

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Julie DesBrisay](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Friday, March 08, 2013 10:25:07 AM

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

From: Julie DesBrisay s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2013 9:49 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

Please become a leading example for sustainable municipalities across Canada!

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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Julie DesBrisay

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Amy Fox](#)
Subject: RE: Cohousing development on the 1700 block of East 33rd
Date: Friday, March 08, 2013 12:05:31 PM

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From: Amy Fox s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2013 11:53 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Cohousing development on the 1700 block of East 33rd

To Mayor and Council,

As a resident who lives less than two blocks of the proposed development, I wanted to write you and express my support for the application. Compared to single-detached housing or condominiums, cohousing is more affordable, environmentally sustainable, creates a greater sense of walkable communities and offers greater benefits persons with disabilities and people with children. While cohousing as practiced is often predicated on the needs of middle class two-parent household wasps - the Cedar Cottage Cohousing groups are devoted to make their community home to a plurality of family types, ethnicities and incomes. In other words, it's an innovation within the field of cohousing. As such, it stands to improve my community without gentrifying it and cement Vancouver's reputation as a city of innovation.

My only regret is that the project cannot be more ambitious. I hope you will approve their proposal and many more like it to come.

Amy Fox

s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: FW: Letters of Support for E 33rd Ave Cohousing
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:04:23 AM
Attachments: [Brian Postlewait - Letter of Support for Cohousing on E 33rd Ave.pdf](#)
[Lana Friesen - Letter of Support for Cohousing on E 33rd Ave.pdf](#)

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From: s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential **On Behalf Of** Colin Angel
Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2013 8:56 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Letters of Support for E 33rd Ave Cohousing

Please find attached two letters of support for Vancouver Cohousing on E 33rd Ave given to us by nearby neighbours.

Thank you,
Colin

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Woody Allen: *Confidence is what you have before you understand the problem*

Brian Postlewait

s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

Mayor Gregor Robertson and Members of the City Council
Vancouver City Hall
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
V5Y 1V4

RE: Vancouver Cohousing on 33rd Ave E Proposal

To the Mayor and Council,

I am writing today to pledge my support for the Vancouver Cohousing project proposed for 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue. I am a resident of the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood, and have been for 5 years. I want to demonstrate my support for the project, even though I am not currently interested in living in the development.

As the Executive Director of Mission Possible – a Christian humanitarian agency that works with those challenged by homelessness and poverty – I daily encounter the challenges that many people face in finding more affordable housing in our city. While this project may not address the needs of all who require well-built, affordable housing, it does address the needs of those whose income falls in the range outlined in your Task Force on Housing Affordability.

My neighbourhood is one in which family homes are becoming less and less affordable. As you know, many sell for more than \$700,000. The units within the Vancouver Cohousing project are moderately priced, and the unit mix will allow different households of a variety of sizes to coexist.

Because of the density and the variety of floor plans, the Vancouver Cohousing project will be friendly to growing families. Their presence in the neighbourhood will contribute to local schools, the community centre, and other community amenities in addition to the commercial district at 33rd and Victoria.

I trust that City Council will find ways to incorporate cohousing and other innovative approaches into development plans throughout the city. I believe that this model will make a meaningful contribution to Vancouver's housing challenges.

Sincerely,



Brian Postlewait
Executive Director
Mission Possible

CC: Farhad Mawani, Rezoning Planner, Planning Department

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Lana Friesen
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March 7th, 2013

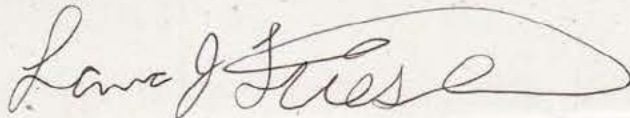
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RE: Vancouver Cohousing on 33rd Ave E Proposal

To the Mayor and Council,

I believe it is in the highest interest of the City Council to support community-building endeavours such as the Kensington - Cedar Cottage neighbourhood cohousing initiative. Its values of senior-inclusion, energy-efficiency and a safe environment for families reflect values I and my neighbours hold. I believe the cohousing will impact the surrounding neighbourhood in beneficial ways and hope to see you support it.

Thank-you,



Lana Friesen

CC: Farhad Mawani, Rezoning Planner, Planning Department

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Derek Irland](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:16:30 AM

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From: Derek Irland s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 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

Regarding the proposed Vancouver Cohousing development at 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue, I am very much in favour of seeing the project move forward with full support from the city.

I have been familiar with the concept of cohousing for over twenty years and have had a high degree of interaction with the Vancouver Cohousing group for the last several months. I have been extremely impressed with the quality of the group's deliberations during the planning process; there is a real commitment to the well-being of both of its own community and to the larger surrounding neighbourhood.

