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From: Matthew Takoski [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, Jun 30, 2015 9:05 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Development Permit with Variances.

To whom it may concern,

I received a letter today with respect to Development permit with variances application No. 000411 for property known as 1990 Fort Street. I have a business across Foul Bay street at 104-2000 Cadboro Bay road in the Oak Bay Gate shopping center and have been a tenant there for 10 years. I am surprised to hear about such a parking variance with such little notice to respond as the hearing is coming July 9th and I am leaving town at 10a.m. today and will unfortunately be out of town. I immediately called the property manager Richmond Property Group to Doug Estey to see if he new about such a variance request as it is common knowledge that we have a parking problem due to our parking lot being used by people going to 1990 fort street on business appointments in that building. The landlord said we will have to start patrolling the parking lot but I suggested that the patrolling would be needed not for people who over stay the free parking time limit but for people who are using the parking while going to appointments across the street at the stated property. We discussed new signage and using video monitoring equipment but at what cost to the tenants at Oak Bay Gate.

This is not a case of nimbyism but possibly a case of one jurisdiction (City of Victoria) not following due process with another (Incorporated Municipality of Oak Bay). I welcome other business in the area as there is strength in numbers and competition is good (just not good for free parking we offer and I believe 1990 Fort street charges for parking. I don't even no the busy moving in as they have never made an attempt to discuss the matter. I am totally against making any parking concessions for 1990 Fort street! If my reasoning is not sound for some unknown reasons that have not been put forward to me then please quell my concerns. Seeing as a parking variance is required why would the building owner not be required to at least remove the underground parking fee so as at least make an attempt to mitigate the hardship this will cause our patrons and businesses at Oak Bay Gate. It is not accountable for council to allow a building to have a parking revenue center and give them a parking variance in the stroke of a brush with out prior discussions with the business it will directly impact.

I would also like to have this meeting postponed to a later date to allow the other tenants to have a reasonable amount of time to respond to this variance request because I feel the lead time is unreasonable especially at this time of year when folks are busy with kid"s end of school and many are probably on summer Holidays. It is a total fluke that I even got to read this letter and respond before I leave on vacation. I must go know to the airport as I am running late as I have had to put off my installation of a new counter at my business to prepare this response.

Sincerely,
Matthew Takoski

N.B. Please acknowledge this letter has been received ASAP as I will not be in an internet zone by end of day.

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To: Public Hearings
Cc: Parbeen Pathak; Sarah Capes
Subject: Development Permit with Variances Application No 000411 for property known as 1990 Fort Street

Dear Honourable Members of Council:

RE: Development Permit with Variances Application No 000411 for property known as 1990 Fort Street.

We are writing to express our concerns about a recent notice (dated June 26 received June 29th) of proposed changes in By-laws for parking in our building. After conversation with an employee in the development department, it is our understanding that a new restaurant in 1990 Fort has made application to add patio seating and in order to do this, an adjustment must be made to our parking facility. We were unable to get further details from the planner.

A reduction in parking in our building will severely impact our patients. Our office in particular will be affected by this, as we predominantly have elderly and mobility challenged patients who are unable to park any distance from the building. The limited parking we have available for patients now is often too full and we have many patients complain about accessibility. Loss of parking spots will not only affect patients, there will inevitably be some financial impact on businesses in the area. Clients/patients will be reluctant to return to offices/businesses which do not provide enough parking.

This area is surrounded by so much activity that parking is already at a premium and reducing our parking will only increase parking situations in other buildings and facilities. Although a nice luxury, outdoor seating in this area would be more detrimental than beneficial for patrons and surrounding businesses.

We would strongly request that you review this further to come up with something more appropriate for our district.

Thank you for allowing us a voice in this matter.

Sincerely,
Diana Pimlott, MOA, Office Manager,
As approved and supported

**by Dr. Parbeen Pathak, Neurology
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