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As a long time resident of Rainforest Drive I am writing to question what possible community benefit there could be in allowing this property to be partially rezoned into a large nightly rental complex.

Essentially allowing for the creation of a small hotel on a residential street, this zoning is in no way shape or form aligned with the character and values of the neighbourhood, or with the stated goals of the community to provide more long term housing. The only clear beneficiary of this zoning change are the finances of non resident developer Nick Killins.

The last time that I spoke before council was regarding the original rezoning of this property and there was a great deal of community engagement on the application. A wide variety of valid concerns were raised in regards to the massive increase in buildable area, and the nature of the agreement with the developer. Insufficient onsite parking, reduction of setbacks and accountability of the developer to actually deliver a promised new medical clinic were all primary issues.

Such a radical zoning change was only considered at the time because the development was proposed to house the new Ucluelet medical clinic, which has obviously not come to pass.

Ultimately, the drawings that the developer submitted were approved by council without a single alteration being made as a result of the extensive community input. This made it

clear to everyone involved that councils decision had already been made before the hearing even began and brought into question what value there had been to partaking in the process. For myself and many others this was an extremely disheartening experience.

This new rezoning application displays a flagrant lack of regard. Not only does it fail to address any of the original concerns that were raised, but it also removes potential community benefit by replacing space to house valuable public services with nightly rental units. If Nick Killins wants to maintain the massive increase in buildable area that he was previously granted without making any concessions to our community then at the very least 100% of the housing units created need to be long term.

I implore council to not make the same mistake as before, take the public feedback that you get on this issue into account. The only purpose this rezoning serves is to maximize the profits of a non resident developer. We can do better.

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