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## Mass-marketing “Heritage:” A case-study of ongoing gentrification in the East Side

by Isaac Oommen

Located on Salsbury Drive, the new target for gentrification is a set of three buildings. Lovingly called “The Mansion” but also known as the Jeffs Residence, the complex is made up of 17 rental units owned by an elderly Indian gentleman looking to sell.

Kam Sukul, the owner of the set of units, gave the renters options to create a co-op. Located on Salsbury Drive, the new target for gentrification is a set of three buildings.

“We did incorporate as a housing co-op and established an internal structure with policies and procedures and made some small improvements,” remembers Dave Fields, who lives in one of the units. “Ultimately it was the lack of capital that doomed the project, along with costs associated with maintaining the 106-year-old mansion (that let the project down). In January of this year we decided to end the co-op experiment.”

Enter Ankenman Marchand Architects (also known as Ankenman Marchand International). The group has been vying to take over, tear down and rebuild the site with megaprofits in mind.

Apart from gaining perceived community support for the project, the developers are not being open about if the redeveloped space would be entirely for sale, or would incorporate renters.

“I asked James Evans (the builder for the project) about how many rental and co-op units there would be, and he became very evasive,” Ariana stated. “He kept saying that they could only figure that out later into the project.”

What is certain is that the residents of the Mansion are not giving up.

“My neighbours have begun to organize and engage with at least the Van East Co-op,” said Fields. “And apparently the landlord has set a deadline with the developer for end of December, with him again becoming open to other offers if (the developer) can’t get what he wants from the City.”



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## The gentrification plot thickens at 60 W. CORDOVA...

### Real estate giant and non profit collaborators invade Downtown Eastside with “inclusive” condos.

by Stanislav Kupferschmidt

60 W. Cordova St.

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A new development model based on principles of inclusivity, affordable home ownership and doing more for less.

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In what is being called “60 W. Cordova”, a menacing partnership with real estate giant Westbank Corp, Habitat for Humanity, PHS, Vancity, and Ian Gillespie and Gregory Henriquez, the Downtown Eastside will now have “affordable condos”. That’s right, “affordable” condos.

The proposed 108 condo unit creation, just east of Woodward, will begin selling units for \$219,900 for a one bdrm and \$299,900 for a two bdrm.

It doesn’t take much to see that there’s no chance in hell that Downtown Eastside Residents, who live, work and struggle in this community will be proud condo owners of Westbank’s 60 W. Cordova.

And, they’re not intended to be, despite throwing out rhetoric such as “inclusivity” and “affordability” and marketing the project as being “about community” and one that will “fit in with the

neighbors”.

No housing is proposed for people living in poverty below the low-income cut off line, which consists of about 70% of those living in the Downtown Eastside subsisting on any level of social income assistance, or working at minimum wage.

One needs to but examine the atrocity that is Woodward and the detrimental effects on the community since its inception, to begin to comprehend how this latest development will solidify the process of Downtown Eastside gentrification.

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# Alex Hundert Declines Bail, Refuses Conditions against Expressing Political Views

Almost a month after having been thrown back in jail for giving a talk at Ryerson University, Alex Hundert declined bail yesterday because of the conditions that he would face were he to be released.

According to a release by his allies, if he were to have accepted bail yesterday, Hundert would have been faced with "additional conditions of non association with Harsha Walia, Dan Kellar, AW@L, SOAR, NOII, no planning/participating/planning public meetings or marches, and no expressing political views including in the media, amongst others."

But regardless of his ongoing incarceration, Hundert insists that his supporters need to continue organizing, and not focus on his plight.

"Too much attention has been paid to a small number of cases of repression, particularly my own, when people need to be focused on and fighting back against broader patterns of oppression that flow from the racist capitalist system propagated by the G20 states, their corporations, their militaries, and their police," he told an ally in a phone call from jail on October 11.

The additional conditions Hundert would have faced upon release would have been on top of the already restrictive conditions Hundert faced after his last release, which essentially amounted to house arrest.

