

Subject: [Fwd: Proposed seniors development at 100 block West Queens Road]

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Dear Councilors,

I have a message similar to Councilor Lisa Muri's position during the last public hearing on this matter, before she went on maternity leave, don't let another massive development be built that will stand out like a sore thumb. The look of a district should be preserved.

There is a need for seniors housing in the District. We need to find a developer that can build suitable senior housing appropriate for a district, not a monolithic 40 foot high 100 foot wall with a flat roof that resembles a hospital. Seniors who are interested in living in the district should live in a building that looks like it belongs in the district.

My family and I live across the street on Queens in an award winning heritage house. If this development is approved by council a 40 ft high x 100 ft long wall will not only remove our view, but our kids will no longer be able to see the SKY from our main living area.

Imagine driving East on Queens Road and encountering a 100 foot long building 40 feet high with a flat roof with beautifully maintained heritage houses across the street. Does that not remind you of downtown Vancouver? How sad.

As requested by council, we, along with most of our neighbors, attended the two facilitated meetings with the developer. There was unanimous protest against the height of the building and still the developer would not considering lowering the height of the building except to offer to flatten the roof.

I challenge each of you to lead or take a stand against buildings that don't fit. Councilor Muri did. Don't settle for builders just because they are the only ones who want the job. These builders **know** that they are the only ones who want the job so they don't have to compromise! There will be others that will build us a building that we can all be proud of which will improve the community.

Go council go!

Kara Parachoniak