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Attention: Karen Hoese, Rezoning Planner

To whom it may concern;

I am a 20 year resident of the Grandview Woodlands neighbourhood and I am pleased to offer my support to the proposed affordable rental housing development at the corner of East $1^{\rm st}$ Avenue and Victoria Drive. Salsbury Community Society and its housing management arm Co:Here Housing have responsibly managed a number of rental houses in the area, and I believe they will continue to do so in the new building.

Rental housing is a critical need in our neighbourhood, which has seen the loss of several rental units recently, with older multi-suite homes that had been affordable rentals being replaced with condos and duplexes. My own family just moved house after 13 years because our rental duplex was slated for teardown. We were very lucky to find an affordable situation, after looking for over a year. As an artist and musician in East Van it is very important to me that the community remain diverse both culturally and economically. We have an unusually exciting mix of people over here. I know that more affordable housing will help to keep our neighbourhood vibrant.

Knowing the good work that the partners have been doing in Grandview Woodlands, I feel confident that the housing project will add value to our neighbourhood.

Sincerely,

Veda Hille