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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:37 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Rezoning of Point Grey Hospital

From: Ted Robinson s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:09 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Cc: Point Grey Private Hospital
Subject: Rezoning of Point Grey Hospital

I am writing to support the rezoning proposal regarding Point Grey Private Hospital for the public hearing scheduled for later today.

My wife and I have been involved with Point Grey for the past few years since a very close personal friend became a resident.

From the initial introduction to the present time we have found the hospital to be extremely well run and the staff very friendly, patient and accommodating, from the cleaning staff right up to the administration and owners. They are dedicated to running a first class operation and go out of their way to make the facility as comfortable and "homey" as possible for the patients.

Having experienced the difficulty of finding space for a senior that requires assistance of the nature of what Point Grey provides, I appreciate the need for more beds, not just in the immediate community but throughout Metro Vancouver and the entire province. Our aging population will need more assistance and the Point Grey proposal is a small step in helping alleviate this problem.

I support the City's position in encouraging facilities that allow seniors to stay in their community, not just for themselves but for their families. A strong support system of family and friends is an important component of assisting the transition to living in a care facility such as Point Grey. I have seen the way family and friends support the residents at Point Grey and strongly encourage keeping seniors in their own community to ensure this support.

Regarding the expansion, I understand every effort has been made to accommodate the local concerns, including relocation for the residents in the 17 units in the adjacent apartment buildings. While an inconvenience it is a small price to pay for the additional beds to be made available. In addition I understand the new facility will be in keeping with the size and nature of the current building and is designed to minimize impact on the surrounding properties.

The particular location makes it a unique site for such a facility and provides access to the park, beach and pool that benefits the residents as much as the surrounding community. Making these facilities available to more seniors is a positive step for the community as a whole and for the future residents of the facility.

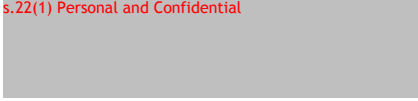
As for traffic concerns, I have been visiting this facility regularly for almost 2 years and traffic has never been an issue. Considering the commuter traffic along Cornwall the impact of Point Grey is almost negligible and, with the current closing of Point Grey Road west of MacDonald I would expect a reduction in commuter traffic along Cornwall to be less in the future. In addition, access to local services and public transportation make it an ideal location.

In summary, of all the possible locations for a seniors facility on the "west side" of Vancouver, Point Grey provides a unique, well run and positive addition to the community and I strongly support the expansion, not only for potential personal reasons but because I truly believe it is in the best interests of the overall community.

Thank you for the opportunity of expressing my views.

Ted Robinson

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Subject: FW: 2405-2445 Cornwall Avenue (Point Grey Private Hospital)

From: Jeff Mayer, Vancouver s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:21 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: 2405-2445 Cornwall Avenue (Point Grey Private Hospital)

Dear City of Vancouver Mayor and Council,

I strongly support the revised application for the amendments to the zoning and development bylaw that would allow this project to proceed. We need to provide the care that the seniors in our community need, while keeping them in the community and accessible to their families and friends. Two weeks ago I inquired at Point Grey Private Hospital about the possibility of having my mother admitted and was told that the wait time would likely be 12 - 18 months. She is 90, and, as it turns out, has very few agreeable options available to her. Previously, my father was cared for at Braddan Private Hospital, a related facility, at 2450 West 2nd Avenue. While there, he enjoyed a high quality of life by staying in his neighbourhood, with great care, in a safe, clean and supportive environment. Because he was in the community, I was able to visit him every day, and sometimes more than once per day. We need to provide more of these opportunities to our seniors, not fewer.

It is my observation that Braddan Private Hospital, and Point Grey Private Hospital are well integrated into their neighbourhoods. Expanding Point Grey Hospital will have benefits within the community that far outweigh any conceptions to the contrary, including possible external diseconomies that every attempt has been made to thoughtfully mitigate.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Mayer

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