

Dear Mayor Alto and Victoria Council members:

I am writing to support the rezoning application for the property at 1011 Fort, to allow for the conversion of two small commercial suites to residential use. I live one block from this property. We are currently facing a residential housing crisis – every little bit helps. I just wish the developer did not need to jump through so many hoops before obtaining the City's approval for such minor conversions.

Respectfully,

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Q1. **What is your position on this proposal?**

Support

Q2. **Comments (optional)**

I support (in general) the right of a building owner to make changes to their building. I support (in particular) more residential spaces in Victoria.

Q3. **Your Full Name**

Wesley Lord

Q4. **Your Street Address**

205 - 1061 Fort Street

Q5. **Your email address (optional)**

not answered

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the rezoning application for 1011 Fort. St as a neighbour and resident-owner within 100 meters. I fully support the urgent creation of new housing across the city, and the revision of zoning rules which restrict the supply of new housing. However, in this instance, while I am glad to see new residential units installed in the building at 1011 Fort, I am opposed to the applicant's intention to sacrifice ground floor commercial for additional residential space.

As much as I desire to see much more density of residential across the city, I also believe that the integration and intermixture of residential and commercial spaces is essential to the cultural health of the city. Especially on this stretch of Fort St., ground floor commercial is the core of the function and draw of the block. Additionally, on Meares street, the presence of commercial space amongst the otherwise uniform residential to the south is a great feature that adds dimension and complexity to the street.

I applaud Council's efforts to accelerate the pace of new residential supply and remove obsolete barriers to density and urbanization across the city, but in this instance the priority of commercial space on the street and the vibrancy of street life must come first.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jonathan Morissette
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