

RALLY
Tuesday, February 26, 2008
at 7 pm at the steps of City Hall
(12th & Cambie)

Join us in presenting
Mayor Sullivan and Council with a
CHARTER OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RIGHTS
to counter the
pro-developer 'EcoDensity' Charter

- > **Spot rezoning** is producing cement mazes that block sun and sky.
- > Green areas are being stripped from single-family lots to build multiple condos.
- > City Hall has been spot rezoning to allow tall structures in residential areas.

In addition,
mass rezoning is threatening 18 Vancouver neighbourhoods

- > 1600 single-family lots around Kingsway & Knight have been rezoned
- > Norquay (2400 single-family lots, Gladstone to Killarney and 25th to 41st) may be next
- > 17 other Vancouver neighbourhoods are to follow, among them:

* Hastings	* Kingsway & Joyce	* Dunbar
* Main St	* Renfrew & 1st	* Kerrisdale Village
* Victoria Dr	* Cambie	* W. 10th
* Fraser St	* King Edward & Oak	* Arbutus Village

NO rezoning of your neighbourhood should occur without your approval.

Collective action prevented Council from fast tracking the approval of the rezoning of Norquay.

Oppose 'EcoDensity' -- a deceptive blueprint that claims that densification will bring liveability, sustainability, and affordability. Not true. Densification has resulted in:

- ◆ renters losing their housing or homeowners having to move, unable to afford increased taxes.
- ◆ an increasingly more crowded and polluted city, and a reduction of our already limited access to public transit, parks, and community services.
- ◆ the building of units that are too small and too expensive for the average family. [Developers have been densifying Vancouver for 15 years. But house prices have soared since 1991. With a median household income of \$56,200, most families max out at a \$300,000 mortgage if they pay 30 percent of their incomes over a 25-year-term - Stats Can].

Vancouver residents attending our Tuesday Feb 26th rally will be invited to endorse a Charter of Neighbourhood Rights to be presented to Mayor Sullivan.

CHARTER OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RIGHTS

a charter that endeavours to protect and enhance the character and liveability of existing Vancouver neighbourhoods:

1. **There should be no mass rezoning.** Rezoning vast areas of the city results in developers building expensive market units, reducing green areas and affordable housing, and eliminating variety in housing structure.
2. **There should be no spot rezoning or rezoning of any other kind without informed and explicit neighbourhood approval.** The City's rezoning proposals must be thoroughly and democratically debated with a neutral moderator. Every household in the affected neighbourhood must receive timely, comprehensive, well-advertised notification of the proposed plan and public meetings. The notification must be translated into languages reflecting the composition of the neighbourhood.
3. **Any rezoning to densify must be conditional on improved public transit, on the building of bicycle paths, on an increase in parks, and on an increase in community services** (schools, seniors homes, hospitals, swimming pools, community centres, and other) to adequately and comfortably serve the increased population.
4. **Any rezoning to densify must not result in home owners having to leave because they can't pay the increased taxes, or in the loss of rental accommodation.** Owners or renters of property that has been encroached on by nearby development (e.g., loss of privacy, loss of sun light, etc.) should be fully compensated for the costs of appropriate countermeasures (e.g., new screening, different landscaping).
5. **The City must do more to ensure the protection of heritage buildings.**
6. **The City must regulate to ensure that rezoning results in a significant increase in quality affordable housing.** Furthermore, the City must work with the provincial and federal governments to build attractive green low-rise cooperative and public housing.
7. **Developers must be obliged to follow 'green' standards** without receiving bonuses of more density. The City must regulate to ensure the use of greener technology, the reduction of greenhouse gases, and the sustainable generation of heat and power.

COALITION AGAINST 'EcoDensity' AND FOR LIVEABILITY

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