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From: ()
Sent: August 18, 2009 11:13 AM
To: MayorandCouncil
Subject: In-fill housing

Attention West Vancouver Council,

My wife and I are in our early 30's and have our first baby on the way. We are writing this letter to express our support of Council's decision to consider in-fill housing in West Vancouver.

In February 2007 we purchased an original 1963 home designed by Peter Kaffka. When built, it was one of the first of the West Coast Modernist movement in West Vancouver and quite possibly his finest work. The home takes the shape of the land with its organic design, while simultaneously bringing the outside in through its massive 18 ft windows. It is a small 2,200 square foot home situated on a huge 21,000 square foot view lot in () with frontage on two streets ()

Ultimately it is my wife and my goal to live in this property, but due our large mortgage and the expenses that come with a newborn baby, we are not able to do so. We could sell the property, however we fear the new buyer would knock down this historically significant home in order to take advantage of the large lot and view.

If permitted on our property, a small coach house would allow my wife and I the ability to live on the lower portion of our property, and retain the main house as a rental property until we can afford to move into the main home. Then, we could eventually use the coach house as a mortgage-helper. Further, a coach house would allow us to stay and raise our child in West Vancouver in the same way our parents raised us here.

We feel this type of infill housing will have minimal impact on the neighbourhood, allow younger families to move to or stay in West Vancouver, allow multigenerational families to coexist on one lot, as well as allow older generations to downsize.

We are so pleased that our Council has the foresight and fortitude to consider such a wonderful opportunity for our spectacular seaside community.

Sincerely,

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