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

To: s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

Subject: FW: Beach Towers Rezoning Application

Date: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 9:55:39 AM

Thank you for your comments.

All public comments submitted for the public hearing that are received not more than 15 minutes after the close of the speakers list for that public hearing will be distributed to members of Council for their consideration. The public comments must include the name of the writer. In addition, these public comments will also be posted on the City's website (http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/councilmeetings/meeting_schedule.cfm).

Please note that your contact information will be removed from the comments, with the exception of the writer's name. Comments received after the start of the public hearing should not exceed 1500 words.

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Thank you.

From: Jon Stovell s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Monday, February 04, 2013 9:22 PM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office **Subject:** Beach Towers Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Council

I am writing to express our strong support for this project.

The application meets the intent of the STIR program to increase rental supply in the CIty of Vancouver. Contrary to media reports the STIR program did not mandate any level of affordability. That said any increase in rental supply will help with affordability. And there is no such thing as over market rents.

We also support this project as Reliance owns lands in the area (mostly apartments and some retail) on Bidwell Street, Davie Street, Nelson Street, and Barclay Street.

We see renewal and investment in the area as highly favourable. The West End is an area of aging building stock and much renewal and investment will be required in the coming decades. Increasing rental supply of new stock will allow more room and flexibility to continue the renewal process.

This proposal seems to be achieving a great deal without any loss of existing rental buildings or overly aggravating people with height so close to the beach.

Our company has built a lot of rental apartments over the years and we are happy to do so when we can make it work.

Rental applications, rare as they are, should be welcomed by the City.

Say no to those who wish to shut out people who like the west end and would like to move there.

There is lots of room for everyone.

Please approve the Beach Towers rezoning at Public Hearing.

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Jon Stovell President Reliance Properties Ltd.

