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My name is Stephanie Lytle, and I live in 3070 Kilpatrick.

I've lived here for two years now, just as the first building was being finished.

Now, I completely agree with building more rental units in the Valley. They're desperately needed. Sure, this building would block out all sunlight into my unit and ruin any view I have, but I won't be that person. We need more rentals.

We need affordable rentals. Most jobs here in the Valley are minimum wage, and yet the 500 square foot units in these complexes go for \$1600 a month. That means a single person has to make \$40 an hour to pay HALF their monthly income on rent. If you squeeze two people in, it still means two people making minimum wage are paying closer to 70% of their monthly income on rent to live here, and they's IF they're getting full time work, which isn't likely here.

These buildings are on a bus route, which means they're perfect for low-wage workers living in town. Which also helps since there's a severe parking issue already here at the complex. Owners and tenants are having their spots stolen in the lot and even the parkade. Well, with rents the way they are, units in these buildings sometimes have 6 or more people living in them. And pretty much every working person needs a car here, Courtenay and Comox are not walkable and the bus routes aren't good enough.

And my other issue is with the management of the buildings itself. We already have issues of break ins, assaults, animals and people (yes, people, I've seen 4 separate men and women myself from my windows) defecate and urinate everywhere in and around the buildings. Every morning I wonder to myself, what's the elevator going to be smeared with today? Urine? Poop? Blood? Other fluids? We've had it all, and it's always one or more. People puke in the hallways. The parkade is covered in poop, I have had 3 poop piles in my parking spot for two months now that I've forwarded on to management several times, it's still not cleaned up. The doors are constantly broken and locks aren't fixed, this building is not secure. Anyone can get in. And they do, people sleep in the lobby or hallways, the floors are not secure either and anyone can get anywhere inside. We have drug dealers living in the building and they have their customers come to the building to buy. I hear it through the call box every day and night as my windows are over it. Some have been very erratic and frightening. At least one has died, I watched the body bag being rolled out.

Management can't even keep one building safe, and now they want to add a third?

I'm all for more affordable rentals. But only if there's sufficient parking and issues that threaten our safety are addressed.