I believe that it is time for Vancouver to have to have its own cohousing projects. The cohousing model is very supportive of a variety of policies (social, environmental, economic) that the City has indicated are important to the well-being of its citizens. The Vancouver Cohousing group is well equipped to help pioneer this model of housing and community that could be of significant benefit to a great variety of people.

I would like to ask the Mayor and Council to support the proposed rezoning for the properties on E. 33rd St. so that this project can move forward and become a reality.

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Derek Irland

s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: FW: Support letter for Cedar Cottage Cohousing rezoning
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:13:10 AM

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Thank you.

From: Lorne Mallin s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 2:20 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; Mawani, Farhad
Cc: Colin Angel; Mariam Green; Britta J
Subject: Support letter for Cedar Cottage Cohousing rezoning

Hello,

I've attached a letter from an immediate neighbour of the proposed cohousing community on East 33rd. Chris Knight has lived at 1750 East 32nd for 25 years.

Thank you,
Lorne Mallin
Vancouver Cohousing

Chris Knight

s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

March 9, 2013

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453 West 12th Avenue
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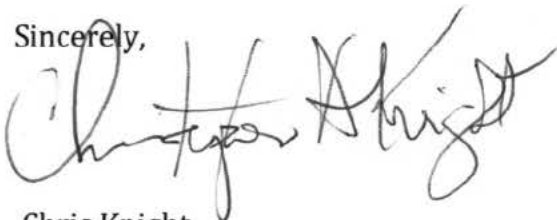
Re: Proposal For Development on 1729, 1733, 1735 East 33rd Ave.

I am in support of the Vancouver Cohousing development. I live in Kensington-Cedar Cottage.

Cohousing meets the needs of people to have social relationships. It is the proverbial village that is needed to raise children. It provides social connections for people, and especially for seniors. Social relationships are recognized as essential for mental health. Multigenerational communities such as this afford benefits to all the members of the community and neighbourhood; neighbourliness and a welcoming place for the neighbourhood; emergency babysitting and senior care; a place for children to be free within their community; privacy through individual homes and community through shared spaces; economy and efficiency through shared amenities, such as laundry and clubhouse facilities.

Cohousing is a practical solution to the problems of social isolation of seniors. It is a community where people know their neighbours. What a great lifestyle!

Sincerely,



Chris Knight

cc. Farhad Mawani
Vancouver City Hall
Planning Department
2675 Yukon Street
Vancouver

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Jayne Kor](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:07:20 AM

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From: Jayne Kor ^{s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential}
Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2013 12:41 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 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.

All too frequently, I see hard working individuals and families forced to leave Vancouver due to soaring costs. Many, myself included, have had to leave neighbourhoods we grew up in, afford a roof and still have funds left over to start a family. Cohousing is a great way to live where you want while fostering the vibrant and diverse "village" it takes to support the next generation.

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.

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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.

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Jayne Kor
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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Abigail Mikkelson](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:05:55 AM

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From: Abigail Mikkelson s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2013 11:26 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.

As a UBC student and single mom currently living in a subsidized housing unit, I know the gift of affordable housing. Once I'm done with my degree in Midwifery, I will be making a significantly higher wage, yet affordable housing may still not be accessible to me.

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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.

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Abigail Mikkelson
s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [s. 22\(1\) Personal and Confidential](#)
Subject: FW: 1729, 1733, 1735 East 33rd - Cedar Cottage Cohousing - Support Letter
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:05:09 AM
Attachments: [Letter of Support - Debbie Muir.pdf](#)

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From: [s. 22\(1\) Personal and Confidential](#) **On Behalf Of** Brenda Birch
Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2013 9:30 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; Mawani, Farhad
Cc: [s. 22\(1\) Personal and Confidential](#)
Subject: 1729, 1733, 1735 East 33rd - Cedar Cottage Cohousing - Support Letter

Hi,

I am attaching a scanned letter of support from Debbie Muir who lives in the two block radius of the proposed development.

Thanks,
Brenda

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Brenda Birch

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

Debbie Muir

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February 15, 2013

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Vancouver City Hall
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y1V4

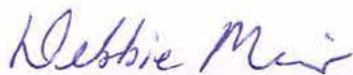
Re: Proposal For Development on 1729, 1733, 1735 East 33rd Ave.

I am in support of the Vancouver Cohousing development. I live and work in Cedar-Kensington.

Hi density multi-family affordable housing is necessary in Vancouver so that people can live near where they work, and be able to walk and bike rather than drive. It supports the environment and is good for children.

