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**Subject:** Potential protest rally re Chinatown at City Hall

Dear Mayor and Council,

You may well have heard reports on CBC news today about a potential protest due to take place at City Hall this afternoon.

I wanted to inform you of the information we have gathered on the issue and to clarify the approach staff are taking in this matter.

#### Issue

It has been reported that The Carnegie Community Action Plan (CCAP) is organizing a rally and news conference at City Hall at 2:30pm prior to the DPB meeting on Monday, January 25th. CCAP has a released information about their analysis of a new tower proposal, I have copied the released information at the bottom of this email. In brief, there have been raised concerns about retail gentrification and the displacement of low-income residents.

#### Response

City Hall Corporate Security have a close relationship with Vancouver Police Department (VPD) The VPD have advised us that they anticipate a small, peaceful protest that may constitute in a short rally before the meeting starts. Duty officers have been made aware of the issue. The City's Corporate Security department have plans in place to deal with any protests and to ensure the safety and security of staff, the public and property without hindering any right to peacefully protest. Those attending the protest will be advised of the correct steps to take in order to speak at City hall meetings.

We will continue to monitor this event over the day and ensure our plans and any response our appropriate.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me,

Best,  
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#### Release information

The following excerpt from CCAP summarizes the opposition to the proposed high-rise:

*This is a proposed development by Wall Corporation and BC Housing that has already displaced six Chinese businesses that serve the low income community. The current plan is for BC Housing to put \$15-16 million into an 11 story project with only 34 units of welfare rate housing, 70 units with rents up to \$912 and 68 units at market rents. The project would have a garden for the richer tenants on the top floor and a garden for the poor lower down. Our demand is for 100% welfare/pension rate housing and stores that serve the low income Chinese speaking community. Come and join us this Monday!*