To: <a href="mailto:rick.artuso@artusogroup.ca">rick.artuso@artusogroup.ca</a>

Subject: FW: Support Letter for 611 Main St. - Rick Artuso Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 11:34:25 AM

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Thank you.

From: Rick Artuso [mailto:rick.artuso@artusogroup.ca]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2013 10:28 AM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Cc: Drobot, Dwayne

Subject: Support Letter for 611 Main St. - Rick Artuso

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find attached my letter of support for the 611 Main Street development.

Regards,

### Rick Artuso

# **Artuso Group of Companies**

Nisus Construction Corp. Crest Developments Ltd. Artuso Properties Ltd.

# s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

604.299.4544 (tel) 604.299.0030 (fax) rick. artuso@artusogroup.ca

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To Mayor Gregor Robertson and members of Council,

I submit this letter to you to express my support for the mixed-use development proposed for 611 Main Street.

My family and I are the owners and landlords of several properties (223, 225, 227, 233, and 235 East Georgia) near the proposed development and we welcome it as a positive addition to the community. As developers and property owners with a longstanding connection to the Chinatown neighbourhood, one of our proudest accomplishments has been our contribution to the Lore Krill development at 239 East Georgia. The Lore Krill is a large co-op with 100 non-market units that we built and opened in 2002. We are landlords of the retail below, and we have an excellent rapport with the people living above.

I hope that this development is approved as I believe that it will bring only good things to the neighbourhood. I'm impressed by the inclusion of 22 seniors units to be overseen by the SUCCESS organization. I also like that the plans include a low ratio of parking stalls to dwelling units (60 stalls for 156 units), and 199 bicycle spaces, which will help ease dependency on car ownership and promote alternative forms of transportation in the area.

I regret that I have conflicting plans and am unable to attend the public hearing on February 21, 2013; I would have enjoyed sharing my opinion and thoughts with you in person. I urge you to please consider my comments and to vote in favour of approving this project.

Yours Truly,

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February 14, 2013

Dear Mayor and Council.

Please accept this letter of support for the development project proposed for 61T Main Street. I have been a local business owner in the neighbourhood for over 38 years; I own two buildings near the project, at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

building). I am also an active member of the community working to allow Chinatown to grow and develop as it deserves. I serve as a past Vice President of the Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association and a former chair of the Vancouver Chinatown Historic Planning Committee and the CMA Parking Association for many terms.

I would welcome this mixed-use development to the neighbourhood as I believe the addition of new residential, retail, and office space will have a positive impact on the community at large and the Keefer parkade can provide ample parking for the visitors of Chinatown. I'm also glad to see the inclusion of 22 seniors units (to be run by the SUCCESS organization) which are needed in East Vancouver.

I was the Chair of the Greater Vancouver Chinese Cultural Centre for 5 terms and am most interested to see developments which will bring more traffic to this historic area.

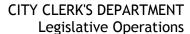
I think that the developer and the architect have done an excellent job at designing a project that respects the traditional architecture and heritage of the Chinatown neighbourhood. I would be happy to have a development such as this located near me and my properties.

I have long waited for Chinatown to attract more working class tenants or owners who will occupy the newly developed 611 Main building. I thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion on the proposed development. I hope that you vote in favour of its approval.

Sincere Regards,

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Derek Cheng Corning Drugs Ltd. s.22(1) Personal and Confidential





VIA FAX: 604.683.6287

February 15, 2013 VanRIMS No.: 08-2000-20

David C.K. Chiu Advice Travel Service Ltd. s.22(1) Personal and Confidential s.22(1) Personal and C fid ti I

Dear Mr. Chiu:

RE: REZONING - 611 Main Street

Thank you for your comments regarding the above-noted rezoning application.

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February 5, 2013

Dear Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Councillors,

I am writing to you to express my support for the proposed development at 611 Main Street.

