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\*To be tabled at the public hearing Monday June 27th. Thank you. \*

My partner and I fell in love with each other 9 years ago in New West. We rented our first home together in New West. We started our own businesses here, vote here and support our local community. We even got married at Tipperary Park.

Our home is now being torn down to make way for condos. While we understand that the growing city needs more housing, I was saddened to hear that not one of this 200-unit complex will be affordable to us. We are not only being forced out of our home, but most likely forced out of our city. It is no longer within our reach to grow our family or rent a home here, much less buy. Rental prices have skyrocketed, just like everything else lately.

When TPL Developments bought these properties, the rent was immediately increased and the care of the place decreased. Under their supervision, the neighbourhood has deteriorated. General maintenance and repairs have been neglected, I will not be surprised when this company falters on their promises of a swift and seamless transition to relocating the beautiful heritage homes and building a new complex.

As much as it pains us to move away, we don't see any way out of it. New Westminster has been my home for almost my entire life. I am very sad and disappointed that I am being priced out of my hometown.

S&C