The diversity of housing units will attract a diversity of households, living within a community rather than in isolation. It will be a benefit to the neighbourhood.

Yours truly,



Ms. Debbie Muir

cc. Farhad Mawani
Vancouver City Hall

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Philip Stephen](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:30:06 AM

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Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 11:50 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; contact@vancouvercohousing.com
Subject: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage

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The main reason I am excited about the project is its innovative model of community living. Cohousing projects around the world have a way of revitalizing neighbourhoods. I believe that not only the occupants, but the whole area would benefit from having this development. I have heard many stories of people who opposed projects in the US, who fell in love with them after they were built, once they saw how the community in action.

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 saddened to say that the uncertainty of rezoning is one of the reasons my partner and I chose to leave the project -- as delays in approval could push the end costs or the unit we wanted beyond our current means.

I am excited about the project's sustainability, its commitment to ecological construction, and food growing landscaping. The diversity of people attracted to this style of living the gifts they will bring to the area are inspiring. These are all important contributions to Vancouver's vibrant urban life.

I imagine if you do approve this project, it will help put Vancouver on the map for innovative housing solutions.

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

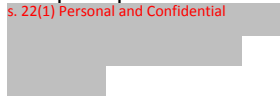
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Yours truly,
Philip Stephen

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Philip Stephen

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Jane Whittington](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:08:46 AM

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From: Jane Whittington s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2013 10:29 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've been asked to support the Vancouver Cohousing project by a classmate and friend, and I'm doing so wholeheartedly. I haven't tampered with the wording of the model e-mail, because I agree with it completely.

But I do want to add that I think this sort of development is sorely needed in our city, which seems to be in the process of being drowned in very expensive apartments for socially isolated, well-off, small family units. So I think this project is doubly important.

Thus, 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.

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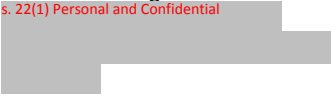
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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: FW: Support Letter for Cedar Cottage Cohousing Rezoning
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:29:47 AM
Attachments: [CommunityHousingDW.pdf](#)

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Thank you.

From: Britta J. s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 11:49 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; Mawani, Farhad
Cc: Colin Angel
Subject: Support Letter for Cedar Cottage Cohousing Rezoning

Hello,

I've attached a letter from a neighbour of the proposed cohousing community on East 33rd ave.

Thank you,
Britta Jongkind
Vancouver Cohousing

Name: Dana Wilson
Address: The Tilopa Center

s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential



Date: March 4, 2013
To the Mayor and Council

RE: Vancouver Cohousing on 33rd Ave E Proposal

I am a resident of Kensington Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood and am in support of the Cohousing Development proposal for the lots on 1729, 1733 and 1735 East 33rd Avenue.

Cohousing is a tried and tested plan that originated in the 1960s and has been met with incredible success stories from around the world. This is a solution for affordable housing, community-building and to support the environmental infrastructure.

Cohousing presents a much needed option for the return of community into people's lives.

According to Vancouver Foundation's 2012 survey to measure people connections and engagement, "31% still feel that metro Vancouver can be a challenging place to develop friendships."

Cohousing is designed on the basis that we are social beings who enjoy interacting with one another, and that our lives are improved by these connections. The architecture is specifically planned by the community with interactions in mind. For example, the kitchens face an inner courtyard thereby making it easy to see activities outside and residents can then subsequently join in if desired. The common house will be make canning parties, permaculture classes, and movie nights easy and spontaneous activities.

Cohousing addresses the need for affordable housing. According to CBC News, "Six Canadian cities on an international survey are described as having severely unaffordable housing, with Vancouver listed as the second-most unaffordable in the world behind Hong Kong."

Residents of the Vancouver Cohousing group have employed architects on the project that are the North American authorities on the subject. Through the application of the cohousing principles, members will share resources and knowledge to provide a solution to the current housing crisis by maximizing space and effectively providing eco-friendly homes to tenants. They are going to enormous lengths to provide a solution. If anything, this is a project that the City should be giving tax breaks to and facilitating its creation.

Developments that look beyond the bottom line of profit gains and take a more holistic look at human interactions from a broader perspective need and deserve the full support of the City. I expect the city to support this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Farhad Mawani".

cc: Farhad Mawani, Rezoning Planner, Planning Department

From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)
To: [Colleen Winton](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Cohousing Proposal in Kensington-Cedar Cottage
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 11:15:34 AM

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From: Colleen Winton s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 12:00 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 of special interest to me as it is just the sort of community in which I would like to live. Having spent my life struggling in the arts, I know what it is to try to find affordable housing, and I also understand the interdependency of neighbours and would welcome this kind of community.

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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Colleen Winton

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