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Mayor & Council
Victoria BC

**Re Proposed Re-Zone
1845 Gonzales Ave.**

We are the neighbours on the West side of 1845 Gonzales, and have resided at 1841 Gonzales since 1962.

This all began for us with a visit from the applicant to request that we support her application to have 1845 rezoned to permit a Garden Suite. In the discussion that followed, we explained that we were happy with the way things were and could not support the application.

Sometime later we learned that the application had been revised to request approval for a Garden Suite in the South-West corner of 1845, and this was confirmed in an "Oh by the way" comment during the community meeting on June 15, 2015. The purpose of that meeting was to create approval for a Garden Suite in the back yard, situated in the South-East corner of the lot.

With the change, we had to consider the of the implication of the directive that care should be taken to minimize the visual impact of adjacent properties. We are concerned that there is no way that directive can be followed if a Garden Suite is approved for construction in the South West corner of the 1845 backyard.

Our dining room, patio, bathroom and kitchen and bedrooms are all windowed to face East. A Garden Suite as proposed will dominate the view from those windows along the East side of 1841. This result after all we have invested over many years to make 1841 as pleasant a place to live in as can be.

It is for that reason that we are asking that the application should be disallowed.

Taking account of the changes that council has approved for the small corner of a district zoned as single family, that densification in this area has already gone about as far as it should go.

Sincerely,


Edward & Lavina Knight