

To Whom it may Concern;

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Mayor Meed Ward, Councilor Galbraith, Melissa Morgan and City Staff,

I am writing to share my objections with regard to the new development proposal by Coletara at 1085 Clearview/St. Matthews Ave.

I am the co-owner of the property at [REDACTED] St Matthews Ave and as such share a property line with the proposed development. I have great concerns about my privacy, the quality of life that I currently enjoy living in a quiet cul du sac, the pollution from the vehicles that will be parking along my fence line and the noise of the large exhaust fans that will be used - directly facing at my property. Imagine having a 6-storey condo sharing your property line, towering over your backyard, with the noise, the car pollution, the exhaust fans from the parking garage...and on and on...

I moved to this neighborhood to be closer to my grandchildren who live on Clearview Ave. We were quite impressed to find such a lovely well-established neighborhood in such perfect park like location. Our neighborhood is safe, friendly and quiet – it is one in which we enjoy taking walks and bike rides with our grandchildren. Our backyard is an oasis filled with sounds of nature, beautiful birds, chipmunks and bunnies. All of this will be lost with a large building consisting of masses of people and cars in and out. This neighborhood has been here for over 70 years and is not zoned for this type of development because it doesn't make sense here. My grandchildren are 4th generation in their home on Clearview – they have the right to live in a safe space; with the same standards in which their great grandfather used to choose this area to build a home for his family. On both St Matthews & Clearview neighbors know neighbors, we know when someone new is on the street and can keep an eye out for suspicious behaviors... we can look out for one another – it's a community. Imposing a 6-story apartment building will obliterate what we currently call home.

I agree with 2 storey townhomes or semi-detached homes which will blend in much better with this well-established neighborhood.

I have also noticed on the developer's rendering that there is no proposal for a fence along my property line – I am opposed to this and would request the minimum be an 8-foot sound barrier wall between my property and the new development.

I voted for Marianne Mead based on seeing her out front of my daughter's home on Clearview announcing her platform for election – she was adamantly opposed to the development and promised to fight for us, I also voted for Kevin Galbraith believing that he would protect his own neighbors.... I am disgusted at how quickly they sold out. We've been left with no representation. I am pleading with this committee to hear our voices, our concerns and our pleas for our little nook of serenity.

The residents of this neighborhood have repeatedly stated that they oppose the height of this building. I ask why is this condo still being considered and supported by city planning staff in our quiet residential cul du sac?? Is it purely greed or apathy...perhaps it doesn't directly affect you – please put yourselves in our shoes... what would you want in your backyard, beside your

home, overshadowing your property? Would you buy a property with a 6 storey apartment building in the backyard? Most people would not.

Finally, in addition to health and safety concerns, I am concerned about the crane that will be towering over my yard for the 2+ years of construction, the construction noise, excavation vibrations for 2+ years, the displacement of wildlife, the effects on the vegetation, the parking garage exhaust pointing directly at my property, the noise from the heating and air conditioning units, the bright parking lot lighting restricting our ability to enjoy the night sky, the location of garbage units on my property line and noise from services trucks for the building.

Obviously, I am not thrilled about living next to a construction site for a few years. I am including a few photos taken while on a walk with my grandchildren the other night as we passed the construction on Masonry Court. Is this what I can expect on our street??

Thank you for taking the time to hear / read my submission

Kathleen Day







