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TO: CAO, Mayor and Council

RE: Whitegold Beautification Project

Dear Ms. Cullen, Honourable Mayor and Council,

I am a long term, full-time resident of Whistler, and would like to register my opposition to the Whitegold "Beautification" Undergrounding project.

As a long term, tax paying resident, I am absolutely shocked that you are even considering this project given the challenges that our community is already facing when it comes to sustaining any concept of affordable housing.

The topic of this ridiculous beautification project has been the subject of many long term local conversations. It has been discussed that the budget has already exceeded the maximum petition value and we all know that this price will just continue to grow.

This project is affecting existing long term locals that just plainly can not afford to cover the costs of such a wasteful and unnecessary facelift. You have to know that you are pushing people out of their homes and out of Whistler. I can't imagine that this is your goal to push our community of middle income families out of their homes? Many of these people have worked tirelessly in our community for over 20 years and are about to retire so telling them that they can spread the cost over several years is not a realistic solution. They have dedicated years working in tourism which we all know is not an industry that offers a fabulous retirement savings plan with excess cash.

Furthermore, what kind of precedent are you setting with this makeover plan? Is the long term goal to do this in all of our neighbourhoods so that you can push every last one of us out of town and fill lots with second home owners who never rent or provide housing for locals? How are you not looking at the big picture on this one?

I have to believe that you are smart enough to see that this is not an ethical or sustainable plan for a strong community. Please, please shut this ridiculous idea down.

Sincerely,

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