

Castro, Maria

From: Michelle Allin s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 7:23 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Public comment for 809 West 23rd Avenue

Hello,

I would like to register my support for 809 West 23rd Avenue. I live in Douglas Park and will be affected by this project. I have friends and family in the neighbourhood.

809 West 23rd Avenue should be approved for the reasons listed below:

- 809 West 23rd Avenue will help keep local housing prices down
- I want my friends and family to be able to live in Douglas Park, and they won't be able to do that if there aren't enough homes
- This project will make Douglas Park a more vibrant, exciting neighbourhood
- Central, walkable neighbourhoods like this are the best places to build more homes
- If we want people to use public transit, we need to let them live near it

Of course in an ideal world, things would be a little different:

- I'm disappointed that the project doesn't have even more units
- It's disappointing that a project like this requires a rezoning

Please approve this project.

Best regards,
Michelle Allin
s. 22(1) Personal and
Confidential

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From: Laura Barlow <s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:12 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Housing Density in the Douglas Park Neighborhood (June 13)

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the establishment of more diversified, smaller footprint housing in the Douglas Park area. I am dismayed that the neighborhood association is moving against affordability and is advocating for the rights of the few over the many.

I live nearby and often use the neighborhood parks in the area, along with my friends who are young parents. These same couples are now planning moves to the suburbs because of the lack of affordable housing in family friendly neighborhoods in Vancouver. Density only by busy transit hubs will not serve the needs of young families.

I ask that city council recognize that the attitude of the Douglas Park neighborhood association pushes a NIMBY agenda for a group of property millionaires and that it does not halt small footprint housing density in this area.

Thank-you kindly for your attention,

Laura Barlow

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From: Ericka Stephens-Rennie s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 8:48 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: support for 809 W 23rd Ave project

Dear Clerk and Council,

I'm writing to express my support for affordable housing near the Canada Line. This includes in Douglas Park, and the 809 W 23rd Ave project specifically. This project is proposing four basement units. These units are a part of the affordability solution that our city needs. We need these units built...and we need more - hundreds more - similar units built everywhere around our city, but particularly in neighbourhoods with easy access to transit.

Neighbourhood consistency is keeping our city locked into an affordability crisis. Let's break free by unleashing the new density we need.

Best,

Ericka Stephens-Rennie
s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

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From: Jamie Cook s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 9:18 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 809 West 23rd

Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vancouver Council Members,

I am writing regarding my support for 809 West 23rd Avenue. This project is in a great location and I'd love to live there someday. The project is close to my home in Douglas Park. I grew up in Douglas Park and have sentimental ties to the neighbourhood. I have friends and family who live nearby, and I want the best for them.

I support 809 West 23rd Avenue for the following reasons:

- I would like to move to Douglas Park someday, and that will be easier if there are more homes there
- I don't want to be priced out of Douglas Park
- I want my friends and family to be able to live in Douglas Park, and they won't be able to do that if there aren't enough homes
- This project will make Douglas Park a more vibrant, exciting neighbourhood
- Central, walkable neighbourhoods like this are the best places to build more homes
- If we want people to use public transit, we need to let them live near it

I urge you to approve this project.

Sincerely yours,

Jamie Cook

s. 22(1) Personal and
Confidential

Castro, Maria

From: Jhenifer Pabillano s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 9:50 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Public comment for 809 West 23rd Avenue

Hello,

I am writing regarding my support for 809 West 23rd Avenue. This project is in a great location and I'd love to live there someday.

I urge you to approve 809 West 23rd Avenue for a number of reasons including the following:

- I want my friends and family to be able to live in Douglas Park, and they won't be able to do that if there aren't enough homes
- This project will make Douglas Park a more vibrant, exciting neighbourhood
- Central, walkable neighbourhoods like this are the best places to build more homes
- If we want people to use public transit, we need to let them live near it

There are some things that could be improved:

- I'm disappointed that the project doesn't have even more units
- The project could have more family-friendly units
- The land should already be zoned to allow homes like this, no rezoning required

I urge you to approve this project.

Respectfully yours,
Jhenifer Pabillano

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Mitchell Reardon s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 9:59 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Douglas Park - 809 W 23rd Ave

We desperately need more housing. While rarely anyone's favourite housing choice, basement suites are vital to the city's housing stock. They provide much needed homes to many, many workers in the city. They are also a launch pad for many, whether it's a move across the country, or out of your parents' house. Please do not eliminate basement suites from the 809 W 23rd application.

Thank you,

Mitchell Reardon

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From: Hilary Thomson s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:11 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Douglas Park

As a resident of Vancouver, I support the densification application in the AMORC building. The large site is completely appropriate for a rezoning application with density. Density should not be confined only to corridors. We need density in all neighborhoods, especially those right near transit and right in the heart of the City.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Tamara Shand s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:30 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Douglas Park densification

I support densification and more affordable units near the Canada Line, and four additional units in the small infill development on Douglas Park in particular.

It seems ridiculous to me that a small group of loud, affluent residents should deny affordable housing to those of us who are less fortunate especially given the lie vacancy rates for rental housing in this city.

Kind regards,

Tamara Shand

Apologies for brevity
Sent from my iPhone

Castro, Maria

From: Alan Manning s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:49 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Regarding 809 West 23rd Avenue

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver,

I am writing to express my support for 809 West 23rd Avenue. I would love to live in Douglas Park someday. I live close to the proposed development site.

