

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Vancouver City Hall Attention: Mayor and Council, 453 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

#### **RE: Rezoning Application - 420 Hawks Avenue**

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of New Chelsea Society, I am pleased to forward this letter in support of the proposed seven-story, nonmarket housing development at 420 Hawks Avenue, Vancouver. I understand this proposal is pending approval of a rezoning application from M-1 (Industrial) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District. I also support this rezoning application.

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Lastly, I would like mention that as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, New Chelsea Society became the new owner and operator of the Stamps Place housing complex. We look forward to working in partnership with Atira Women's Resource Society in the future, in that if and as their women's families grow, there may be opportunities for them to be able to move from the smaller Atira units into larger, more conventional multi-bedroom homes at Stamps Place so they can stay in the same community.

Sincerely,

NEW CHELSEA SOCIETY

Per: Patrick Buchannon Executive Director May 13, 2016

Vancouver City Hall Attention: Mayor and Council 453 W 12th Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

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Sincerely,

Alice Kendall

**Executive Director** 

Downtown Eastside Women's Centre

May 11, 2016

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Sincerely.

Bernadette Spence

Chief Executive Officer

Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Friday, May 13, 2016 9:08 AM

To:

**Public Hearing** 

Subject:

FW: 420 Hawkes Housing

From: Empress Rooms Support s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 8:50 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Re: 420 Hawkes Housing

I fully support this type of housing for intergenerational housing, being a survivor of the 60's Scoop, having to grow up with complete strangers. My biological family being ripped apart. My adopted family was more dysfunctional than my birth family. So yes I am so up and for this new housing for families. It takes a Community to raise a child.

Cecelia Boersen

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Friday, May 13, 2016 9:28 AM

To:

**Public Hearing** 

Subject:

FW: 420 Hawks

From: Amber Enquist s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 8:53 AM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: 420 Hawks

Dear Mayor and Council,

I will support women, children and the housing project at 420 Hawk.

If you have any questions please contact me.



Regards, Amber Enquist Licensed Strata Manager caring property management for your community

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Friday, May 13, 2016 1:29 PM

To:

**Public Hearing** 

Subject:

FW: 420 Hawks

-----Original Message-----From: Karmela G [ s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 11:36 AM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: 420 Hawks

I support this project!

Respectfully,

Karmela Gubic

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office From:

Friday, May 13, 2016 2:16 PM Sent:

**Public Hearing** To:

FW: Rezoning Application: 420 Hawks Avenue Subject:

420 Hawkes letter.docx **Attachments:** 

----Original Message-----

From: Audrey Anne Guay

Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 1:52 PM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: Rezoning Application: 420 Hawks Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached please find a letter including my comments on the rezoning application for 420 Hawks Avenue.

Sincerely,

Audrey Anne Guay
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From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Monday, May 16, 2016 9:53 AM

To:

**Public Hearing** 

Subject:

FW: 420 Hawks

From: Elizabeth Campbell

**Sent:** Sunday, May 15, 2016 6:44 PM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: 420 Hawks

This project is such a good idea. Children need all the support they can get and this is a good way to give a number of children a path to a better life. Elizabeth Campbell

From:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Sent:

Monday, May 16, 2016 9:44 AM

To:

**Public Hearing** 

Subject:

FW: 420Hawk - Staff Support

From: Maxxine Wright Shelter Support s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 4:53 PM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Re: 420Hawk - Staff Support

Hello,

I am sending you my support in regards to 420 Hawk.

Respectfully,

Barbara Gallego

#### **Support Worker**

Maxxine Wright Shelter

help end violence against women and children

Atira Women's Resource Society | www.atira.bc.ca Maxxine Wright Place

T: 604.580.2915 | F: 604.580.2945













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May 16, 2016



Dear Mayor Robertson and Members of Council:

I am writing today on behalf of the YWCA of Metro Vancouver in support of the proposal by Atira Women's Resource Society to develop a seven-story non-market housing project for women and children at 420 Hawks Avenue. We are pleased to support the rezoning of this property from M-1 Industrial District to CD-1 Comprehensive Development District.

The proposed project is in keeping with the objectives of the Downtown Eastside (DTES) Local Area Plan (LAP) and will fill an important gap in the continuum of housing options identified in the City's Housing and Homelessness Strategy. It will provide a key source of much-needed accommodation for women and children, at an affordable rent based on the Province's maximum shelter allowance for women on Income Assistance.

We further note the creative us of upcycled shipping containers as a feature of the project that reflects the City's stated objectives for sustainable and innovative urban development.

