded filthy underwear and homeless people assaulting us. A fence would help keep this at bay so that we have a place for our children and pets to play in peace and safety.

We also have many seniors in our building that need to feel safe and have a place to sit and enjoy the sunshine without having to worry about a homeless person sleeping in the bushes or on their patio, yelling obscenities and threatening the residents when you ask them to leave.

We moved here from Mexico and find it horrible that we do not feel safe walking our pups. We are restricted to using the back area of our building that does have a six-foot fence and not able to enjoy our front yard that faces Manchester Road. It is difficult for us to understand that we felt safer in Mexico than in this new Canada we are all experiencing.

Perhaps you may think this will set a precedence for everyone to apply for a variance, but please consider the precedence that has already been set for allowing drug addicts and violent, mentally ill people to roam our streets creating fear, increasing crime and taking away our rights to feel safe in our own home.

Please allow this variance as we all have the right to enjoy peace and security. We also have the right for the largest investment we have to increase in value and the six-foot fence will go a long way in giving us that.

We leave you with something to think about, how would you like your children or family members to experience what we are all experiencing on a daily basis. We are sure you too would like to protect what you hold most dear and that is all we are asking for.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alejandro Peralta-Contreras and Marlyse Lafleur de Peralta

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**From:** Donna [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:08 AM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** PID:018-237-509 Development Variance Permit Application No. 00256

I live at 545 Manchester Road and am asking for permission to vary the fence by-law namely increase the fence height from 4 ft. to 6 ft along the Manchester Road frontage.

We live in an area that is quite affected by the homeless and drug addicted people in our neighborhood. It has been allowed by the City of Victoria I think in part because you did not know where else to allow them to go. That being said it is not fair to our two duplexes, homeless coming on to our property and shooting up, leaving needles, arguing at night about being asked to leave by our strata committee. I won't go into all the reasons why but I will say that I moved into this complex back when it was new in June of 1993 and cannot describe how disappointing it is to have watched what the following years turned into a neighborhood that is no way the same. Our back property is better because the 6 foot fence is there. Let's just allow the 6 foot fence to go in on the front part.

Thank you for your permission at the meeting today.

Regards

Donna Bishop  
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**From:** Gayle Chong [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:06 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Variance Permit Application #00256

Dear City of Victoria Council,

My name is Gayle Chong and my address is #106, 520 Dunedin Street. I have been on our strata 2720 council for the last 7 of 8 years that I have lived there. This strata includes 545 Manchester Road (Hampton Court) for which this variance permit application applies. During the 8 years that I have lived there I have noticed a growing increase in crime in our area, especially the past couple of years.

I believe that the 6 foot fence, as opposed to just the 4 foot fence allowed, is absolutely necessary for the safety of our residents. I approve the design and am positive that it will enhance the appearance of our property and will not resemble a prison. I understand that we would not be 100% safe, but the fence around our other building (Churchill Place) at 520 Dunedin Street has proved to be a good deterrent from people having access to our green-space and ground floor units. As a result of the high cost of housing in Victoria we are finding that there are more and more families with young children moving into our buildings and we must do everything we can to keep them safe.

I implore you to allow this 2 foot fence variance.

Respectfully yours,

Gayle Chong