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Subject: FW: 819 Yates

>> Dear Dave,

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>> I've shown the specs for 819 to several objective, non-biased people. I considered them to more objective in that the building of 819 Yates will not directly effect them; i.e., they will not be suffering the inevitable consequences of having a wall of glass windows replace a view of the sky and the city skyline. I did this informal survey because I wanted to see if maybe I was overreacting in my sense that it is not a good design for the given space.

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>> I was taken aback by the consistency in the reactions. Here are the three responses that almost everybody gave:

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>> 1. "I'm surprised that they would build a building like that in 2015. It looks like the apartment blocks that they use to build in the 1970s."

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>> 2. "I'm surprised that this is one of Dave Chard's buildings; his buildings are usually much more attractive."

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>> 3. "Its good that rental units are being built in Victoria, but what happens after 10 years, will the tenants be evicted so the spaces can shift to condos?" (everybody noticed the ten year covenant for rental space).

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>> You probably know this already, but the other thing I learned from my informal survey, is that you are very well-liked in this town!

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>> Wendy

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