

RE: Zoning Bylaw No. 2200, 1968, Amendment Bylaw No. 4608, 2009 (6520 & 6540 Marine Drive)

The District of West Vancouver,

My house is across the street from the subject lands which are to be rezoned. I would like to support the proposed rezoning of the subject lands, so that they can be used for three single family dwellings, because the subject lands are located in the middle of a single family neighborhood, and rezoning them to Comprehensive Development Zone Four (CD4) would entail a lower risk of changing the neighborhood's character. I also have an inquiry regarding the street addresses of the future dwellings.

A couple of months ago, during the debates on the same subject in the city council, a group of residents emphasized the need for more dwellings in order to solve the housing problems of the neighborhood. Considering the small scale of the subject lands, I believe that planning for this site is a matter of preservation of community character rather than a matter of housing. One or two units more or less do not have any affect on, and will not solve the housing problems of the neighborhood. Nevertheless, the subject lands are located in the middle of single family homes, and any plans other than single family dwellings may change the character of the neighborhood. Those who love the neighborhood's character, therefore, are opposed to such changes.

Some have argued that in planning for this site, we should be more creative. Being more creative denotes building something that has never been built in the neighborhood before. Please avoid such creativity. If you are not living close to this site, and you are not affected by the aftermath of creative ideas, it will be interesting and even exciting for you to experiment, and see how those ideas will work; however, if you are living across the street, whenever somebody talks about creative ideas, you get terrified. Being creative means coming up with a plan that has never been tried before, and accordingly, means experimenting with something new. There is nothing wrong with our awesome neighborhood of single family homes. Please do not take the risk of changing its character.

The subject lands are located in a very special place: They are on the Horseshoe Bay roundabout, which is like the lobby of Whytecliffe, Gleneagles, and Horseshoe Bay neighborhoods. Whatever is built on this site, will impact the character of those communities, and will affect the first impression of anybody who comes to our neighborhood. Thus, I believe that careful attention to the exterior design of the future structures is worthwhile.

I have a personal request, too. My home address is 6520 Rosebery Avenue. Accidentally, one of the subject lands has the same 6520 street number. The neighborhood mailman, and my guests will experience lots of confusion and problems, if any of the new dwellings will share the 6520 address with me; i.e. if we are going to have two 6520 addresses each on one side of the street. So, I may require the Planning Department to spare 6520 address for me, and consider other numbers for the new dwellings.

Let me thank the Mayor, the Councillors, and the West Vancouver Planning Department for listening to my views. As a resident who lives across the street from the subject lands, I support the three single family plan, for it entails minimum risk and preserves the character of our neighborhood. Also, I may suggest meticulous attention to the exterior design of the future houses; and no more 6520 addresses, please.

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