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Gentrification

-The Politics of Inequality-

Just prior to the Olympic Games, wealthy condo marketer Bob Rennie said, "'Nobody wants to admit it, but Vancouver has become a resort city where rich foreigners live a few months per year ... It's a \$6-billion ad buy [with the Olympics]. There's never been anything like it. It will change Vancouver, forever.'" (*Vancouver Sun*, 25 Jan 2010). A few weeks after the Olympics, he told investors, "I don't think, as positive as I am, that I understand how [much] the world loves Vancouver. ... It's a very safe place to invest, it's a safe place to park money." (*Vancouver Sun*, 27 March 2010) Between these statements there was a homeless count in Vancouver that showed a 12% increase in homelessness. Vancouver, a "world-class" city, ... for whom?

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