

September 25, 2023

Re: Rezoning Application for 1327 Marine Drive

Dear Mayor & Council,

I strongly object to the proposal to rezone this new development for short term rentals.

Short term rentals have a negative effect on housing availability and contribute to relentlessly increasing rents. Presumably West Van enacted a bylaw restricting short term rentals to address these same concerns.

This application contradicts the objective of prioritizing long-term housing in the most affordable manner possible. It provides an advantage to hypothetical owners and/or the developer at the expense of existing residents and offers no benefit to the community.

I am shocked that District staff would allow this application to come forward. It's a waste of time, money and resources. Why wasn't this rejected out of hand? What criteria did staff use to justify moving this ahead?

Yours truly,

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Please do not redact.