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Vancouver City Council  
453 West 12th Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing, in my capacity as the Director of Settlement Services at MOSAIC, to express my support for the "Co:Here Housing Project" re-zoning application, submitted by Salisbury Community Society on behalf of Grandview Calvary Baptist Church.

MOSAIC is a multilingual non-profit organization dedicated to addressing issues that affect immigrants, refugees and newcomers in the course of their settlement and integration into Canadian society. MOSAIC empowers immigrants, refugees and newcomers through leadership and innovation in service delivery, community building and advocacy. Our programs and services are constantly evolving and developing in response to the needs of the community.

I have read the Co:Here Housing Project information package. I highly endorse the project goal to create an authentic community that offers a continuum of support for vulnerable people in the neighbourhood where MOSAIC is serving out of our head office in Grandview Woodland area. Building a mixed income housing community project will provide a place of mutual support, dignity, creativity, and sense of belonging for low-income residents. Given the project's target population and that it is not proposing to house high-need residents, it's appropriate to house them on this site and it will not pose undue risk to our neighbours.

Given the track record of Salisbury Community Society and Grandview Calvary Baptist Church, I have the confidence that they have the capacity to make this Co:Here Housing Project successful. The knowledge and learning of this innovation will be transferrable to others who want to be creative in housing project that addresses economic, social, and environment needs of the people and community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours truly,

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Director of Settlement Services

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