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Subject:	FW: re-zoning at 611 Main Street
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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).
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Thank you.

From: Henry Tom s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 8:22 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: re-zoning at 611 Main Street

Dear Mayor and Council:

Please see attached Vancouver Chinatown Revitalization Committee letter to support the re-zoning application at 611 Main St.

Regards,

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February 20, 2013

CITY OF VANCOUVER
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Attn: Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vancouver City Councillors

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Support for the Re-Zoning Application at 611 Main Street

At the last meeting of the Vancouver Chinatown Revitalization Committee, the Board directed me to send a letter to Mayor and Council to support the re-zoning application for 611 Main Street at public hearing.

Beyond the merits of the proposal in front of you, this application is significant because it is the first re-zoning application for Chinatown. This proposal becomes a symbol of the large body of work that the VCRC and its many community partners have put into developing a Chinatown Vision. It symbolizes the more than 13 years of broad community consultation by City staff and grassroots advocacy by neighbourhood groups that culminated in the Chinatown Plan that Council adopted last year.

The VCRC supports this re-zoning application on its merits also. One of the key elements of the Chinatown Vision is to encourage residential intensification in Chinatown. This proposal will bring 134 units of market housing and 22 units of seniors housing to the neighbourhood. The VCRC is confident that these new Chinatown residents will help to build on the recent revitalization successes.

The VCRC is particularly pleased with the collaboration between the developer and SUCCESS to provide much needed assisted housing for Chinese seniors. SUCCESS is a very experienced and effective assisted housing operator. The VCRC is hopeful that this collaborative model of housing will inspire other private and not-for-profit housing developers to provide for the entire continuum of housing within Chinatown.

The VCRC commends the design team for their efforts to be respectful of the historic character of the neighbourhood. This latest design responds to comments from the community and from the City's advisory committees. The development team has also been very receptive to suggestions made by the VCRC in its "Chinatown Character" document.

The VCRC encourages the applicant to continue to refine its design through development permit process to be even more respectful of the Chinatown Character. The VCRC also encourages the applicant to develop a sales and marketing program to attract commercial tenants who will contribute to the Chinatown Character.

Yours truly,

Henry Tom,
Chair

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