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To: Public Hearings
Subject: Early Termination of Land Use Contract

Hello,

I am writing because I am deeply concerned about the way in which the City of Victoria is tearing down homes and building condo buildings in quiet, residential neighbourhoods.

In particular, I am writing about the Early Termination of Land Use Contracts for:

- 1195 Fort St.- the home of a thriving and popular dentist office that serves the community.
- 1177 - 1185 Fort St. - home to a variety of businesses in heritage buildings.
- 1043 - 1045 Linden Ave. - the entrances to 2 small but necessary parking lots.

I am vehemently opposed to the development happening in this area. Building a 6 story condo unit (as well as all the townhomes) where the art gallery now sits will change the way the neighbourhood looks, feels, and effectively gentrify the entire area from Cook St. to Moss St.

The influx of population, traffic and construction in this quiet area is, quite simply, another example of how out of touch this City Council is with what the citizens of the city truly want for their home communities.

The housing prices are well beyond what people in this neighbourhood can afford. There are a significant number of retirees, students and fixed income folks who, if they are forced to move should their apartment buildings be sold out from under them, will be homeless or forced into housing that they cannot afford.

Rental units in these buildings are priced higher than what people in the neighbourhood are paying by hundreds of dollars. It is financially impossible for anyone on a fixed or moderate income to find affordable housing in this city and yet you continue to allow these buildings to be built.

It is unconscionable that with the rates of poverty in this city, that developments such as the one going in on Moss St. be allowed to happen. This is a residential neighbourhood that is slowly being transformed to look like Vancouver with condo buildings being built that are priced well beyond what the people living in the neighbourhood already can never hope to afford.

You are stripping the City of Victoria of its character and vitality. From the pointless bike lanes to the rush to increase the population of an already densely populated neighbourhood. In a 1 km sq area around where I live, 1025 Linden Ave, there are at least SEVEN developments in various stages of construction that will add close to 2000 people to an already congested area.

All I can say is: I am eagerly awaiting the next civic election cycle so that I have an opportunity to change who represents me from the Mayor on down.

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