

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2013 10:54:34 AM

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From: Barbara & Mike Angel s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 7:31 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

We are writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

We are concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

We are excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood. As senior members of Cedar Cottage Cohousing Community we are looking forward very much to moving into a multi-generational community where we can enjoy the rest of our retirement years in the company of and with the support of family and friends, rather than spend our final years in seniors' housing where we would know none of our neighbours or the staff.

We ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Barbara & Mike Angel
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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 3:08:23 PM

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From: Petrina Arnason s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 2:11 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing in support of the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue. I understand that the proponents are continuing to work with the neighbours as well as the City to come up with a good solution to all of the issues recently raised.

I am writing to express my strong support for the development of affordable housing in Vancouver. Cohousing developments facilitate identified affordability goals as it offers housing for those earning \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year, which is a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

Although I don't live in Vancouver, I am currently working with the Township of Langley on affordable housing options arising from their "Housing Action Plan." I believe that sustainable neighbourhoods must start with affordability and that co-housing offers a great way to create community and to animate a number of policies that will make the community more sustainable in the longer term.

In closing, I would sincerely ask that the Mayor, Council and staff give this project all the support necessary in order to ensure that this project is approved for rezoning.

Petrina Arnason

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 3:59:58 PM

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From: Carol Blacklaws s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 9:21 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

Please take a moment to truly understand the "goodness" of this project and how see how it can move housing forward in Vancouver.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Carol Blacklaws
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 25, 2013 12:30:37 PM

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From: Ben Brown s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2013 4:03 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

Cohousing is socially healthy housing, both for the individuals involved and for the city as a whole. Progressive city councils should be supporting, encouraging and enabling cohousing. Do your homework, discover why countries like Denmark have embraced cohousing as a national strategy. People are happier and psychologically healthier living in supportive community groups. Don't waste this opportunity to make Vancouver a healthier place to live.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Ben Brown
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Heather Brown](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 25, 2013 11:59:38 AM

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From: Heather Brown s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 5:46 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

Our family has been involved with the Cohousing movement for the past 20 years. Cohousing is a positive way to bring higher density, affordable housing in a sustainable way without sacrificing livability.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver. This project offers a solution to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers vibrant healthy living space for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

The cohousing proposal is being put forward by a group of people who want to create a supportive community within the neighbourhood. To be apart of the neighborhood and enhance the neighborhood community as a whole.

I am excited about the chance to bring another Cohousing project to the lower mainland which offers affordability, sustainability, has a diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's families.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Heather Brown

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:24:55 AM

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From: Chandra Carlson s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 8:32 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood. I have personal experience with cohousing. I have lived at the WindSong Cohousing community in Langley since moving to the Lower Mainland in 1997. I can't imagine living anywhere else. I know all my neighbours. We work together, socialize regularly together and support each other. For example, when my neighbours were in a terrible car accident, my cohousing neighbours and I helped to look after their home, and visited regularly while they stayed in hospital for over two months. We were also there when they needed help upon arriving home from hospital. WindSong is truly a community who cares and helps each other. In other words, we are a family!

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Chandra Carlson

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 11:53:59 AM

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From: Alan Carpenter s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:58 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I believe this projects and projects like this solve a lot of social issues that come from living in isolation. When people have a sense of community where they live and know their neighbors it creates more safety, better health, less use of city services, more sustainable action (as the recent report by the Vancouver Foundation), more affordable living, aging in place better and the list goes on. I believe that it is in everyone's best interest to fast track projects and subsidize project like this as much as possible. These projects are a real key in creating a better world.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved and fast tracked for development.

I also suggest that any new "Community created" / Cohousing projects be given a priority and are fast tracked as much as possible in order to help address many of a social issues today.

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Alan Carpenter
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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:13:33 AM

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From: Tricia Carpenter s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 6:25 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

My husband and I have lived at WindSong Cohousing in Langley since its inception in 1996 and now our son Wade and daughter-in-law Cher Carpenter are excited about living at Cedar Cottage Cohousing. This is why I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

Living in cohousing encourages both social and environmental sustainability. Children who grow up in cohousing become mediators and leaders in their schools. Cohousing homes are smaller because there are more shared amenities, and neighbours share resources making living in cohousing a more affordable option. All residents learn consensus decision making and improved communication skills which stand them in good stead in all areas of their lives which also benefits their surrounding community. I could write pages on the benefits of living in cohousing and I really

want my son and daughter-in-law to have the same experiences we have had living at WindSong.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Tricia Carpenter

S.22(1) Personal and Confidential



From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 11:34:04 AM

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From: Lee Carter s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 9:51 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

This project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

This project is also about, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning. To not do it is to cave into the unfounded fears of those living close-by. As a new member of a co-housing place in BC, I can't say enough about the feeling of community, and that reaches far beyond our own living space, into the towns and people further afield. This would be a project that I deserves your full support.

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Lee Carter

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:24:04 AM

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From: Ann Clement s.22(1) Personal and Confidential [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 8:18 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I have lived in cohousing for four years. For me, as a mature single woman, it is affordable housing that also meets many of my needs for healthy social support that also follows principles of ecological sustainability. I think it is one of the few - a viable option for the housing of the future.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Ann Clement

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:25:48 AM

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From: Frannie Cruise s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 9:13 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood. As a single soon to be retiree, I want this housing option available to me. As in my workplace, i hope to continue being stimulated by an intergenerational community that welcomes diversity and supports healthy living.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Frannie Cruise

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 4:30:17 PM

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From: Bill deMooy s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 4:27 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

As a Realtor(R), I've personally experience the value people place on knowing their neighbours and sharing time with neighbours. A case in point is 4400 block of James St., in East Vancouver. While knocking on doors to introduce myself I met several residents share their enjoyment and experience of the annual block pot luck street event. "It's a way for us to keep in touch and get to know one another." This is a fundamental element of co-housing. A valuable ingredient to develop affordable housing and friendly neighbourhoods.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.


