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Subject: FW: Mayor and Council email

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Subject: Mayor and Council email

From: Elizabeth Conway
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Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

The new minimum square footage requirement you are proposing are not healthy for human beings and do not equal "affordable " housing in any city. People need space to breath, particularly in their homes!

Mayor Helps said that condominiums "allow for more units " in a given building, but that benefits developers, not the people living in these units and YES, it does force families out of the downtown area.

It seems to me that you're just trying to satisfy developers greed and to create revenue for the ridiculous excess of restaurants downtown.

In my opinion, the minimum size for all housing should be 500 Sq. Ft. , with the smaller 350 Sq. Ft grandfathered in place.

Lastly, it also seems to me that new, unwanted rabbit hutch size, will suit some of Mayor Helps friends who it is rumoured wish to turn the low cost housing on 705-711 Johnson Street, into tiny condos.

Great! Mayor Helps her friends make money and makes 43 men homeless!

I'm ashamed to be a Victorian.

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Subject: FW: 250 FOOT APARTMENTS

From: [REDACTED]
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To: Councillors <Councillors@victoria.ca>
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Good Morning:

Micro apartments could work. However, if sold as condos such units are likely to be prime candidates for AIRBNB and/or occasional occupation-travelling business persons and snow birds. Perhaps they could be built as rentals, if we are truly looking to improve affordability in a city where over 60% are renters.

As for reducing parking requirements, this is long over due. At up to \$50,000 to build an underground parking stall this is a burden on housing costs that no longer reflects reality. Much of such parking infrastructure will some become "stranded assets". For example, recent parking studies in the Cook Street Village area shows that car ownership is in the range of .9 per household, not the 1.4 required under current bylaws. Perhaps this should be job #1 in terms of improving affordability across the city.

Yours truly,

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