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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST


American election talk is everywhere - I wish people would pay as much attention to the upcoming election in the District. It's outcome will determine many things, including whether the District will remain essentially a low density residential community and/or follow the example of the City. At stake is whether development will be community driven or driven by developers. They are ardently hoping their "chosen one" will be successful.

This is the candidate who is committed to "compact redevelopment in core areas" - translation - densification, multi family and high-rises - traffic and neighbourhood driven development be damned? The push will come under the guise of affordable housing but there is nothing affordable about it, at least not for the people who need it most. Monster houses too will come back.

Already, one applicant has been told to wait until after the election when it may be possible to rezone the whole neighbourhood to a higher density. The word is out. Some people apparently are taken in by green election signs of this particular pro developer candidate. This is the person who voted against implementation of the recommendations of the Waterfront Task Force. When push came to shove she voted against the public interest. The foreshore is still closed to the public more or less.

If she becomes Mayor you can count on more traffic, more pollution, more noise and more crime - a repetition of the densification of the Lynn Valley Core touted as a pedestrian oriented scheme. It turned out to be a hoax. The people of Lynn Valley will not even get a community center out of this huge densification. While densification is increasing so is crime. The facts speak for themselves. But while this Mayoralty hopeful is all in favour of higher density she is putting the brakes on local police stations. She is not in favour of helping the people of Seymour by having a station located in Parkgate, she said.

The outcome of the local election, which to most people seems to be insignificant, will nonetheless have implications which will affect us in every area of our every day living. Remember the growing traffic line ups and the rising crime rate. It is a sign of things to come should this person get elected Mayor, sweet talk and green signs notwithstanding. As for the rest of Council standing up against her? ... this is the same as a rabbit saying I will protect you from the wolf.

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