

Woodwards Social Housing Coalition Project

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PRESS ADVISORY

The Woodward Social Housing Coalition, the community organization which initiated the Woodward Squat will, on Saturday May 24th at 9:30 a.m. at the Chinese Cultural Centre, be releasing the results of a substantial survey (see attachment) which was broadly circulated throughout Vancouver's downtown eastside.

This survey was initiated out of the concern that the input of the community which fought hardest for Woodward would not be given the weight and respect it was due.

We are going to participate in the current efforts at visioning which the City has mapped, in the process trying to reflect the input we have gleaned from preliminary assessment of the survey.

Even after having had only a cursory look, we find certain themes consistently being reflected in the results.

The one item reflected back to us most often is that there must be at least 250 units of social housing.

We therefore would take this chance to call on George Abbott, the Minister responsible for Housing and the Olympics to attend these meetings.

We further support the expression of concern by other groups in the community that this process is flawed in its failure to adequately involve the portion of the downtown eastside community which has consistently fought for the retention of this building to serve the community.

In fact we hold that the glitzy process which the city has embarked upon is much more friendly towards the factions of the community which opposed the Woodward Squat.

We will attend these meetings to make sure that as much as possible, our voices will reflect the findings of the Survey.

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