



COALITION OF VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOODS

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July 9, 2024

City of Vancouver

Dear Mayor Ken Sim and Councillors,

Re: Citywide Removal of Views through View Cone Amendments

Agenda 2024-07-10 <https://council.vancouver.ca/20240710/pspc20240710ag.htm>

Report <https://council.vancouver.ca/20240710/documents/pspc1.pdf>

The Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods (CVN) strongly **opposes** the recommendations to reduce and remove public views in the view cones. This is privatizing public views for the interests of the development industry and the most wealthy who can afford these views.

We also oppose that this report is being brought forward in the middle of the summer with no meaningful advanced public process. This is not a legislated requirement of the Province, so the City cannot blame it on them. This is 100% an undemocratic process of the City.

The City of Vancouver used to be world renowned for the planning and development process that protected the public views, provided parks and amenities, and involved its citizens in a meaningful public process. If this Council approves this report, it is complicit in the destruction of this legacy.

Once the public views are privatized as proposed, there is no going back. Do not make this terrible mistake. **Refer this report back to staff for further public consultation and a proper process.**

Sincerely,

Co-Chairs Larry Bengé & Dorothy Barkley
CVN Steering Committee,
Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods

Network Groups of the Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods

Arbutus Ridge Community Association
Cedar Cottage Area Neighbours
Dunbar Residents Association
Fairview/South Granville Action Committee
Grandview Woodland Area Council
Greater Yaletown Community Association
Kitsilano-Arbutus Residents Association
Kits Point Residents Association
NW Point Grey Home Owners Association
Oakridge Langara Area Residents

Residents Association Mount Pleasant
Riley Park/South Cambie Advisory Group
Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners Assoc.
Strathcona Residents Association
Upper Kitsilano Residents Association
West End Neighbours Society
West Kitsilano Residents Association
West Point Grey Residents Association
West Southland Residents Association