The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Bill deMooy

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 25, 2013 2:24:45 PM

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From: Pascaline Denblyden s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 4:45 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

Many of my friends are living in the city, most are single women, and most need to resort to 'creative' ways to find affordable housing, fighting also the isolation as they grow older. I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life. This project would create an intergenerational community that values cooperation, learning from each others, and sharing.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood. I've had the chance to participate in various meetings with the wonderful people who are going to build this 'intentional' community. The amount of cooperation, openness for discussion, inclusiveness has truly impressed me. These people want to be part of the community, not be a compound isolated from its neighbours.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: §.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:46:43 AM

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From: Cam Dore §.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 8:46 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I lived in Vancouver and worked at Gordon Neighbourhood House. But when my twin daughters came along we could not afford to buy a home in Vancouver. I am close to retirement now and I am tired of the commuting. I currently live in WindSong Cohousing §.22(1) Personal and Confidential
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We are part of the development of the Vancouver Cohousing group. We are looking forward to enjoying our retirement in Vancouver and contributing to our neighbourhood and community. Vesanto is an internationally known writer and speaker on Vegetarian/Vegan life styles. We are bike riders and this site is within easy riding distance of most of our activities. This community is both affordable but more than that it's a great way of living and it contributes to community building. I urge you to support Vancouver Cohousing

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Cam Dore
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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2013 11:47:34 AM

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From: Miriam Evers s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 11:41 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I have lived in WindSong Cohousing in Langley BC for the last 17 years and I think it is one of the most incredible places to live.

Yesterday was a typical day here at WindSong.

We have a number of carpools that take the children to the local schools. Today it was another neighbour's turn to drive my 17 year old son. What sweet relief.

Early in the day I worked out in the multi-purpose room with 2 neighbours. This time we worked out with weights, but we also do yoga, tai chi, belly-dance and more in this room. The room is fully equipped with resident-supplied weights, exercise bars, bands, balls etc, which can be covered up by curtains when the room is used for seminars and workshops.

Around noon, my 80 year old neighbour who is blind and with an oxygen tank, called to ask me to check on his wife who had not returned from the recycling shed. Everything was fine. She had taken some extra time to fold up some cardboard boxes so she took a little longer than normal. Her 80 year old husband is the head of our building and maintenance team and a huge contributor to the community despite his failing health. I think what he does for the community adds meaningful purpose to his life.

I had supper with other neighbours in my Wednesday Supper Club in the common dining room. This time it was borscht and cabbage rolls prepared by our newest residents. There are about 12 of us in this group and we take turns cooking. I only have to cook once in every 12 weeks and the rest of the time I just show up and eat. Yummy! During supper, one of the other diners invited us to go out to a local movie - a special feature by the Langley "Shot in the Dark" Film series. It sounded good so my husband and I said yes and we carpoled together.

After supper there was also an art class happening in the multi-purpose room, an information meeting about a pipeline in the dining room, a facilitation team meeting in the lounge and other neighbours were helping my daughter repair her car. When my husband and I returned from the movies, my son and his friend, who lives just a few doors down our pedestrian street, were hanging out together at our kitchen table.

Cohousing is like an old-fashioned village where everyone knows your name and people look out for one another. We make decisions by consensus. We are growing leaders who know how to collaborate and work out individual differences. We give weekly tours to people from around the world and are featured in many outstanding publications as a model for living in community. We have won awards for outstanding environmental achievements.

The Vancouver project is an exciting opportunity for Vancouver to shine, as one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.


The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Miriam Evers

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Jieve Gantuangco](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 25, 2013 3:15:50 PM

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From: Jieve Gantuangco s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 3:03 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

My friend, s.22(1) Personal and Confidential is one of the members who are pushing for this project. I am currently based in Texas, USA but I am planning to move to Vancouver, Canada in the near future. This is the kind of community where I want to relocate.

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Jieve Gantuangco
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 11:29:36 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dorothy Gigliotti
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 8:59 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I believe this project offers affordable housing in Vancouver, along with a commitment to connecting people (It's hard to believe that in a city with so many people many still feel isolated). It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Dorothy Gigliotti

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [s.22\(1\) Personal and Confidential](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 5:06:25 PM

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From: Barbara Grant [s.22\(1\) Personal and Confidential](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 5:02 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

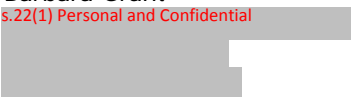
The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

Personally I am an 82 year old woman, who has lived happily in a cohousing community in Burnaby since it was built 11 years ago. At that time I would have preferred to live in Vancouver, the city where I was born and raised, but no cohousing was available in Vancouver then.

I urge the Mayor and Council to give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Barbara Grant
[s.22\(1\) Personal and Confidential](#)



From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:05:05 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cliff Hagerty s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 5:38 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I congratulate the City of Vancouver for considering approval for a proposed cohousing development in the city and I write to support the one in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighborhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue. I have a daughter and son-in-law with a very young son who feel strongly about staying in Vancouver if they have the ability to own their own home. They have a good income, significant savings, and some family help and still the alternatives currently available are nil. They also would have mobility and we would welcome them to join our community in the Okanagan, but Vancouver is their first choice.

While living in cohousing may not appeal to everyone, the values of fulfilling the individual need for affordable housing in a community setting that is inclusive, cooperative and sustainable should be welcomed in any neighborhood and your city.

I urge the Mayor and Council to ensure this project receives zoning approval.

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Cliff Hagerty

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Confidential

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2013 2:25:32 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Katherine Hemsworth s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 1:15 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, as well as the issues of community civic involvement, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I live in North Vancouver in co-housing at Quayside Village. Not only are we involved with each other (e.g. making meals for a new mom), but we are involved in projects for the whole North Shore. We've established excellent composting and recycling projects and invited schools and other organizations to tour. We work closely with our city council, and are leaders on many fronts. We are using our land to plant veggies. We hold community workshops and events on a variety of topics--gardening, community connectiveness, yoga, etc.. Our mayor Darrell and councilman Craig really appreciate us and have even come to cook a community dinner for us as a thank you!

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.



