



January 22, 2007

City of Richmond  
Director, City Clerk's Office

Re: 12033 Riverside Way (see attached notice)

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am writing you with my concern, on behalf of the Applicant's intent, to vary provisions of the Zoning Bylaw No. 5300. Point 1 of the intent to vary states an "increase from 12m to 14m height" of the proposed building.

I am very concerned about such a proposal as my building is directly across the street from the applicant's building. My address is 12011 Riverside Way, and my office/studio/and warehouse face directly towards the mountains and the building in question. I own and work out of my location, and the best feature of my building is a beautiful, unobstructed view of the mountains. Not only is it an incredible and pleasing benefit to our work environment, but it also affects the value of my location.

I was very aware and considerate of my neighbor, when constructing my building. I stayed with building guidelines and made every attempt to be as unobtrusive as possible, particularly keeping the height of my structure at a minimal height. My building is designed with a very open view to the north, with the majority of our windows providing a clear view of the mountains.

I have always known that eventually, a building would be constructed. However, I was never informed by the developer of this land, that over height buildings were permitted.

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I would even kindly invite someone from your office, to visit our location, to see first hand how this new building will affect our view. I'm not totally sure about the height of my building, but I believe it is at maximum, 28' high. It may even be shorter. Just now, I'm trying to picture how a 12m high building would look, and even that height is going to be enormous. I am strongly opposed to anything higher than 2 stories.

An over height structure would destroy our view. To have it placed at the most northerly location will block the view of other buildings in this development. I'm not against anyone constructing a building; I would just hope that the "blockage of our view" might be taken into consideration.

I was born and raised in Richmond, I have worked here for 30 years. I plan on being in this location for at least another 20 years, before my son's take over. I have contributed to our Richmond tax base for many years and I would hope that as a resident worker, my concerns might be heard over people who may not live in Richmond, and/or ever have worked in Richmond.

Sincerely,

  
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