The YWCA Metro Vancouver has a 40-year history of serving women and children in the Downtown Eastside and Strathcona communities through YWCA Crabtree Corner. More recently, we have been delighted to work with the Vancouver Public Library on the development of the na´ca?mat ct Strathcona Branch and YWCA Cause We Care House, providing 21 units of affordable housing and services for women and children.

The 420 Hawks Avenue project could provide an important housing option for women transitioning from YWCA Crabtree Corner Housing. Similarly, YWCA Cause We Care House may be an option for women leaving the 420 Hawks Avenue project. We look forward to working in collaboration with our colleagues at the Atira Women's Resource Society to serve these women as their families grow and their housing needs change.

We are pleased to encourage City Council to support the rezoning application and the proposed non-market housing project at 420 Hawks Avenue.





Yours truly,



CEO, YWCA Metro Vancouver s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



May 15, 2016

Vancouver City Hall Attention: Mayor and Council 453 W 12th Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

RE: Rezoning Application - 420 Hawks Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of myself, Alisha Kuntz, I am pleased to forward this letter supporting the proposed sevenstorey nonmarket housing development at 420 Hawks Avenue, Vancouver. I understand this proposal is pending approval of a rezoning application from M-1 (Industrial) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District. I also support this rezoning application.

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Sincerely,

Alisha Kuntz

Support Worker

Maxxine Wright Shelter

Atira Women's Resource Society

May 14, 2016

Vancouver City Hall Attention: Mayor and Council 453 W 12th Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

RE: Rezoning Application - 420 Hawks Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of myself, Sarah Alloisio, and in support of Atira, Women's Resource Society, I am pleased to forward this letter supporting the proposed seven-storey nonmarket housing development at 420 Hawks Avenue, Vancouver. I understand this proposal is pending approval of a rezoning application from M-1 (Industrial) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District. I also support this rezoning application.

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Sarah Alloisio



# **SHEWAY**

## A Community Program for Women and Children

May 9, 2016

Vancouver City Hall Attention: Mayor and Council 453 W 12th Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

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Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Sheway, we are pleased to forward this letter supporting the proposed seven-storey nonmarket housing development at 420 Hawks Avenue, Vancouver.We understand this proposal is pending approval of a rezoning application from M-1 (Industrial) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District. We also support this rezoning application.

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Sincerely,

Patti Zettel

Manager, Sheway Program

VCH Mental Health & Addiction Program

Dana Clifford

Clinical Coordinator, Sheway Program VCH Mental Health & Addiction Program

May 13,2016

Vancouver City Hall Attention: Mayor and Council 453 W 12th Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

RE: Rezoning Application - 420 Hawks Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Manjit Virk], I am pleased to forward this letter supporting the proposed seven-storey nonmarket housing development at 420 Hawks Avenue, Vancouver. I understand this proposal is pending approval of a rezoning application from M-1 (Industrial) District to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District. I also support this rezoning application.

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Manjit virk
Support Worker
Maxxine Wright Shelter)
Atira Womens Resources Society

Sincerely,



May 12th, 2016

Vancouver City Hall

Attention: Mayor and Council

453 W 12th Ave Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

RE: Rezoning application – 420 Hawks Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing on behalf of The Kettle Friendship Society to support the rezoning application to build a seven story non market housing development at 420 Hawks Ave. I understand the proposal is pending approval of rezoning from M-1 District to CD-1 District. I support this application.

We are well aware of the wonderful work Atira Women's Resource Society has done over the past years and support their application to increase the opportunity to provide safe, affordable housing for women and children and for the opportunity for women to keep custody of their children. Atira is working with partners to accomplish these goals.

I ask Council to please support this rezoning and this incredibly important project for some of our most vulnerable community members.

Sincerely,

Nancy Keough

**Executive Director** 

The Kettle Friendship Society



From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 11:21 AM

To: Public Hearing

**Subject:** FW: 420 Hawks rezoning

From: Jean Swanson s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 10:08 AM **To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Subject: 420 Hawks rezoning

Dear Mayor and council, at our recent Carnegie Community Action Project meeting we discussed and agreed to support the proposed rezoning for the housing project at 420 Hawks. We support the project because of the dire need for welfare rate social housing in the Downtown Eastside and across the city.

However, we would like the city to know that we do not appreciate the continual reduction in housing standards for low income people, down to 420 square feet for a one bedroom unit. In addition, we hope the city will work as hard as possible to ensure that all the units in the new building rent for the welfare shelter rate and not above that.

Jean Swanson on behalf of CCAP

Jean Swanson