

May 13, 2015

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,

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Sincerely,

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Ameika Gillispie-Angus

Support Worker

Maxxine Wright Shelter

Atira Women's Resource Society

May 12 2016

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Dear Mayor and Council,

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Barbara Gallego

Support Worker at Maxxine Wright Shelter

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May 14, 2016]

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On behalf of Lenora Bellamy, 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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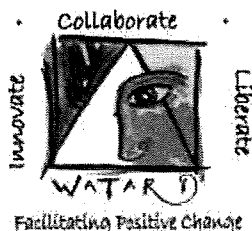
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Lenora Bellamy

Support Worker

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**Watari Counselling &
Support Services Society**

*Youth Housing
Youth Day Treatment
Eastside Youth Outreach
Substance Use Counselling
Community Research & Development
Training, Education & Health Promotion*

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Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Watari Counselling & Support Services, 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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Michelle Fortin
Executive Director
Watari Counselling & Support Services



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Devinder Sekhon, CPA, CGA, CHE, MHA
Senior Director of Finance, Social Enterprise and Administration
PHS Community Services Society
20 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1G6

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Sincerely,

Kimberly Paquin

Women's Support Worker

Empress Rooms

Atira Women's Resource Society



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Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Battered Women's Support Services, 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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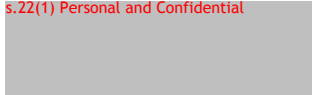
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Angela Marie MacDougall
Executive Director
Battered Women's Support Services

Tuerlings, Leslie

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:45 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: 420 Hawks Avenue

From: Christine Lamont [REDACTED] s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 10:40 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: 420 Hawks Avenue

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Attention: Mayor and Council

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Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Christine Lamont, 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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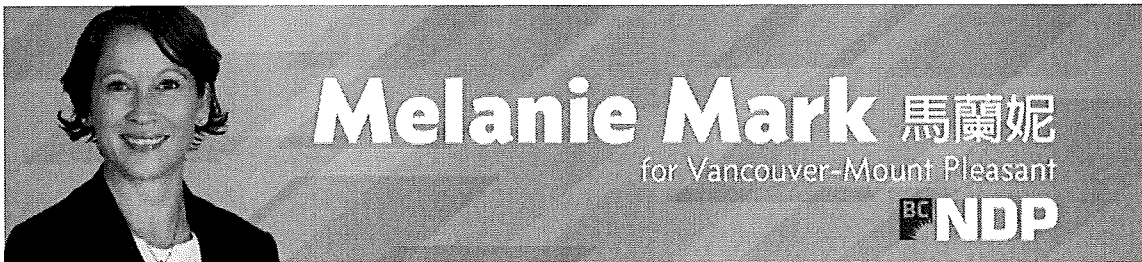
Sincerely,

Christine Lamont

Program Manager

The Rice Block Housing for Women

Atira Women's Resource Society



December 31, 2015

Dear: Vancouver Mayor and Council
c/o Linda Gillan, City of Vancouver Planning

Please accept this letter of support for the rezoning of 420 Hawks St., and, the development of new social housing in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

This innovative project brings together partners Atira, VACFSS, Sheway and Watari to provide essential intergenerational housing and high impact support to women and their families.

While small in scope compared to the ongoing housing affordability crisis facing Vancouver, 420 Hawks represents an important step forward.

From my understanding the proposed housing provided at the site will be affordable for local residents, with rates one hundred percent equal to the shelter allocation provided by BC income assistance. I fully support this approach because it mitigates the negative consequences as a result of market housing pressures, secures housing affordability in its truest meaning and protects long time local residents from displacement.

The 420 Hawks project offers a vital part of the solution to many tragic issues that continue to stress the City of Vancouver and British Columbia.

This development when completed will empower women and children to stay together in their community. I applaud all of the stakeholders for taking the time to consult with community - to ensure this endeavor has great success.

Sincerely,

Melanie Mark
BC NDP Candidate for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant

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Sincerely,

Rosie Braich

Program Coordinator

The Family Project

Atira Women's Resource Society



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May 17, 2016

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Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of WISH Drop-In Centre Society, I am pleased to forward this letter supporting the proposed seven-story nonmarket housing development at 420 Hawks Avenue. 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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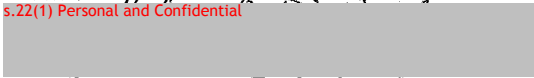
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Executive Director



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13 May 2016

Mayor and Council
City of Vancouver
453 W 12th Avenue
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RE: Proposed rezoning at 420 Hawks Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

BC Non-Profit Housing Association strongly supports the proposed rezoning at 420 Hawks Avenue. BCNPHA is the umbrella organization for non-profit social housing providers in BC. Atira Women's Resource Society is one of our members, and is well known within our sector for innovative approaches to housing provision for those most disadvantaged.

As the City is well aware, the existing supply of social housing is aging and with little support from senior levels of government in recent decades, there is a social housing supply crisis in Vancouver and the surrounding region.

The proposed project at 420 Hawks addresses the housing needs of two specific groups of women that are disproportionately impacted by our housing crisis: seniors and single mothers. Nearly 2/3 of single mother who rent in Vancouver are paying more than 30% of their income on rent. Nearly 1/3 are spending more than 50%, a crisis level of spending that puts them and their children at risk of homelessness. Seniors who rent in Vancouver are only somewhat better off. While no one project can solve such a crisis, 420 Hawks provides new housing opportunities for people whose needs are not met by the market. And it does through an intergenerational and inclusive approach, recognizing that housing is more than a physical structure.

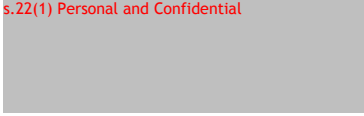
Projects with rents affordable to families and seniors in deep need have been rare over the last generation, and 420 Hawks proposes rents at shelter rates. Projects built under the newly created Provincial Investment in Affordable Housing will not receive operating subsidies and a small minority of the units will be available to those on income assistance. This reality makes 420 Hawks one of the few that will provide housing to those most in need at the same time that we're losing supply through expiring agreements.

420 Hawks as currently envisioned strongly aligns with the housing objectives in the City's Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan. In particular the affordability, condition and supports objectives are met by this project and its family focus situates nicely within the Strathcona housing priorities.

BCNPHA enthusiastically supports the rezoning of 420 Hawks because of the community benefits outlined here. I'd be happy to answer any further questions you may have about our support for the project.

Sincerely,

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Kishone Roy
CEO

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John Boschert



The Kettle Society
Strength through mental health

May 12th, 2016

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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,

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Nancy Keough
Executive Director
The Kettle Friendship Society

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