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To: [Victoria Mayor and Council](#)
Cc: [Ayla Conklin](#)
Subject: Development at 732 Discovery Street
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Thank you for taking my call Ayla.

Hi Mayor and Council,

My name is David. I work at Limbic Media which has an office immediately next door to the proposed 7 story building at 732 Discovery Street.

I am writing to express my steadfast support for this project. I believe it is our duty as Canadians, British Coloumbians, and Victorians, to take care of those less fortunate in our community. I have had some conversations with my co-workers and neighbours about this development and I have heard varied opinions.

I was made very uncomfortable by an opinion raised by one of my neighbours about the proposed height of the building. From what I could tell, they live in a nearby building and were trying to get the height of the building reduced from 7 to 5 stories to preserve the ocean view from their apartment. I want to express my dissatisfaction with this opinion. It appears to me that this person thinks that preserving their ocean view is more important than housing the 28 people who would fit into the top two floors of the proposed building. I find this frankly, disgusting.

I have also heard concerns about homeless people hanging around on the streets and causing discomfort. This is something I do experience. I walk up discovery street several times a day, and it is uncomfortable to experience homeless-looking people hanging out on the street. What I do have to say on the subject though is that my comfort is less important than other people's access to housing. I will gladly walk up a street and feel discomfort if it means that more of our homeless population are given access to a safe and warm place to stay.

I think the version of the building with a community space would be preferable in order to give options to the residents. I hope it would cut down on the number of people hanging out on the sidewalk if there was another option to spend time other than being in your room. I have heard that there is a rule against bringing guests into your room which seems a little heavy handed to me, but I'm an expert in sound reactive lighting, not social services, so I'll stay in my lane.

I want to express my regret that the safe injection site that was meant to be built around the corner from my office was not built. It's too late to do anything about it now, but part of the reason I am writing now is that one of my neighbours came into my office to talk about this new development and expressed triumph at the fact that the community got together to block the safe injection site. It is very hard for me to make time to engage in municipal politics but I cannot sit by while my neighbours who have jobs and homes are roaming around and saying terrible things about the homeless who are sheltering in our neighbourhood. Ya know, maybe if they had a safe place to shoot up, they wouldn't be doing it on the sidewalk! Addiction is not simply a choice, but my neighbours do not seem to understand this.

Lastly, I want to say one thing. That is that I do consider the people who live at the Capital City Center Hotel to be my neighbours. I wish that more people who work at other businesses in Lo-Town agreed with me. They are our neighbours, they are people who have fallen on hard times, and they need our help. I am tired of the sentiment that these people made bad decisions and they are getting what they deserve. That is such a flawed way of thinking. It genuinely makes me angry.

Please let me know if I can help in any other ways or give any more information that could be helpful.

Thanks,
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