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Community

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Vancouver

Are you completing this form on behalf of an organization?

Organization

Yes

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And if yes, please provide the name of your organization.

City of Vancouver

Use this to explain your views on the bill.

Why do you generally support or oppose the bill, as applicable?

Staff oppose the bill.

First suggested change.

First suggested change to the bill (if any)

Local governments retain the authority to conduct technical peer reviews of certified professional submission.

Use this space to explain why the bill should be changed as you have proposed.

Explanation for first suggested change

Reduce risks of errors and associated risks to public interest & safety. Avoid permit approval delays that could result from under resourced provincial review body

Second suggested change.

Second suggested change to the bill (if any)

Remove authority of Lieutenant Governor to set permit approval timelines.

Use this space to explain why the bill should be changed as you have

proposed.

Explanation for second suggested change

Vancouver has been reducing permit approval times; its autonomy over timelines would be compromised negatively impacting applicants, the development and building industry.

Additional suggested changes.

Additional suggested changes to the bill (if any)

Amend section 8 protection of liability to state clearly that it is in addition to but does not alter or diminish the existing liability protections in the Vancouver Charter and Local Government Act when municipalities rely upon professionals.

If provided the opportunity, are you interested in presenting to the Committee?

Yes