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## LETTER: Affordable housing warrants attention

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**Dear Editor:**

After watching the April 20 District of North Vancouver council meeting on the proposed development from Polygon to redevelop Mountain Court in Lynn Valley, I was horrified by some council members' comments and concerns.

Thank you Coun. Lisa Muri, for addressing the important issues this community is struggling with — affordable housing and gridlocked roads in our once quiet and quaint neighbourhood.

These are the issues we want addressed, not whether or not the area is now going to resemble "Soviet baroque." There was more concern and time spent on the look of the buildings than on where all the families now living in Mountain Court are going to be able to live. But hey, that is OK, because the district will be offered \$100,000 by Polygon to pretty up the ugliness of the buildings with public art.

Mayor Richard Walton was absolutely right in his comment, "All the red lights are going on right now in terms of public trust." Unfortunately, the comment was for all the wrong reasons.

Public trust is gone because when the official community plan was developed, affordable housing was the buzzword and now it is not addressed as it should be.

We oppose this development. We oppose any more development until solutions to affordable housing and traffic gridlock are of more concern than how pretty the buildings look with all the "free" art donated by developers.

**Yvette Mercier, chair  
Mountain Court Committee  
North Vancouver**

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