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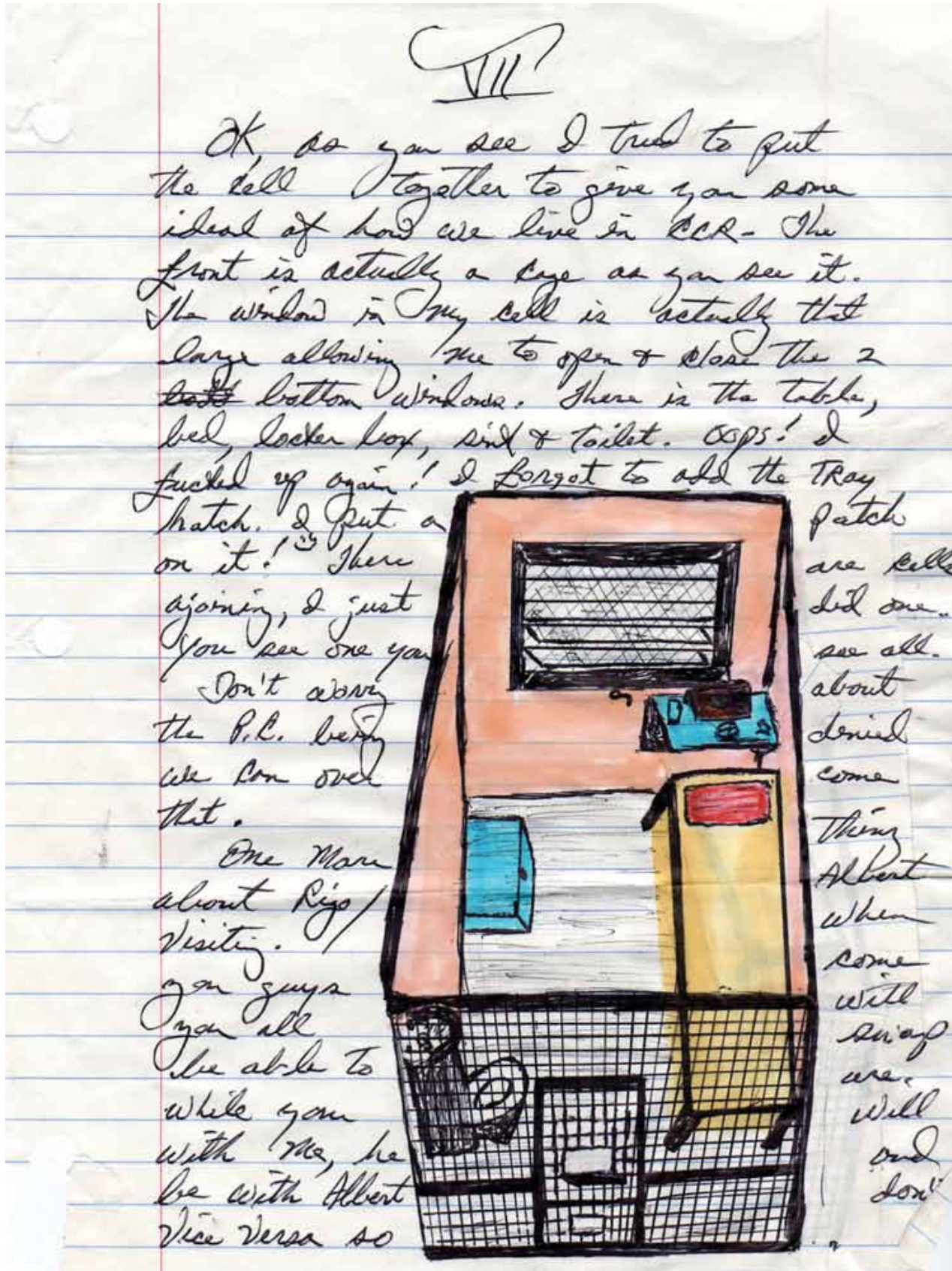


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**Wednesday October 20 @ 8pm - Know Your Enemy: National Insecurity State - Free workshop on state agencies involved in repression - 1284 Clark Dr.**

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