I have been a resident and business owner in Chinatown for over 40 years. My business, Advice Travel Service Ltd., is located in the Chinatown Plaza on s.22(1) Personal and Confidential to the proposed development site. I would be very pleased to see a new mixed-use development such as this in Chinatown, and I think it would have a very positive impact on the neighbourhood. I look forward to seeing new residents in the area, as they will add vibrancy to the community and more prosperity to small business owners.

The inclusion of new retail space (on the ground floor) and office space (on the second floor) are great features that will help revitalize Chinatown and confirm its position as one of Vancouver's oldest and most dynamic commercial hubs.

I am also very pleased to learn that the proposal includes a partnership with SUCCESS Housing Society, who would own and operate 22 units in the building dedicated to seniors' rental housing. Many of Chinatown's senior citizens have spent most of their lives in the community, and it is important that housing be made available for them so that they may age in place.

I encourage you to vote in favour of approving the development project proposed for 611 Main Street. I regret that I will not be able to attend the public hearing on February 21, 2013, but I hope you take my letter of support into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

David C. K. Chiu

Advice Travel Service Ltd. 3.22(1) Personal and Confidential

To: <u>Steve.Fame@colliers.com</u>

Subject: FW: Letter of Support - 611 Main Street

Date: Monday, February 18, 2013 3:49:18 PM

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Thank you

From: Fame, Steve [mailto:Steve.Fame@colliers.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 18, 2013 1:47 PM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Cc: Drobot, Dwayne

Subject: Letter of Support - 611 Main Street

Mayor and Council:

Please find the attached letter of support for the 611 Main Street rezoning application.

All the best.

### Steve Fame\*

Vice President

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Dear Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Councillors,

As a property owner in Chinatown at <sup>s.22(1) Personal and Confidential</sup> I am writing to voice my support for the development plans proposed for 611 Main Street.

The development would fit in well with the neighbourhood, offering a modern mixed-use building with unique design and architectural features that pay respect to the historic nature of the area. As someone who has worked in this neighbourhood for many years, I welcome the inclusion of new office space, as I believe that the vibrancy of the neighbourhood makes it a great place to work. I'm also pleased to see the development's partnership with the SUCCESS organization, which would see 22 of the building's residential units set aside for seniors rental.

I hope that this letter conveys to you my support of this project and my wish to see it completed. I believe in this neighbourhood and know that it is capable of being one of Vancouver's best. I urge you, Mayor Robertson and Councillors, to vote in favour of approving the development proposed at 611 Main Street.

Sincerely,

Steve Fame

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# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -**

633 Main Street

**February 6, 2013** 

Vancouver City Council will hold a Public Hearing:

Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at 6 pm COUNCIL CHAMBER, THIRD FLOOR CITY HALL, 453 WEST 12TH AVENUE

To consider amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law.

If approved, the zoning would change from HA-1A (Chinatown Historic Area) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District. The proposal is for a 16-storey mixed-use residential-commercial development including 192 dwelling units and retail floor space. The proposed zoning would increase the maximum permitted height from 27.4 m (90 ft.) to 45.7 m (150 ft.). A floor space ratio (FSR) of 8.82 and total floor area of 12 974 m<sup>2</sup> (139,652 sq. ft.) are proposed.

Site Surrounding Zoning

Copies of the draft by-laws may be seen on and after February 15, 2013 at the City Clerk's Department in City , Hall, 453 West 12th Avenue, Third Floor, or in the Planning Department, East Wing of City Hall, Third Floor, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Anyone who considers themselves affected by the proposed by-law amendments may speak at the Public Hearing. Please register individually before 5 pm on February 27, 2013, by:

e-mail: publiche

publichearing@vancouver.ca

phone: 604.829.4238

in-person: 5:30 to 6 pm on day of Public Hearing

For more information on Public Hearings and

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You may submit your comments by:

e-mail: mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

nail: City Clerk's Office

City of Vancouver

453 West 12th Avenue, 3rd Floor

Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

All submitted comments will be distributed to Council and posted on the City's website. For more information regarding this proposal, visit: vancouver.ca/rezapps; or contact Dwayne Drobot at 604.871.6738.

