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City Council

City of New Westminster

June 23, 2024

Residents of 624 Agnes Street

New Westminster, BC V3M 1G8

Dear City Council,

We are residents of 624 Agnes St, New Westminster, BC, this letter is in opposition to THE DEVELOPMETN VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION for the BC housing's Supportive Housing development at 602 Agnes Street, New Westminster, BC.

THE REASONS to oppose this development:

**Location wrongly choose:**

- Location, Location! Too close to Children center, elementary school École Qayqayt Elementary, 85 Merivale St, Douglas College. Parents and students are all worrying. They will pass by this building every day and scarred.
- Too close to 740 Carvarnon Street, homelessness shelter. And a cannabis store. That will leading to a gathering place at downtown of NW. like main St. Vancouver. City of New Westminster's reputation will be damaged after create this house.

**Safety Concern:**

- Safety concern, recently homelessness came to our garden side to do drugs. Drug users' dead body to see every month besides the building. And mental illness people. Community's reputation already damaged. Disaster decision to choose this place!!!

We have been living at Downtown New Westminster for about 15 years, and we love the peaceful and beautiful environment around our house. But unfortunately, this plan will add more fire to create a homelessness and drug users gathering place, will ruin our family's life in the future, our safety will be

threatened, thus our house value will go down dramatically, leading to no developer or buyer to purchase our homes in the future. Our families and our neighbors are all concerned about the safety and security issues.

Nowadays, more and more drug users and homeless people coming to our areas especially our garden place camping and smoking, drug-using, and defecating under our balconies. Although they could go when we reported them to the police, but these issues still happening with nonstop. There is also a marijuana store located at the corner of Sixth Street and Agnes Street, with this plan will damage the reputation and images of this location.

With this location already having a homelessness homes, a marijuana store, and another homeless homes will be created; this will cause huge security and safety issues concern in our daily lives and will have a huge negative effect on the children and our future generations living here. We just want a peaceful, drug-free, and clean environment around our houses.

We have our human right that are requiring a peaceful and security life. If this development threatens our safety and human being right, that obviously break the law.

We need you take care of our issues; Can you guys hear our voice to STOP doing this development? Now we are all against this development!! Would you please change the location to somewhere else?

There are tons of vacant land that best suit what BC HOUSING listed, why choose this location? The fact you cannot denied that there is a Cannabis store just located the corner of Sixth St. and Agnes St., and also a homelessness homes located at 750 Carnarvon St. more and more homelessness come to this area, this place will become a gathering location for them.

Our family members and my neighbours will go against this development, we want you provide us a safety development in city of New Westminster. Your duties are not only creating the house to support people at risk or experiencing homelessness, but also to support us – the taxpayers and residents of the City of New Westminster.

How do you guys to explain to our young generation, if you put a huge homelessness gathering place in our peaceful community?

please take your responsibilities to ensure a clean environment in our community, you cannot put a huge bomb in the heart of the city.

**We all oppose this development variance permit application!**

**PLEASE HERE OUR VOICE !!!**

Sincerely,

We are looking forward to your response. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at email: **redacted**

Sincerely,

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