The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Katherine Hemsworth

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 10:38:45 AM

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From: Mary Anne Higgins s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 9:11 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I have seen and been in two co-housing projects, one in North Vancouver and the other in North Burnaby, and believe they provide quality housing for people who also want a shared vision of being part of a unique community.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Mary Anne Higgins
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 25, 2013 12:19:43 PM

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From: Michelle Hignell s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:12 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I myself had to move away from Vancouver in order to afford property. Since then we have started a family, and although our home is old and in need of more renovations, we enjoy having our own secure humble space. My wish is that my dear friends can find affordable housing in the city where they work and have started a family.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Michelle Hignell
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Iris Paradela-Hunter](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2013 10:58:10 AM

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From: Iris Paradela-Hunter s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 8:58 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am an immigrant from the Philippines. I've lived in Canada for about 6 years now but have always felt alienated here. At first, I thought that my feelings of social isolation and loneliness were due to the fact that I am immigrant. However, in my interaction with many Vancouverites, I realized that this experience is not unique to me. In fact, last year, a study conducted by the Vancouver Foundation showed that "1 in 3 people say it is hard to make new friends here and 1 in 4 say they are alone more often than they would like to be." Furthermore, this study indicates that loneliness often leads to a lack of trust in the community, as well as affects people's health.

When I heard about a cohousing group in Vancouver, I knew that I wanted to be a part of it! I firmly believed that with cohousing, I would be connected to a group of supportive people who care about each other and the earth. When I met these wonderful people, I knew that I was right! Cohousing is socially, economically and environmentally sustainable.

I earnestly urge Mayor Robertson and the Vancouver City Council to give this project all the support they can to ensure that it is approved for rezoning. With more engaged and connected communities, the better, healthier and happier our city will be!

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Iris Paradela-Hunter

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 4:59:37 PM

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From: Richard Hunter s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 4:50 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

More and more people are realizing that the way urban areas in North America have been developed over the past 50 years or so can't continue. We need to say no to more suburban sprawl, with its single-family homes, strip malls, big box stores and freeways! Anyone been out to Langley lately? It's ugly!

Fortunately our current Vancouver City Mayor and Council are aware and they have been doing all they can to make our city more livable. Cohousing is a promising part of the solution. Although it's not as easy to remake a city as it is to build it from the ground up in the first place, the city must change. I've taken a look at the site of the proposed cohousing project, and those lots are well ready for redevelopment. I'm sure a cohousing community could be designed to fit nicely into the current neighbourhood.

I can imagine the children living in the cohousing playing together with their friends from the neighbourhood in a spacious courtyard in the middle of the development. I've read that those who have grown up in cohousing can't see raising their own children any other way!


I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is

approved for rezoning.

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Richard Hunter

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 4:05:55 PM

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From: Natalie Jones s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 11:38 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I currently live in a cohousing community: Groundswell Cohousing at the Yarrow Ecovillage in Chilliwack BC. As a young single professional, the diversity of ages, life experiences, and perspectives of my neighbours/friends helps me to learn and grow into a better, more collaborative citizen every day. As a result of this strong home foundation, I contribute far more to my local context than I ever could without this "training ground", where practicing consensus building, healthy communication, and pro-active solution finding is a daily norm.

I know there is lots of talk out there about how cohousing offers such opportunity for social and environmental sustainability, and I can affirm that this is unquestionably true based on my own experience. The quality of life and sense of connection is incomparable to anything I've experienced thus far in my brief 25 years (I grew up in a typical subdivision), and the sharing of spaces, material resources (tools, kids toys, cars, etc.), food, and skills is a totally natural part of living in choosing.

The sense of connectivity and growth that comes from living in such a community not only benefits the people who live here, but it also benefits the surrounding larger community. The sense of pride in one's local neighbourhood naturally increases when you're enjoying it and creating it with those you share it with. There is a natural inclination to make your surrounding streets more beautiful, more safe, and more "human" when you are connected to the place in a very deliberate way.


I want to see Vancouver Cohousing approved for many reasons, and I'm confident in stating that the social, cultural, and ecological fabric of Vancouver will only be enhanced by this project. I know that there are some people out there who are saying "not in my backyard," and I can understand how this could be the case because cohousing is such an "unknown" in Vancouver, and people can be scared of what they don't know. But I am 110% confident that these same people will be amazed when they see just how much a vibrant, connected, and empowered group of neighbours will contribute to the block, the KCC neighbourhood, and the City of Vancouver on the whole.

For the good of the people who want to live in Vancouver Cohousing, and especially for the good of the City of Vancouver, I strongly urge you to do everything in your power to approve the rezoning and permitting of this development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

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Natalie Jones

s.22(1) Personal and
Confidential



From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 9:52:54 AM

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Thank you

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From: Julia Jongkind s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 4:33 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the

neighbourhood. I have lived in cohousing developments for the last 7 years and have found the intentional nature of the community extends out to the surrounding area, making the larger neighbourhood a vibrant and friendly place to live. It also provides a fantastic place for people of all generations to interact and LIVE, not just exist.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Julia Jongkind

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: r Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Confidential
Wednesday, February 20, 2013 4:25:12 PM

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From: Yonas Jongkind s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 10:50 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am a consultant to the project.

I moved into Windsong Cohousing when my son was 1.

My wife was suffering from postpartum depression, which affects about 15% of new mothers.

When I came to the cohousing, I had a place to go hang out with my son in the common amenity spaces. And she could have some time to herself.

To be in community with others near my home save my sanity, my relationship, and my finances, and enhanced me enjoyment of life greatly.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Yonas Jongkind

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 11:50:29 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Kent s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 11:38 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

Although I am not a resident of Vancouver, as a founding member of the Roberts Creek Cohousing community, I can attest to the positive contribution that cohousing brings to the larger community and to society as a whole. We introduced our development to Roberts Creek almost 10 years ago and I am sure one would be hardpressed to find anyone in Roberts Creek who has anything but praise for our development. The SCRDP has shown its support for our type of development by establishing the first designated cohousing zoning proposal in Canada.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Gary Kent

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: § 22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 9:58:21 AM

Thank you for your comments.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Natalie Lawy § 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 5:16 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I was intrigued when I heard about this project. I'm in the process of trying to organize a very similar housing plan within my own personal community.