809 West 23rd Avenue should be approved because:

- I would like to move to Douglas Park someday, and that will be easier if there are more homes there
- Projects like this will make it less likely that I am priced out of Douglas Park
- I want my friends and family to be able to live in Douglas Park, and they won't be able to do that if there aren't enough homes

809 West 23rd Avenue deserves to be approved, but we'd be even better off if:

- I'm disappointed that the project doesn't have even more units
- Projects like this should not require a rezoning. You should rezone proactively so the next one doesn't!

Best regards,

Alan Manning

s. 22(1) Personal and
Confidential

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From: Alex Jürgen Thumm s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 11:23 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 809 W 23rd Ave.

Good evening,

I would like to write in favour of allowing the four basement suites at 809 W. 23rd. There is plenty of room to accommodate more infill and density. Vancouver needs housing, first and foremost. There is no risk to neighbourhood character, whatever that means. We cannot let homeowners beg Council to close the gate as soon as they enter the pasture.

Cheers,
Alex Thumm
s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

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From: Chris Miller s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 809 W 23rd Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my support for 809 West 23rd Avenue. I live in a nearby neighbourhood and often visit the area. An adaptive re-use project such as this should be encouraged all around the city.

Council should approve the project for these reasons:

- It will add more housing variety to the city.
- Central, walkable neighbourhoods like this are the best places to build more homes. This helps support vibrant neighbourhoods and a more sustainable built environment.
- There is lots of public transit nearby to support the slight increase in population.

Respectfully yours,

Chris Miller

Castro, Maria

From: Brian Clifford s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 12:29 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Comments regarding 809 West 23rd Avenue

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for 809 West 23rd Avenue. I am a Millennial and would like other young people to be able to live and work in Vancouver. This project represents a sensible, soft form of densification and should not be blocked by a few NIMBYs.

I recommend that you approve the project for the reasons listed below:

- 809 West 23rd Avenue will help keep local housing prices down
- I want my friends and family to be able to live in Douglas Park, and they won't be able to do that if there aren't enough homes
- Central, walkable neighbourhoods like this are the best places to build more homes
- If we want people to use public transit, we need to let them live near it

Of course in an ideal world, things would be a little different:

- The project could have more family-friendly units

Please approve this project.

Sincerely,

Brian Clifford

Castro, Maria

From: Holly Clarke s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: REZONING AND HERITAGE DESIGNATION: 809 West 23rd Avenue

Hello please find my comments regarding tonight's public hearing below, thank you:

Dear City Council,

I am renter in the South Cambie neighbourhood. I live three blocks away from the proposed redevelopment site and four blocks away from Douglas Park--one of my favourite parks in the city. My partner and I co-lead a local sustainability initiative, GreenBloc (sponsored in part by the City), that looks enhance our neighbourhood's capacity to future climate shocks, mitigate our local carbon footprint and build community by increasing opportunities for social interaction with neighbours.

After 5 years of living in this neighbourhood, and twenty-years of frequenting Douglas Park, I have grown fond of the neighbourhood's character, one defined NOT by the 3-story gabled detached homes but by the existence and flourishing of families who congregate around this great park and the several fantastic neighbouring green spaces. This character has been in slow decline. That this neighbourhood, along with many around the city, have become inaccessible to many families is not news to you. The lack of housing options is a major reason for this.

This proposed rezoning is precisely what we need more of in our spacious neighbourhoods of detached houses and in this neighbourhood in particular. Close proximity to green space. Check. Five minute walk to rapid transit and less than 5 minutes walk to frequent bus service. Check. Close proximity to groceries and services (King Edward Mall). Check. How does a project that supports so many city-wide objectives face such lengthy scrutiny?

It has been disheartening to watch this process. Not only has there been far too much friction imposed by the City on the advancement of this project (ie. over 2 years since this project was first proposed and a public hearing process!) but staff (influenced by Council) have buckled under the loud pangs from a half dozen, financially resourceful neighbours and forced this into a much less ambitious project. That we are turning back projects as quaint and tepid as this applicant's initial proposal makes me fear the future of development and planning in this city. If we cannot accept projects as benign and sensitive to the existing neighbourhood as this than we are truly screwed.

To summarize: Approve this, but do so recognizing the frustration of many of us neighbours who appreciated the freshness and density of the applicant's original proposition.

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From: Anne Grenier s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: rezoning 809 W23rd Avenue

I am a Douglas Park resident and I support this proposal. We need more varieties of housing for families in the neighbourhood. I also like the fact that an old building with a long community history is being repurposed, rather than ending up in the landfill.

Anne Grenier
s. 22(1) Personal and
Confidential

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From: s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential on behalf of Ryan Schroeder s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: regarding REVISED Rezoning Application - 809 West 23rd Avenue

Hello,

I recently became aware of the revised rezoning application at 809 West 23rd Avenue - <http://rezoning.vancouver.ca/applications/809w23rd/index.htm>

I myself live in a two-bedroom basement suite on s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential, along with my wife and two (soon to be three!) kids. Obviously two bedrooms is a bit small for a family of almost five, but we're making it work, as of course rents (let alone property values!) are so high. We believe it's important for families to live in the city centre - not just for themselves, but for overall social well-being as well.

I think more rental units are just one area the city can encourage in pursuit of cooling the crazy housing market we have here and make it more affordable for families. I agree that there may be "thousands of affordable units" already in the area, but we need as many as we can get until prices are more reasonable, so I'm asking that the original application for 10 dwelling units be approved instead of the revised 6.

Thanks for taking the time to read this!

Ryan Schroeder

s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

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From: Keith Stewart s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 809 West 23rd Avenue proposal

Dear Mayor and Council,

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I urge you to approve the project for a number of reasons including the following:

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I urge you to approve this project.

Thank you for your time,

Keith Stewart
s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential