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From: Lara Spence "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
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To: Public Hearing
Subject: In Support of 5679 Main Street

Dear Vancouver team:

I am writing to offer my support for the project proposed for 5679 Main Street.

I was very excited to learn about this project as it provides the opportunity for about 50-60 people to have a new, secure, good home to rent in the city. I have several friends who would like to live in Vancouver without the threat of renoviction, and enjoy life with some security. A few have lived in Vancouver during marriages, moved to suburbs, and, now, they find themselves on their own and petrified at the thought of high and increasing rental costs (when their retirement and life income will be relatively moderate) or low-quality housing choices often with poor light, poor amenities.

I have lived in the Main-Fraser/41st area since 2002. I was fortunate enough to buy a house on a small lot then. Community is powerful in many adjoining neighbourhoods, and I see it as an asset to the area to have new Rental 100 available so new individuals and small families to the can live "above ground" vs. only having the option of a basement suite if they choose to come to this area. I believe that the project at 5679 Main Street offers a quality housing option for those who may choose to rent and live in the City of Vancouver. It will bring new positive community to that intersection that hasn't been there previously.

I went to the open house in May. I have reviewed the site plan and the shadow plan and see it has all been well thought out. I see no issues. A new attractive building, outdoor space for all, community garden (excellent!), environmentally-aligned amenities matching the lifestyle and values of tenants (less cars, embrace public transport (this project in a great location for bus across town and down town), bike route a few blocks away, etc.), and a bit of commercial at the ground level to keep people local, boost the economy of the area (41-49th) and diversify income for the developer. How much fun to walk out your door and get coffee vs. walking blocks and blocks?

I believe Rental 100 housing is an important part of the housing mix that will ensure Vancouver is a lively and diverse city for the next 50 years. I applaud the team working on this project for creating potential for 46 new suites + families in such an efficient way. I hope we can have more rezoning and development like this!

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