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FW: Addressing the Board - Speaker Jill Sharpe - 950 Kings

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2019 1:38 PM**Subject:** Re: Addressing the Board - Speaker Jill Sharpe - 950 Kings

Architectural developments designed to support thriving communities is important to me, and I would argue the City of Victoria. To increase density without increasing community meeting places and green spaces, is unhealthy for a community. It will lead to less civic interaction on a personal level, which in turn impacts involvement on a community level - rendering our community unresponsive. We can consume in our neighbourhoods, but we might not be inclined to become involved with its well being.

In 2020 we will need civic participation to address the enormity of the challenges that face us as species. We need to design neighbourhoods that encourage interactive citizenship. We need urban planning that supports intergenerational engagement and inclusion - which includes green spaces and community hubs.

We elect our CRD to watch over the health of our communities, which include hospitals and housing, but the buildings you erect will impact the shape of societal health in times to come. Your decision on 950 Kings will have long reaching impact to the health of this neighbourhood. I encourage you to walk this neighbourhood, see what is there on the streets and try to imagine creating a space that will not only build beds and roofs over people's heads, but a space that will make them enlivened.

My hope is that you will keep the long view in mind.

Respectfully,

Jill Sharpe  
Community Member and Property Tax Payer