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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 6:57 PM
To: Aaron Sangster
Subject: RE: Westbank Project at Beach and Howe

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From: Aaron Sangster s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 5:50 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Westbank Project at Beach and Howe

Notes:

When I first saw a photo of the building I liked it.

The design, the shape, the size. It was different in all the good ways. But as someone that works at an engineering office. Beauty is only skin deep, it's the guts of this building that I really find interesting.

LEED Platinum. For Vancouver Green City initiative, I'd say it would have to get a big check for that.

I live on Beach ave. and my run takes me under the bridge. in the evening it reminds me of a horror film set. Not very inviting. This project will brighten the place up, make it more inviting, and add life to an area where there should be more.

This is an area that is not utilized to it's potential and this project will create an area that can be used by the

community and bring people together. The fact that it's a LEED Platinum neighborhood is a bonus.

I hope this building is approved and more projects with new designs like this also come to our city.

Thank you.

Aaron Sangster

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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 6:58 PM
To: s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: FW: Beach & Howe Proposal
Attachments: Council Letter - Beach and Howe.pdf

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From: Jamie Forrest s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 5:55 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Beach & Howe Proposal

Dear Mayor & Council,

Please see the attached letter of support for the Beach & Howe development proposal. I have also registered to speak at tonight's hearing and will be sharing my thoughts then.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information can be found the letterhead of the attached document.

Sincerely,
Jamie Forrest

JAMIE FORREST, MPH

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Thursday, October 24, 2013

Re: Beach & Howe Proposal

His Worship Mayor Robertson & Members of Vancouver City Council:

I'm very excited to speak today in favour of the proposal for the Beach & Howe development. This is an exciting opportunity to add architectural uniqueness to the City of Vancouver.

My name is Jamie Forrest. I'm a public health professional and an engaged citizen of the City of Vancouver. I've lived in the West End for over a year and in the city since 2007. I'm passionate about civic engagement, healthy communities and I see development as essential to the sustainability of our city. According to Statistics Canada, the 2011 census showed a population growth for the metropolitan area of the Vancouver increased by 9.3 percent since the last census in 2006. This outpaced the national growth rate over the last five years. This period also saw Vancouver become one of the densest cities in Canada at 5249.1 people per square kilometer. This figure shouldn't scare people. This figure should mean that we're something right and we should continue to embrace our growth, so long as we're smart about it.

Increased density means that a greater number of people will demand better transit, better bike lanes, improved walkability and public spaces. Having carefully reviewed and discussed the Beach & Howe development profile, I can confidently say that this proposal brings together many elements of densification and urban sustainability that Vancouver needs to continue to embrace on its path to be not just the Greenest City by 2020, but also an internationally recognized and architecturally savvy locale.

Furthermore, it is the proposed use of the under-utilized area under the Granville Street bridge that makes this design most appealing. The social consciousness of this developer aims to add common spaces to the City for art installations, urban galleries and fashion shows, theatres, exhibitions or community gatherings. This is an effort that should be applauded and is setting a high standard for other developers to follow across the City of Vancouver.

Lastly, this proposal is attractive because it blends residential units with rental units. As the cost of living continues to increase in Vancouver and rental prices show no sign of letting up, we must hold developers to account in demanding increased mixed developments that include both condo and apartment rental units. I hope that this proposal sets precedence for how City Council will respond to future proposals. Vancouverites demand that their government approve densification, but only when urban sustainability that includes the development of public, common space and mixed condo and rental units.

With this in mind, I encourage Vancouver City Council to support this proposal, and to hold future proposals to an equally high standard when approving densification in our city.

Sincerely,



Jamie Forrest

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To: kent hodgson
Subject: RE: Proposal at Beach and Howe

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From: kent hodgson s 22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 6:03 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Proposal at Beach and Howe

This is the first time I have felt the need to speak out as a citizen. I believe the proposed tower by Bjarke Ingels on Beach and Howe will be terrific for Vancouver. It will bring much needed change to Granville St. It is the perfect location for such a tastefully iconic building, stretching out the Granville mall, encouraging growth down pacific, and welcoming people to the downtown core. It stands for everything Vancouver sells itself as, its modern, innovative and it embraces density. This development will have a ripple effect, encouraging more amazing structures like this to be built in our city. It's nice to see something finally worth Vancouver prices. I really hope you approve it.

Sincerely,

Kent Hodgson