

File No.: 04-1000-20-2018-272

June 1, 2018

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Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of May 17, 2018 for:

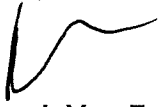
**Copy of the letter sent by the UDI (Urban Development Institute) to Mayor and Council regarding Policy Report Item Number 8, "Amendments to the Chinatown HA-1 and HA-1A Districts Schedule, Design Guidelines and Policies", from Regular Council Meeting on May 15, 2018.**

All responsive records are attached.

Under section 52 of the Act, and within 30 business days of receipt of this letter, you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your FOI request by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, [info@oipc.bc.ca](mailto:info@oipc.bc.ca) or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number (#04-1000-20-2018-272); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request; and 4) detailed reasons why you are seeking the review.

Yours truly,



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\*If you have any questions, please email us at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Or you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604.871.6584.

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From: ["Leslie Whittaker" <lwhittaker@udi.org>](mailto:lwhittaker@udi.org)

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Date: 5/14/2018 5:33:20 PM

Subject: UDI LETTER TO MAYOR ROBERTSON & COUNCIL ON THE CHINATOWN DEVELOPEMNT

Attachments: UDI Ltr G Robertson May 14 2018 Chinatown Development.pdf

Good Afternoon

On behalf of Anne McMullin, attached please find a letter from the Urban Development Institute (UDI) on the Chinatown Development Policies and Zoning Changes.

Regards

Leslie



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May 14, 2018

Mayor Gregor Robertson and Council  
City of Vancouver  
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Dear Mayor and Council:

***Re: Chinatown Development Policies and Zoning Changes***

As you know, the Urban Development Institute (UDI) has expressed concerns in the past about the City substantially amending the Chinatown Development Policies. We understand that a report is coming forward tomorrow for referral to Public Hearing. UDI and others have serious concerns with what is being recommended, and ask that Council defer the Report until further consultations have occurred with local business groups, property owners and residents.

The Chinatown Development Policies were developed over a decade through extensive consultations with the community. When the Area Plan and the Policies were finally approved, our members acquired development sites based on Council's vision for the area. We have been disappointed that projects that were meeting the City's objectives and following the rules established under the Plan, were delayed and rejected. This change in direction has created considerable uncertainty and sets a bad precedent for other Council approved Area Plans across the City.

Now, changes are being brought forward that would in effect be a downzoning for property owners, and will certainly devalue their properties. We also believe the changes will undermine the City's and the local business community's efforts to improve Chinatown's vibrancy and economy.

We therefore ask that Council delay consideration of this Policy until there has been more rigorous consultation with the local business community, property owners, and residents, as there are serious implications for Chinatown as well as for other Area Plans across Vancouver.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne McMullin', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Anne McMullin  
President & CEO

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