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Concern

I have a condo at the Belltown Court Condominiums. Within my research, before buying in 1996, I learned about the historical building surrounding the property and the zoning allotments. It seems that the proposed design, an 11-story building proposed on a 2407 1st, is three stories higher than the zoning allows. **I am writing to remind the City and the design review board to abide by the existing zoning laws.** Disregard of those regulations will affect people's views, the sunlight that shines on peoples' windows, and warms up the outdoor seating at Macrina Bakery and Belltown Pizza. I am equally concerned about the lower units on 1st.

The City has lifted some design review red tape around new buildings. This action is entirely uncaring and disrespectful for people who have lived and paid high taxes in Downtown Seattle for decades. Due to this shameful move, developers are rushing to push through new buildings that circumvent existing height restrictions. The City is allowing it, and as concerned citizens, we need to speak out against these shameful actions and corruption. Not everything new means progress. Most people living in Belltown is educated, and we can see through these business transactions.

There is a demo permit already out for the Historic Hull building (they will probably keep the facade and build a taller structure within it.) El Gaucho is empty. The building across the street on Battery appears open. I am not trying to stop new development, **but I think height restrictions shouldn't be ignored, especially on Historic buildings where the Gaucho was located and within the current proposal.**

The City needs to respect their old members who had lived in Belltown since 1996 or earlier when it was not much, but it was pleasant. These designs can be put into effect on areas without height restrictions and historical buildings. **The City and developers need to respect and abide by prior regulations. I do not approve of these designs.**

**Please let me know when the public meetings will take place.**

Respectfully,

**Dr. Giovanna San Martin**