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Subject: Opposing the Zoning Amendment 604 Marine Dr

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to share my perspective on the proposed Zoning Amendment for 604 Rainforest Drive. While I understand that development projects often face shifting market realities, I believe that as it stands, this specific amendment should not move forward.

When the current zoning was established in 2022 under Bylaw No. 1309, the community accepted a significant increase in density specifically because it included a mandated Health Care Office. This was a clear "amenity for density" agreement that promised a tangible service to our neighborhood. To now remove that medical clinic while keeping the higher density for more resort condos feels like a step away from the balanced growth we all want for Ucluelet.

If the health care office is no longer a viable path for the applicant, the most fair and consistent planning response would be to simply return this lot to its original intended scope. Before the clinic was ever proposed, this area was envisioned for a smaller residential footprint. Reverting to that original scale would ensure the development actually fits the character of our neighborhood and aligns with the goals for long-term housing found in Section 4 of our OCP.

Our town is currently in the middle of a new OCP process, and with three different short-term rental proposals on the agenda for tomorrow, it feels like we are at a bit of a crossroads. Rather than pushing through another increase in seasonal resort inventory, we should pause and wait for our new community vision to be finalized. Short-term rentals are great for the summer peaks, but our year-round residents and local workforce need the stability of permanent housing and local services to keep our community healthy in the winter months as well.

I truly hope Council will consider holding the line on the 2022 agreement. If the medical clinic is off the table, the best move for the neighborhood is to return to the original residential scope we all expected from the start.

Thank you for your time and for the work you do for our town.

Sincerely,

Ima Makaremi

