

'EcoDensity' Charter -- A tool to hoodwink Vancouverites

On June 10th City Council will meet to vote on the revised 'EcoDensity' Charter, a document that leaves the door open for Council to allow greedy developers to turn Vancouver into a more crowded, more polluted, more expensive city without having to worry about affordability, or about the level of services available, or about increased congestion on our roads.

'EcoDensity' is about money, not the environment. The document uses a cause -- the ecology -- to market a money-making product: densification.

The document maintains that densification is the solution to climate change, but nowhere does it substantiate this claim. It also makes reference to affordable housing, transportation, green energy, parks, and even urban health, but it is carefully silent on specifics and implementation.

***Be at the door of City Hall (12th & Cambie) on Tuesday June 10th, at 1:30 pm to reject 'EcoDensity,'
and
this November,
elect to City Council those who value
neighbourhoods more than the developer agenda.***

**Find out where municipal candidates and their parties stand.
Ask four questions:**

- 1. Do you agree that rezoning for higher density should be conditioned to:**
 - (a) maintaining and improving access to parks and neighbourhood services (community centres, schools, seniors homes, hospitals, swimming pools, public transit)
 - (b) making public transit better, accessible, and affordable
 - (c) opening bicycle routes in every neighbourhood
 - (d) maintaining and increasing the quality and availability of rental accommodation
 - (e) protecting homeowners who cannot afford the increased taxes
 - (f) allowing for a diversity of quality housing structures in every neighbourhood
 - (g) as much as possible maintaining our detached housing areas
 - (h) maintaining and increasing the quality and availability of co-operative housing
 - (i) fulfilling the City's Olympic housing promises and to the establishment of facilities for those with drug and mental problems
 - (j) respecting heritage buildings

- (k) establishing and enforcing strict green standards for developers, and above all to,
 - (l) seeking neighbourhood approval through an informed, democratic process
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2. Do you oppose current plans to mass rezone 18 Vancouver neighbourhoods, among them Norquay (where Council proposes to turn 2400 single-family lots into lots for three or more condos each) and other areas such as:

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| * Hastings | * Kingsway & Joyce | * Dunbar | * Kerrisdale Village |
| * Main St | * Renfrew & 1st | * Victoria Dr | * King Edward & Oak |
| * W. 10th | * Fraser St | * Cambie | * Arbutus Village ? |

3. Do you oppose the 'EcoDensity' Charter and Initial Action documents?

4. Are you in favour of a change of the laws that govern financial donations to candidates running municipally, to end the hold that developer corporations and other powerful interests have on politicians?

Developer money is helping to finance municipal election campaigns causing City Council to embark on pro-developer plans to densify Vancouver paying little attention to neighbourhood needs.

To look at campaign financial disclosures 2005, go to:

http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/election2005/candidates_all.htm

To look at political party campaign financial disclosures, go to:

http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/election2005/candidates_all.htm#elector_orgs

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