Of course affordability is an attractive feature of cohousing. But it's about so much more! This dream is driven out of a need to fill a hole in people's lives. A community like this will create much deeper connections between people by bringing them into physical contact on a daily basis. Those connections create a sense of belonging, and belonging creates feelings of accountability and generosity. I truly believe it will create healthier, happier people who feel more ownership of their communities and more kindness towards their neighbours. I think it will create the type of people, and the type of neighbourhood, where elderly neighbours are looked in on regularly and children always have a safe place to spend their days.

The quest to build this development is clearly driven by a need to create that sense of community and I genuinely believe it will be enormously beneficial for all involved. The opportunity to approve this development is a chance to support a positive social change. Please say yes.

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Natalie Lawy

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 25, 2013 2:20:05 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stacia Leech s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2013 4:21 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

As the chair of the Roberts Creek Official Community Plan review committee I can speak to the need for more cohousing in our rural and urban environment. As we know shelter is about much more than bricks and mortar - the design of housing developments is key to healthy, diverse, socially and environmentally sustainable living. Cohousing communities meet our 21st Century needs for social inclusion, small footprint, best practice construction and reinvigorating neighbourhoods.

I am also a member of the Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Committee, a inter government cttee created to deal with the terrible burden of unaffordable housing. This project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

Regards, Stacia Leech, chair - Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Review Committee and member of

the Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Committee.

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Stacia Leech

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 4:41:17 PM

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From: Aimee Lindenberger s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 1:12 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

For years we had dreamed of living in Cohousing in Vancouver, but eventually we decided to make to move to Langley where my family and I now have the pleasure of living in a Cohousing community.

This type of community seems to be a natural fit for the vision of Vancouver to be a green and livable city. Cohousing fosters community connections, which allows people to engage more fully in making sustainable choices, and co-creating affordable systems of living whether through ride-sharing, car-sharing, community meals, or growing your own food, etc.

Close friends and neighbours are now so close to making the dream of a cohousing community in Vancouver come to fruition - I hope that Vancouver sees the potential and recognizes that now is the time to make it happen!

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Aimee Lindenberger
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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:26:28 AM

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Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: Valerie McIntyre s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 9:31 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

This project addresses affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers an opportunity for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

Cohousing communities contribute a new neighbourhood consciousness to urban life.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Valerie McIntyre

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 18, 2013 2:46:09 PM

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Thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: Deborah McMullen s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 12:36 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

The city is a wonderful place to live and it reduces municipal expenditures to have more people downtown and reduces the environmental footprint. But as more neighbourhoods are taken over by the condo building boom, fewer middle and low income people can afford to live in the city. The alternative, living in distant suburbs and commuting into the city, is unsustainable on so many levels -- the environmental effect of commuting traffic, the loss of arable land, the cost of roads, and the need for public transit further and further from the centre of the city. Additionally, street level neighbourhoods provide something else -- basic crime prevention. Yes, when people are around, less crime takes place. The best way forward is to make housing affordable, to make neighbourhoods

where people can meet and interact, to give everyone a reason to to be committed to the well-being of their city.

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Deborah McMullen

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 9:53:32 AM

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From: Susana Michaelis s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 4:45 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I have lived in Pacific Gardens Cohousing in Nanaimo for the past 31/2 years. It is a diverse community, within a Strata complex. We have all ages from babies to seniors, and many university students. I believe that Cohousing creates a healthy diversity of ages, cultures, economic levels, and attracts residents who are interested in the community around them. Cohousing fosters neighbourhood interaction and participation.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life. I would like

to see Cohousing become as well known and popular in Vancouver, as it is in the US and Europe.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Susana Michaelis

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: FW: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 25, 2013 12:14:38 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ian Mothersill s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 11:46 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and I know from experience living in cohousing that this project is one of the answers to the issues of affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point, and in many cases a long-term solution, for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life. Distributing the land costs for what is now three housing units amongst over 20 units is an important step towards affordability. Building a cohesive, supportive and self-supporting community makes the development socially as well as economically affordable. It provides a tax base of stable, long-term owners who live in their units, and care about their city, not vacant units and absentee investor-owners whose main concerns are short or medium term financial gain.

My experience living in cohousing in Burnaby for 13 years is that this model of living is one way to provide housing that suits the real needs of ordinary Canadian citizens, (taxpayers and voters!). It is not the only solution, and like any one solution it is not for everyone, but for 20 to 30 households at a time, cohousing takes care of their needs for affordable, sustainable, and desirable homes and neighborhoods.

On a political note - I know from volunteer scrutineering on election day that cohousers have a very high voter turnout - in the 90% to 100% range.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning, and consider ways to support citizen / resident owner-led development projects in the future.

Ian Mothersill

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From: [REDACTED] s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
[REDACTED] s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 10:39:20 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stacy Pigg [REDACTED] s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 5:56 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I know first hand the benefits of cohousing. I live in Quayside Village Cohousing in North Vancouver. I was one of the initial group that worked to make our vision of neighborhood and community a reality, and I have lived in Quayside Village since it opened in 1998. We worked closely with city planners in North Vancouver to build a great project. We enjoy our lovely homes, of course, but we also continue to use our community spirit to foster neighborhood vitality in many concrete ways.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Stacy Pigg
[REDACTED] s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 18, 2013 12:31:37 PM

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From: Lynn Pollard s.22(1) Personal and Confidential [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 11:33 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

This is such a good idea to diversify our response to housing needs and the community values engendered have a fine impact on the society generally.

Yours truly, Lynn H. Pollard

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Lynn Pollard
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential [REDACTED]

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: §.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 9:58:51 AM

Thank you for your comments.

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From: Jerry Rolls §.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 5:22 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

We live in a cohousing in Roberts Creek and we also own a house in Vancouver.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.


