From: <u>Correspondence Group, City Clerk"s Office</u>

To: <u>dick wilson</u> **Subject:** RE: 1401 Comox.

**Date:** Thursday, June 07, 2012 2:23:56 PM

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#### Thank you.

From: dick wilson s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2012 1:33 PM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: 1401 Comox.

# Dear Mayor and Council:

I have been a renter in the West End for more than 40 years. During this time I have noticed that the quality of buildings, the amenities they provide and the rents that are charged for poor accommodation makes the area not very desirable. I know that people who have to rent always complain that finding a decent building is a problem. The new development at 1401 Comox will be a fine addition to the housing available here in the West End.

This development will provide units for the seniors who need help with their rent through the SAFER Program. Believe me, many seniors need help with their rent that allows them to live within the community they find familiar and feel safe in.

The design of this building is really designed to permit the least amount of shadow possible and will permit the green spacing around the building to have sunlight.

Therefore, I urge you, Mayor Robinson and Council, to permit the revitalization of the West End by allowing this development, and others like

# it, to proceed.

Richard Wilson s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: <u>Correspondence Group, City Clerk"s Office</u>

To: jack rubinfield

Subject: RE: 1401 Comox Street

**Date:** Friday, June 08, 2012 10:59:02 AM

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Thank you.

From: jack rubinfield [mailtos. 22(1) Personal and

Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 707 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject:

I have read the outline for development of 1401 Comox Street and believe it will add much needed rental suites to the West End..
I encourage council to approve the application

Thank you
Jack Rubinfield
s. 22(1) Personal
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Vancouver City Hall Mayors Office

RE: Comox Rental Project - Public Hearing

Dear Mayor Robertson and Councillors,

My name is Marianne Bird, and I live at s. 22(1) Personal and I was living in the West End at Confidential 1616 Pendrell when the planning process for 1401 Comox began. Eight months ago my boyfriend and I made the tough decision to move to Yaletown, even though we loved living in the West End.

Why? We were frustrated with the lack of amenities in our building, from basics like an in suite dishwasher and washer/drier to lifestyle facilities like a fully equipped gym. We were also fed up with the lack of security that our older building afforded us, as my boyfriend's truck was broken into numerous times. Finally, we're getting a dog and our rental building would not allow pets.

We still miss the community of the West End, but it's hard to imagine ever going back to an older building after living in one built in the last few years. We have in suite laundry and dishwasher, access to a great gym with a pool and squash courts, and we feel so much safer with all the security and key systems around the doors and garages. We haven't had a single break-in.

Even though I no longer live in the area, I've still made sure to keep tabs on the old neighborhood and stay informed of the project by attending several open house events. I think this project has a ton of great ideas and features, including the extension of the park outside The Gordon Neighborhood house on Broughton and the community green space surrounding the building. Such communal spaces are a benefit to all residents of the West End – renters, owners alike.

It is incredibly difficult to find available, liveable, secure rental accommodation with any sort of modern amenities in the West End. I strongly support this rental housing project and hope to see more like it, so that other young people like me won't be forced to leave the area or simply choose to stay away entirely.

Thanks for your time,

Marianne Bird

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk"s Office

brianpattesors. 22(1) To:

Subject: FW: 1401 Comox Street Rental Development.

Friday, June 08, 2012 2:08:48 PM Date:

Attachments: SENDER EMAILbrianpatteson<sup>s. 22(1) Personal and</sup>

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Thank you.

**From:** brianpatteson@s.22(1) Personal [mailto:brianpattesonand Confidential Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 2:03 PM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: 1401 Comox Street Rental Development.



## Mayor and Council:

I've lived in the West End for the greater part of my life, since 1964. With the great rush for developers to build condo's there has been little or no rental stock being built.

With house prices the price they are for the foreseeable future, people can't get the down payment together or can they afford the mortgage & monthly maintenance fee, but could make the monthly rent.

It would also give people the opportunity of choice, as they may not want to be tied into a mortgage and the cost of buying when they may not want to live in Vancouver for lifetime. Therefore, I urge you, Mayor Robinson and Council, to permit the revitalization of the West End by allowing this development to go

ahead.



From: <u>Correspondence Group, City Clerk"s Office</u>

To: <u>Kaitlin Thomas</u>

Subject: RE: Rezoning at 1401 Comox

Date: Friday, June 08, 2012 2:07:35 PM

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#### Thank you.

From: Kaitlin Thomas 5. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 1:36 PM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

**Subject:** Rezoning at 1401 Comox

Dear Mayor and Council,

### Re: Rental Housing Proposal at Comox & Broughton

My name is Kaitlin Thomas and I live at 5.22(1) Personal and I. I learned about the project at 1401 Comox at the open house at the Coast Denman hotel. I wanted to make sure you heard exactly why this kind of development is so important and beneficial to an entire generation of Vancouverites, straight from the mouth of a young Vancouver resident.

Vancouver is an enormously popular place to live, and many people are willing to pay a lot of money to have a home, or second home, here. My generation is finding it increasingly difficult, near impossible to own a home for a reasonable cost. Many of us are starting to realize we're probably going to be renting for life if we choose to stay here.

There simply isn't enough secure rental housing in this city to fill the demands of an entire generation's worth of renters, and what is available is deteriorating. Rented condominiums are not sufficient, because they're not secure. A condo owner can kick the person renting from them out of their condo with only a month's notice if they choose to live in it again.

People my age need more rental housing. I enthusiastically support the project at 1401 Comox and hope to see many more like it. Otherwise, Vancouver will see an exodus of young people and lose a great deal in the process. Thank you,

Kaitlin Thomas