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City of Vancouver Appeals Landmark CANY Ruling

We have received notice that the City of Vancouver and the developer will appeal the landmark CANY ruling (Community Association of New Yaletown v. Vancouver (City), 2015 BCSC 117). The honourable Judge Mark McEwan forcefully ruled that the public hearing and the development permit processes were flawed in the rezoning and land exchange of 508 Helmcken and 1099 Richards in the downtown mixed-income neighbourhood of New Yaletown.

The ruling is a crucial turning point in public consultation and applies to the interpretation of the law citywide. The ruling fundamentally impacts the way City Hall operates, now and in the future. If the ruling against the City were overturned, it would have severe and negative consequences on public participation across the entire city.

"In appealing, the City is essentially rejecting Justice Mark McEwan's ruling that City Hall must include the public in a fair and open process," said Jon Green, President of CANY. "It is shocking to hear that our elected officials would try to reject the legal requirement that they properly inform the public and actually consider public input." CANY is fighting for a more open and transparent city government to ensure our elected representatives listen to the concerns of residents.

CANY is a grassroots and non-partisan group of volunteers. This appeal is expected to be rushed through by the City and Brenhill so CANY is URGENTLY seeking donations to help fund legal costs. A loss will have significant implications in all Vancouver neighbourhoods. Concerned citizens who wish to donate are asked to visit the CANY website for more information (www.newyaletown.ca) or speak to a CANY member directly (info@newyaletown.ca). CANY is seeking donations of any size and has pledged to donate to social housing initiatives in the New Yaletown neighbourhood in the event funds raised exceed legal costs.

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