The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Jerry Rolls

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Confidential

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 18, 2013 12:27:40 PM

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From: Nathaniel Russell s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 11:05 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

For nearly 15 years I lived east of Main near 29th Ave, and moved to Burnaby cohousing in August last year. We would love to be back in cohousing in East Vancouver, living in an affordable manner close to the community of East Vancouver that has enriched my life. This project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability. My wife and two kids and I all survive on my income (that is within that range), and we could use the support.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Nathaniel Russell
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 11:30:58 AM

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From: Nancy Ryder s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 9:30 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I live in a cohousing community in Roberts Creek on the Sunshine Coast. While it is known that cohousing houses retain their market value quite well, it may not be known why. People who own and live in cohousing have a strong commitment to their community, property and each other. People live in cohousing intentionally and are committed to keeping the communities viable, thriving and caring places. It's more than simply pride of ownership, it's being aware of the connections of the wider community. This is so important when there is so much social isolation and marginalization in the world today and especially in neighborhoods who are already struggling. There's no dogma to cohousing -- it's simply people who care deeply about where they live. No downsides to this model. It's a win-win for everyone.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.


I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

Sincerely,
Nancy Ryder
Roberts Creek Cohousing member

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Nancy Ryder

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Thursday, February 28, 2013 9:51:44 AM

Thank you for your comments.

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From: L Sano s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 10:10 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

Vancouver is a beautiful diverse city that anyone would want to live in but unfortunately not a place that many can afford. This is an ongoing concern to me. Growing up in Vancouver myself I imagined I would buy a home of my own here one day, but when that time came reality set in and I just was not able afford it. I believe that this project can really start to change that. I feel it holds one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I feel excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life. I believe that it will be a kind, warm and nurturing environment, great for children as well.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask and hope that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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L Sano

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 3:59:17 PM

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From: John Scheunhage s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 8:52 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I would move back to Vancouver if more of these kind of developments occurred and were supported!

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John Scheunhage
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 11:40:43 AM

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From: Howard Staples s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 9:53 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I wish to voice my support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood (1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue).

I have lived in a cohousing community for many years and I am also familiar with other cohousing. I have many experiences of how such close, supportive communities are a fantastic positive influence in the broader community. This includes many social, environmental and economic ways.

I have seen neighbors help to financially weaker neighbors to "afford" living in community in dozens of positive ways. I have seen many examples in these communities for support of recycling, environmental and neighborhood improvement efforts. I have also seen how such supportive communities encourage a positive involvement with local politics.

I am very encouraging of the community enhancing nature of this project. It will provide many valuable contributions to Vancouver.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project support to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Howard Staples

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 10:11:49 AM

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From: marylee stephenson
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 3:35 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I've lived in cohousing (quayside Village, north Van) after many years of condos, a small house, etc. and it has been a life-saver-- the design brings us together, just bumping into each other now and then -- and the concept works to help us in decision-making, sharing major tasks, etc. We reach out to the neighbourhood, as would any new cohousing group, we hold garden days, information sessions, potlucks, offer our commons room for meetings, etc. We also use our neighbourhood well -- patronizing the locally owned shops, going to the community centres, etc. Cohousing is a completely positive part of an area-- not perfect, but very much a part of a community, building on what is there, creating new ways of doing things and sharing these (food gardening in small spaces, etc.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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marylee stephenson
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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:19:18 AM

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From: Dobes Vandermeer s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 8:10 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Dobes Vandermeer

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 4:55:35 PM

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From: Carol Woodworth s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 4:19 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I have followed the development of cohousing in British Columbia and I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I understand that this project will provide some affordable housing in Vancouver and addresses the problem of isolation. The affordability and diversity of units, and the strong sense of community of the project is exactly what Vancouver needs.

I hope the Mayor and Council will give this project the support necessary for it to succeed.

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Carol Woodworth

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 18, 2013 1:03:43 PM

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From: Colin Angel s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 12:21 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

My wife and I moved from a tight-knit community in Winnipeg eight years ago and although we love this city, we have felt isolated and disconnected from our neighbours. Raising a family is challenging enough, but the cost of living and disconnection has been a serious challenge. Cohousing will help by enabling us to own a smaller, and therefore more affordable home. It not only helps build connections and cooperative support between its residents but with the greater neighbourhood as well. By reducing our square footage and sharing space and resources, we make better use of precious land which is therefore more sustainable.

The social, environmental and economic benefits of this project are clear, and provide a model for sustainable densification. As much as I love single family homes, there needs to be room for young families and retirees to live within the city limits, and million dollar homes are beyond the reach of most. The properties on which this project is planned to be built are double deep lots and are an ideal location for ground-oriented housing, located on an arterial street with excellent access to public transit and neighbourhood centres.

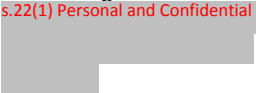
I believe the combination of innovative approaches to affordability and the form and location of development meet the requirements of the Interim Rezoning Policy.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Colin Angel

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 12:30:43 PM

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From: Gary Birch s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I have two adult children who very much want to own and live in Vancouver which is next to impossible for them without some progress in more affordable housing options in Vancouver. This particular initiative will indeed provide this affordability for at least of one (and hopefully both of them eventually as he gets older and more established) of my adult children as she will now be able to afford to be a resident in Vancouver if this project is approved. As pointed out in the Mayor's Task Force on housing affordability this will offer a starting point people who are earning between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year.

For me I'm also personally I am very excited about this opportunity as a person who is looking for a community of caring and like-minded people who also happens to use a wheelchair. The design process of this project has not only ensured accessibility it has done so with an attitude of inclusion, not only of disability but of all various types needs, that I've never seen before.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.


The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Gary Birch

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 10:49:55 AM

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From: Ed Cavin s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 7:40 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am also concerned about the sentiments growing of Vancouverites feeling alone and isolated. I saw the documentary "Happy" which featured Denmark as the happiest people in Europe. One of the contributing factors to this was that co-housing was a common way of living there. Nothing out of the ordinary. I am a single person, 52, and understand those sentiments of other Vancouverites (why else do we have Al Fresco dining events, or BeMyAmigo nights).

I am also concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.


I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is

approved for rezoning.

