

December 16, 2013

Dear Mayor and Council,

QMUNITY is BC's Queer Resource Centre - the hub for lesbian, gay, bi, trans and queer community programs, training and advocacy. Founded in 1979, our dynamic organization reaches 35,000 people annually.

I am writing in support of the proposed Burrard Gateway development proposal (1262-1290 Burrard Street and 1229-1281 Hornby Street) that is going before public hearing on December 17, 2013.

QMUNITY has been located in the West End since 1985. We have been active participants in the West End planning process that began in 2012, and are encouraging of inclusive initiatives that will revitalize the "village" and surrounding areas.

We believe that the proposed development will provide increased rental stock, in addition to a series of public realm improvements, and increased retail opportunities that will serve the community (a grocery store is of particular interest).

Most importantly, we are thrilled to hear that \$7 M dollars of the Community Amenity Contribution has been allocated to developing a new purpose-built facility for QMUNITY. QMUNITY has been searching for a new, accessible home since 2006, that can adequately accommodate our vital programs and services.

We look forward to working closely with the City to build a facility that properly serves and celebrates LGBTQ people and our allies.

Sincerely,

Dara Parker QMUNITY

**Executive Director** 

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## Ludwig, Nicole

From: Sent: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Tuesday, December 17, 2013 7:41 PM

To:

Subject:

RE: Burrard Gateway Project

Thank you for your comments.

All public comments submitted for the public hearing that are received not more than 15 minutes after the close of the speakers list for that public hearing will be distributed to members of Council for their consideration. The public comments must include the name of the writer.

In addition, these public comments will also be posted on the City's website

(<u>http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/councilmeetings/meeting\_schedule.cfm</u>). Please note that your contact information will be removed from the comments, with the exception of the writer's name. Comments received after the start of the public hearing should not exceed 1500 words.

Public comments submitted for the public hearing that are received more than 15 minutes after the close of the speakers list, will not be distributed until after Council has made a decision regarding the public hearing application and the related bylaw is enacted, if applicable.

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Thank you.

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 5:31 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject: Burrard Gateway Project

To Whom It May Concern

I am just writing to offer my support for the Burrard Gateway proposal. As a long resident of downtown South, I believe this will enhance the downtown experience for residents. Thank you Jeff Drabik

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