January 31, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - || || || || || ||

611 Main Street

Vancouver City Council will hold a Public Hearing:

Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 6 pm COUNCIL CHAMBER, THIRD FLOOR CITY HALL, 453 WEST 12TH AVENUE

To consider amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law.

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To: peter hudson

Subject: RE: 611 main st. Re-zoning

**Date:** Monday, February 04, 2013 10:00:40 AM

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Thank you

----Original Message-----

From: peter hudson s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 5:55 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: 611 main st. Re-zoning

Dear Mayor & Council,

I recently received a notice of public hearing regarding the proposed re-zoning of 611 Main Street from HA-1A to CD-1. I am a resident and business owner of gastown, and as the president of the van Horne strata council at 22 e Cordova st (Ims2636). I am writing to voice my support for the re-zoning and proposed development.

Best regards, Peter Hudson

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To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidentia

Subject: FW: 611 Main Street Rezoning

Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 4:13:13 PM

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Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Vic Jang s.22(1) Personal and Confidential Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 4:10 PM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; Boomhower, Pat; Johnson, Ben; Winterbottom, Graham

Subject: 611 Main Street Rezoning

Dear: Mayor Robertson and City Councillors

Please find my letter of support for the rezoning of 611 Main Street as a property owner a block away from 611 Main Street

Regards

Victor Jang

To: Mayor Gregor Robertson and Council

From: Victor Jang

# RE: Rezoning Application - 611 Main Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion on the rezoning application for 611 Main Street. I am strongly in favour of the proposed plans, and I look forward to seeing the approval of this development.

I recently bought a home in the area, a s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Components, will help meet the neighbourhood's need for more housing options and amenities.

I really appreciate that the proposal includes a provision for reduced parking ratios, at 60 stalls for 156 units, as well as nearly 200 bicycle spots. My unit at 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential does not have a parking stall, and I believe this is a great step toward reducing car dependency in the city.

I encourage you to vote in favour of approving the rezoning application.

Respectfully,

Victor Jang s.22(1) Personal and

Confidential

To: s.22(1) Personal and

Subject: FW: Support letters for 611 & 633 Main Street Development

**Date:** Thursday, February 14, 2013 11:14:40 AM

Attachments: 611 Main Support Letter.pdf

633 Main Support Letter.pdf

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Thank you.

From: Director VCMAs.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2013 9:44 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Cc: Albert Tsang; Grace Wong; Henry Tom; Tony Lam; Vincent Ho; Willie Chan

Subject: Re: Support letters for 611 & 633 Main Street Development

Dear Mayor & Council:

Attached please find the support letters regarding the Zoning and Development of 611 Main & 622 Main for your kind consideration. Thank you.

Best regards,

Tony Lam

Chairman, Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Assciation



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# **Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association**

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Mayor and Council 453 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

February 13, 2013

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

I am writing to express the support of the Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association for the re-zoning proposal at 611 Main Street.

The VCMA is very pleased that the development proposal will be bringing new residents to the area and new customers for our members. We are also looking forward to welcoming new businesses and new investment to the site which has been underutilized for more than ten years.

The VCMA is particularly pleased that the applicant is supporting SUCCESS in providing seniors housing. We hope that this proposal will inspire other market and social housing developers to build more housing for Chinese seniors in Chinatown.

Yours truly,

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Tony Lam,

Chair, Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association

From: Public Hearing
To: Lilian Chu

Subject: RE: Letter for Mayor and Council re: 611 Main St. Project

**Date:** Monday, February 18, 2013 3:35:39 PM

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Email: <u>publichearing@vancouver.ca</u>
Website: <u>vancouver.ca/publichearings</u>

From: Lilian Chu s.22(1) Personal and Confidential Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 1:53 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Cc: Public Hearing; Simon Lee

Subject: Letter for Mayor and Council re: 611 Main St. Project

---- Original Message -----

From: Lilian Chu

To: mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

Cc: <a href="mailto:publichearing@vancouver.ca">publichearing@vancouver.ca</a>; <a href="mailto:Simon Lee">Simon Lee</a></a></a></a></a>Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 1:50 PM

Subject: Letter for Mayor and Council re: 611 Main St. Project

Hi, Sascha

Pls refer the attachment for the letter signed by Simon, thanks.