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Ed Cavin

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
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From: Randy Chatterjee (s.22(1) Personal and Confidential)
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 2:19 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I strongly support the Vancouver Cohousing development application in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood on the new 33rd Avenue bus route.

Not only have recent public surveys have pointed out the loneliness and alienation of Vancouver residents that co-housing is specifically designed to alleviate, but also the lack of family-friendly affordable housing is driving people out of the city. Witness please the collapse in enrolment in Vancouver schools even as the overall population has skyrocketed from 2001 to 2011. Families are not the only demographic suffering from this lack of affordability.

This project will bring affordability and community connections back into Vancouver. Its shared public spaces will greatly expand the living area of each resident, and in so doing greatly decrease

the carbon and ecological footprint of every resident there.

Unfortunately, the city zoning and permitting delays, UDP-forced re-design, and speculator-driven increase of land costs since project inception has already increased the base cost of this development, and will add at least \$50,000 to each unit. However, the strong desire of the proponents to keep construction costs down and take no excessive profit from the unit sales will I hope attenuate these negative factors in the Vancouver redevelopment climate.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning as soon as possible.

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Randy Chatterjee

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: § 22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Thursday, March 07, 2013 9:40:02 AM

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From: Doug Ellis § 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 9:36 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am closely connected with friends in Cranberry Commons, a cohousing development in North Burnaby. From frequent visits there and in talking with my friends Ronaye Matthew and Brad Cassidy, I know that cohousing is an excellent choice for sustainability and community. I wholeheartedly support such a development in the city of Vancouver.

I'm also concerned about affordable housing, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability. I'm excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood. I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

Yours sincerely,

Doug Ellis
§ 22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [s.22\(1\) Personal](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 11:32:29 AM

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From: Jael Emberley [s.22\(1\) Personal and Confidential](#)
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 9:33 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood. I would welcome a cohousing development in my neighbourhood, and I plan to visit this cohousing community and bring my friends, and of course that will bring income for businesses in the neighbourhood. I am contrasting this proposed development with the very tall tower at Kingsway and Nanaimo, and the large buildings all over the city which are vacant so much of the time. I have heard from people who live in some of the tall towers that there is a lack of community, people just sleep there when they aren't working. Development in Kensington-Cedar Cottage is inevitable. The world is watching Vancouver, and any development which requires citizen involvement from the beginning is an antidote to the lack of community.

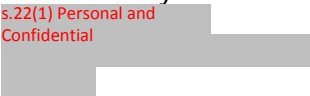
These are law-abiding, taxpaying, responsible people who work hard to have a family-oriented place. They will work hard to find solutions for problems in any neighbourhood where they are located. Neighbours of these folks are lucky to have them.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Jael Emberley

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) [redacted]
Subject:) [redacted] uver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Personal and Confidential [redacted] bruary 22, 2013 11:30:20 AM

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From: Mark Fettes [redacted]
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 9:17 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue. I was a member of a previous cohousing group seeking to find land in the city, and although we were unsuccessful, I am delighted that there is the prospect of another group succeeding.

Cohousing makes sense on so many levels - as a way of building more cohesive neighbourhoods, combating isolation, enabling aging in place, and contributing to the affordability of housing in this expensive city. It fits perfectly with the ambition of making Vancouver the "greenest city on earth". I have often wondered why the city does not have an explicit pro-cohousing policy that would make it easier for groups to bid for land and receive development permission.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Mark Fettes

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential [redacted]

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) [redacted]
Subject:) Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Personal [redacted], February 21, 2013 10:54:14 AM

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From: Amy Fox [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 7:28 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

To Vancouver City Council,

I would like to express my support for the "Vancouver Cohousing" development as planned on 33rd Avenue. It stands to make Vancouver both a better place to live and more affordable. Also, it goes a lot way to brand our city as innovative.

Please let them go ahead as planned.

Amy Fox

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Amy Fox

s.22(1) Personal and
Confidential [redacted]

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and [REDACTED]
Subject: Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Confidential
Wednesday, February 20, 2013 4:15:32 PM

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From: Michael Goudge [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 7:30 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I live in a cohousing project, and am amazed at how well it supports the aspirations and dreams of all involved. It truly is an ideal way to live, for those that choose it. I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Michael Goudge

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s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 18, 2013 12:23:54 PM

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From: Stacey Hagerty s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 10:20 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

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I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Stacey Hagerty

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 18, 2013 12:26:29 PM

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From: Megan Harvey s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 11:03 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

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I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

Vancouver is in desperate need of affordable housing solutions. Please support this creative initiative!

Best,

Megan Harvey

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 1:26:02 PM

Thank you for your comments.

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From: Hilary Henegar
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 1:02 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

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Hilary Henegar

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 11:51:13 AM

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From: Julie Hunter s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 11:38 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

These applicants are the neighbours you Want to have!!! They are community minded and active in building community with intentionality. It concerns me deeply that there be any potential for current naysayers in the Kensington community to have the power to sideline this project. This is a time when communities need strengthening, and when all who have lived in and contributed to the building of the best of what Vancouver is today deserve a chance to find affordable ways to remain in the city.

This project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is

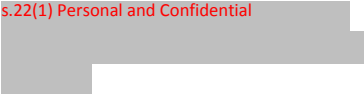
approved for rezoning.

Sincerely
Julie Hunter

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Julie Hunter

5.22(1) Personal and Confidential



From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, March 04, 2013 10:38:06 AM

Thank you for your comments.

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From: Susan Jardine s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2013 1:19 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I support this project. Cohousing can be a positive addition to a community. This form of housing enables members to purchase homes built in a non-profit manner. typically, people interested in cohousing are community minded and put concerns for the environment into daily practice.

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Susan Jardine

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Diana Krebs](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 18, 2013 4:37:49 PM

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From: Diana Krebs 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 1:55 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I have been interested in cohousing for quite some time and have looked at units that have come up for sale at Windsong in Langley and at Cranberry Commons in Burnaby. I hope that this project is approved, and that I'll be in a position to buy a unit in the future.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Diana Krebs

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Thursday, February 28, 2013 10:17:28 AM

Thank you for your comments.

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From: Vera Maceluch s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 10:06 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability. I am now retired, but when working made an average of 53,000.00 /yr-good wages elsewhere in Canada, but in Vancouver I was never able to afford to buy a place of my own, and am now retired and still renting. If you want to keep a vibrant city and not lose middle income earners affordable housing must be created.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Vera Maceluch
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:15:47 AM

Thank you for your comments.

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From: Beth Malena s.22(1) Personal and Confidential [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 7:42 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I want to write in support of the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I live in the DTES, where finding affordable housing is a constant struggle, as it is all over Vancouver. I believe this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. I think its innovative, thoughtful design will promote a much-needed sense of community between people in the lower-middle-class. I wish that more groups like this one would get together to propose cohousing developments in Vancouver. I believe it would help the City accomplish its housing goals, as well as counteracting the sense of loneliness and isolation among Vancouverites.

Please, Mayor and Council give this project all the support you can so that this project will be

approved in the rezoning stage!

Thank you for your time,

Beth Malena

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Beth Malena

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GABOR MATÉ M.D.

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February 26, 2013

Mayor Gregor Robertson and Members of the City Council
Vancouver City Hall
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
V5Y1V4

RE: Vancouver Cohousing on 33rd Ave E Proposal

To the Mayor and Council,

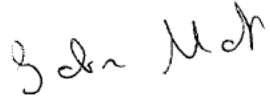
I write in support of the Vancouver Cohousing project proposed for 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

As a physician whose family practice was for twenty years located in the same neighbourhood as this proposed housing project, I have long been aware of the need for community and fellowship as an essential concomitant of health. Much research has shown that people who are connected socially and emotionally have, all things considered, better health, less illness, and faster recovery in the case of illness.

Vancouver, for all its natural and social advantages, can be an isolating place for many of its inhabitants. Any housing initiative such as this one that aims at bringing neighbours together in a socially congenial and affordable setting will not only help meet the housing needs of our civic population but will also be a support to mental and physical health in our city.


I respectfully urge council and city staff to give this project the serious consideration it merits.

Sincere regards,



Gabor Maté

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CC: Farhad Mawani, Rezoning Planner, Planning Department

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, February 22, 2013 11:28:44 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Karen New ^{s.22(1) Personal and Confidential}
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 8:31 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

Dear folks,

As a resident of Kensington-Cedar Cottage, I'm excited by the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development at 1729-1735 East 33rd Avenue.

Vancouver is under tremendous housing pressure — both from a constantly increasing population, and from a growing investor class. The first of these is a good thing, and we should do all we can to welcome new residents with an increased housing supply. The second I'm not so sure about: housing-as-investment tends to drive prices into a bubble, and mucks with neighbourhood and regional transportation plans, because the distribution of people stops correlating with the distribution of living space.

I applaud the City's efforts over the past twenty years to increase and upgrade the housing supply. Sometimes you have to channel private enterprise, even into a bubble. As a homeowner, I'm aware that my own home's value will probably crash soon, and I'm okay with that: as long as the inevitable bailouts go to the homeowners, not the banks, oversupply with a price crash is the mechanism by which housing-as-investment gets transformed into housing-as-residence, and by which vast amounts of income are freed from a tyranny of housing payments to reinvest in the local economy. I am upset only by the drop we've seen in affordable housing — which is mainly a combination of the condemnable state of existing rent-controlled units, and our abysmally low welfare rates in this province.

So when a group of residents comes together with a novel solution that increases both density *and* the supply of affordable housing, how can I do anything but celebrate?

The fundamental neighbourhood plan which the City set out almost a hundred years ago is still a good one — medium density along major thoroughfares, punctuated by high density at major intersections, and separated by low density in between. It both supports and requires a range of mass transit options (rapid buses, streetcars) along the thoroughfares, and individual transit options (bike paths, carsharing, bikesharing) between them; and better transit infrastructure is possibly the only thing Vancouver needs more than affordable, sustainable housing density. Developments like this one are the way we get it.

Meanwhile, what encourages people out of their cars and onto a shared transportation grid more than a thriving local community, full of pedestrians and shops and street art? When we found individual developments on the principles of a local community, these elements evolve naturally, and have a strong positive influence on their neighbourhood ... or, in this case, on my own neighbourhood.


I want this project to move forward. Please let's make it happen.

-Karen New

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Karen New

s.22(1) Personal and
Confidential



From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 1:48:13 PM

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From: Neil Peg s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I believe we have a serious housing crisis in this city and affordability has gone out the window. Foreign investment, gentrification, and speculation and investment properties after ruined our ability to house BC families who live and work here.

I am concerned about affordable housing in Vancouver, and this project is one of the answers to affordability and isolation in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's affordability, sustainability, its diversity of units, and its community building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood. Even though I personally may not want to live there I support community members who want to try to build and thrive in such a space.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Neil Peg

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Public Hearing](#)
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:34:48 AM

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From: anna sano ^{5.22(1) Personal and Confidential}
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 1:04 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I am concerned about two major things:

1) ISOLATION BETWEEN PEOPLE. The feeling of isolation is hard on people. It speaks to the health of community and the city because it is made up of people!

2) AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN VANCOUVER. It is getting expensive to live here. I know people my age in their mid-30s who still have to live at home because it is just too expensive to purchase a home in this city.

I believe that cohousing is a viable answer to these two major issues of Vancouver. It promotes living in community where resources are shared and neighbours genuinely want to get to know each other. It is bringing an affordable living option in Vancouver. In cohousing, it brings a higher density of people in a smaller footprint. This can bring more affordable housing options for people earning between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

This cohousing project brings answers to affordability and sustainability in the city of Vancouver. The diversity of units, and its community building nature makes cohousing a healthy choice for neighbourhoods. By promoting a sense of belonging, the feeling of isolation disappears. Cohousing can bring important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive and harmonious community in the neighbourhood.

I would like the Mayor and City Council to give this project ALL THE SUPPORT they can to ENSURE this project is approved for rezoning. VANCOUVER NEEDS COHOUSING!

