

Township of Esquimalt

1229 Esquimalt Rd

Esquimalt, BC V9A 3P1

Attn: Mayor and Council,

**Re: Rezoning Application folder #RZ000122**

I am writing to express my concern over a rezoning application made by Intracorp Developments and Belmont Properties for the demolition of two adjacent buildings: 1340 Sussex Street and 1337 Saunders Street in Esquimalt BC, replacing them with a 23-storey tower.

If the rezoning application is allowed to go forward, the tenants of these buildings will face an impossible future where market rents have increased over 30% in the last 5 years. Some tenants have lived in these buildings for over 30 years and have established strong ties to the community, while others are elderly and on fixed incomes. Many of them are low-income earners and will not be able to afford to live in their community if the rezoning application goes ahead.

The rent controls in place by the BC Government allow these tenants to live with dignity. Many of them will likely end up homeless if you accept this rezoning application.

I reject the plan to demolish these buildings that provide affordable housing. Please stop the rezoning application that will evict and displace tenants from their homes in exchange for a new high-rise tower in which they can't afford to live.

Thank you,

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_