Best regards Lilian

From: Sascha Lichtenstein

**Sent:** Monday, February 18, 2013 12:54 PM

To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Subject: Letter for Mayor and Council re: 611 Main St. Project

Hello Simon,

I hope you had a great weekend. My name is Sascha Lichtenstein and I'm working with Al Degenova's office on the project proposed for 611 Main St.

Al let me know that you had asked us to draft you a letter to send to Mayor and Council in the support of the project.

Please find our draft attached. I've included the letter in Microsoft Word format as well as PDF in case you want to make any changes yourself. Obviously, you can also ask me to make any changes you feel necessary.

If you're comfortable with the letter, please email it to <a href="mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca">mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca</a> and CC <a href="publichearing@vancouver.ca">publichearing@vancouver.ca</a>

Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you again for your support!

Sascha Lichtenstein

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Simon Lee, and as a long time business-owner in the Chinatown area, I am writing to voice my support for the project proposed at 611 Main St.

My business, Jade Tours, has been operating out of Chinatown for 40 years, offering travel packages to Asia and the Middle East. A great deal of my clientele comes from the Chinatown area of Vancouver, as the services provide a convenient way for them to plan excursions to stay in touch with family and business partners abroad.

The nature of my business has given me the opportunity to meet and interact with a wide range of the people living and working in the Chinatown area, and it's clear to me that it is on the cusp of becoming one of the most diverse, vibrant and dynamic areas of Vancouver.

Mixed-use developments such as this proposed project are a great fit for Chinatown, and I think it would have a very positive impact on the neighbourhood. The addition of new housing with a variety of unit types would help provide living space for a new generation of young business owners and young families. Additionally, the SUCCESS rental housing would ensure that the older generation is able to continue living in the community they helped shape, close to family and friends.

The inclusion of new retail space and office space are great features that will help Chinatown continue to grow into a commercial hub, and ensure that the growing number of new residents have ready access to the services and amenities they need.

I would like to strongly urge you, Mayor and Council, to vote in favor of this rezoning application, and help us ensure that Chinatown reaches its full potential.

Thank you,

Simon Lee

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To: <u>Dave Marrow</u>

Subject: RE: Letter in Support of 611 Main Street Rezoning Application

**Date:** Monday, February 18, 2013 12:37:08 PM

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Thank you

From: Dave Marrow s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

**Sent:** Monday, February 18, 2013 12:07 PM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Letter in Support of 611 Main Street Rezoning Application

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the 611 Main Street site Rezoning Application. My wife and I are young professionals who recently purchased a condo in the City Gate development to raise our young child. We were drawn to the area for its (relative) affordability and central location in close proximity to downtown, Southeast False Creek, Gastown, and the south Main Street area, in particular. We are very excited with recent and future potential changes to the Chinatown neighbourhood, including new restaurants, bars/live music venues, and residential developments, and find ourselves spending more and more time in Chinatown proper. We, and all of our friends and acquaintances that live in the area, feel that the 611 Main Street proposal and other similar approved and proposed developments will help solidify Chinatown's growing reputation as a youth-driven social and cultural hotspot.

More importantly, this development (and again, other similar developments) will significantly improve the sense of safety and security in the area. Currently, our local post office is located on Main Street, just south of Hastings Street. I am hesitant to walk from City Gate along Main Street to the post office with my family due to the general accumulation of filth and seedy attributes associated with the empty storefronts and dilapidated buildings along the way. The elimination of these vacant storefronts and the addition of a large number of residents will improve both perceived and actual safety for my family, new individuals and families, and existing residents.

Thank you for your consideration, F cxkf 'O cttqy .'ROGpi 0'