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anna sano

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Thursday, February 28, 2013 5:22:25 PM

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From: Lisa Schwabe s.22(1) Personal and Confidential [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 5:20 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

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I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.


When CoHousing first came to B.C. in the 1990's I would have loved to buy into a developemen. But there was nothing availabl in Vancouver. I did not want to move to Langley, where the first development in B.C., called "Wind Song" opened in Jume of 1996.I had to buy a Condominium. I do

NOT like the politics in the Real Estate Business,that controls Condos. I Would love to live in a CoHousing Community.
I can only urge the Mayor and City Council of Vancouver to support this development. It would be a great plus and fit right into the Mayor's Taskforce philosophy.

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Lisa Schwabe

s.22(1) Personal and
Confidential



From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: COHousing complex draws concern , February 27, 2013
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 1:37:12 PM

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Thank you.

From: Lisa Schwabe s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 12:50 PM
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Cc: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: COHousing complex draws concern , February 27, 2013

Dear editor:

I read with great interest and sadness the above article.

First we should clarify the location of the project. It is NOT on West 33rd Avenue, but on East 33rd Avenue.

One of the main speakers is Rod Raglin, the editor of "THE ECHO" Community Newspaper, a defender of the Community. I highly respect Mr. Raglin in regard to the work he has done for the community. But in this case I think he has a wrong picture/impression of this - new for Vancouver - COHousing development.

COHousing arrived in B.C. in the beginning of the 1990s. I would have loved to buy into a development in Vancouver.

But the first development opened in Langley in June 1996. It is wonderful.

Unfortunately the only choice I had was to buy a Condominium, which has caused me nothing but trouble, because of the politically Real Estate controlled management of the Strata Corporations.

COHousing is Community building, which is badly needed in this City. According to research by the Vancouver Foundation [people feel lonely in this City with all the Condotowers] and it perfectly fulfills the Mayor's Taskforce requirement on affordability.

If anybody thinks this is bad, I invite you to have a look at the Coleman/Holborn community killing development of "Little Mountain Housing" at East 33rd and Main Street.

Three world famous architects [Stefan Behmisch, Peter Clewes, Lewis Villegas] who know the city, believe in 4 1/2 storey Townhouses, that build communities NOT the James K. Cheng Inc. developed "Vancouverism" developed towers.

Lisa Schwabe

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 25, 2013 12:35:58 PM

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From: Ava Shannon s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2013 12:33 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

The lack of affordable housing in Vancouver is downright embarrassing to a city that claims to be so livable. This is not to mention the ubiquitous breakdown of social cohesion in urban neighbourhoods. This project offers a modest response to affordability, and an excellent response to isolation, in Vancouver. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I am excited about the project's sustainability, diversity of units, affordability, and community-building nature. These are all important contributions to Vancouver urban life. The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I request that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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Ava Shannon
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2013 10:53:04 AM

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From: Aim Sinpeng s.22(1) Personal and Confidential [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 5:19 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

The weekend fire in west Burnaby on Smith Ave serves as a reminder of how poor the quality of housing and access to housing is for people with low-income in the Lower Mainland. I am among these people. My neighbours - the residents of the 50-year old apartment complex - are struggling financially. Many are on disability benefits, income assistance or at the mercy of their relatives. Yet they pay \$900 for a one-bed room rental unit with chronic rodent infestation, sporadic heating, and frequent false alarm. Most could not afford tenant insurance. When the fire broke out, not only did they lose everything, but some of their beloved pets were burned alive. These people would not live in the place they sometimes called "a dump" if they could afford something better. This is, sadly, a reality for so many people in the Lower Mainland.

I am writing in support of a co-housing initiative as an alternative to the current "broken" system. High housing cost creates division in society, hurts a sense of community and marginalized the poor. British Columbia used to be known for its communitarianism, strong social values and a sense of community. Access to affordable and decent housing was and should remain a core value for British Columbians. We need to take a better care of our own people before we can dream of a better future for our children.

I would appreciate your consideration with regards to the co-housing initiative.

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Aim Sinpeng
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential [REDACTED]

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 12:29:50 PM

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From: Sandra Vander Schaaf s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 12:01 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

Vancouver needs more affordable housing and I believe the proposed co-housing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood is a solid step in the right direction. A great deal of thought has gone into this project and I'd dearly love to see it move forward to completion. To that end, I urge the Mayor and Council to support the project by approving the rezoning necessary. Let's do this!!

-Sandra Vander Schaaf.

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Sandra Vander Schaaf

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 18, 2013 4:33:41 PM

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From: clare wheeler s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 1:20 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

I live in the neighbourhood and I encourage the idea of many types of housing as we are mainly single family dwellings here. I think the idea of co-housing will enhance the community nature of the neighbour and I can only see this is a good thing. This will be a great choice for people seeking affordable FAMILY housing in Vancouver instead of having to move to the suburbs. It offers a strong starting point for people who earn between \$21,500 and \$86,500 per year - a key target for the Mayor's Task Force on Housing Affordability.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

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clare wheeler

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: §.22(1) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, March 01, 2013 10:51:00 AM

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From: Tara Wren §.22(1) Personal and Confidential [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2013 10:48 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

To the Mayor of Vancouver and City Council

Hi City Hall,

I am so excited about this proposed project. I visited a cohousing project in Surrey a few months ago, and it is a fabulous community. What a great way to save landspace, provide less expensive housing, and build community. I think projects like this could work toward solving many current and future issues with housing in Vancouver.

Thanks,
/Tara

I am writing to support the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s.22(1) Personal
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, February 18, 2013 4:35:59 PM

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From: Bernhard Zender s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 1:44 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

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The proposal is being put forward by people who want to create a supportive community in the neighbourhood.

I ask that the Mayor and Council give this project all the support they can to ensure this project is approved for rezoning.

I strongly support projects like this that don't work along the usual lines of property developers. Commercial Developers tend to leave imprints that in my opinion destroy unique character neighborhoods with their off-the-shelf planning and -architecture approaches. Their (natural) targeting of most commercially interesting middle-to-high-income groups often results in unintended ghettofication. We need less of that, and more initiatives like this one.

Best regards,

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