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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 10:09 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Oakridge redevelopment

**From:** Matt Cavanaugh s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 8:46 AM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Oakridge redevelopment

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my support for the Oakridge Redevelopment plans. The site enjoys a central location within the metro and direct access to the Canada line and future 91 B Line, making it a prime location for intensification.

Though the plan is ambitious, and may at first seem too large for the area, this is a changing area of the city must be updated to help serve its role as a town centre in the region. As well the higher density will add to the housing supply which will help alleviate the high cost of housing in the city, something voters are of course acutely aware of.

It is an area near where I grew up, and is therefore close to my consciousness. Though it will be a change to see it growing taller and denser, a far cry from my childhood, it is the right thing to do for the city.

Please think of the future of the region when debating the proposal and approve it in full.

Thank you,

Matthew

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 10:00 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Oakridge Redevelopment

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**From:** s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2014 11:41 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Oakridge Redevelopment

Mayor and Council,

One of my family friends live next to Oakridge Centre – Fairchild Court. I heard about this new redevelopment and would like to support this initiative for the following reasons:

1. I like the idea of rooftop commons as it will create great community gathering space that has something for all ages.
2. New restaurants as the neighborhood will welcome additional dining options.
3. Green building practices.
4. Public art amenity which will serve as great educational inspiration for students and adults alike. I am the Education Program Director of the Vancouver Biennale and each year more than 1,000 students participate in our program and benefit from cross-curricular learning through the arts.

Katherine Tong  
s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential



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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 9:55 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Oakridge Hearing

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**From:** Alissa Rogova s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:06 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Oakridge Hearing

Hello Mayor and Council,

I sent in my comments a couple of days ago and I have been waiting to speak. For the record, I would like to send in my comments the hearing:

Urban revitalization, social sustainability and a sense of community. As a third year university student studying geography at the University of British Columbia, these are the goals and ideas that the Oakridge Rethink project makes me envision. A "complete community" is the immediate headline that comes to mind. This project brings together socially required functions, such public services and amenities, combined with affordable housing, sprinkled with green space and nestled in a junction point of several transit paths. After completion, the Oakridge Rethink project will be an icon for sustainable urban design. Benefits aside, the Oakridge Rethink project is following the natural and inevitable trajectory of our city. The City of Vancouver's 2040 Transportation Plan projects our population to hit just under 800,000 by the year 2041 - adding 300,000 new Vancouverites into our already crowded city. By designing an environment that consolidates both land use and transportation planning, we can alleviate present congestion and create a solid foundation future methods.

As a geography student, I see the Oakridge Rethink project as creating a flexible, yet prepared foundation for future population growth and city development. After all, one of main concepts I have been drilled to know during my time at UBC is that the best transport plan is a good land use plan. The successful collaboration between those two fields is a winning game plan.

Thank you,

Alissa Rogova

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 11:48 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Oakridge Mall Development proposal

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**From:** TAN, TERRY s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 11:23 AM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Oakridge Mall Development proposal

To Mayor and Council

After visiting the information sessions that were presented to the merchants at Oakridge mall I feel that the development would help the area flourish and allow more individuals to benefit. The propose senior living, public space and amenities will definitely benefit the area and increase.

I think this project is a great opportunity and makes the use of space more effective.

Thank you  
Terry Tan  
Branch Manager  
BMO Bank of Montreal  
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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 10:10 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Oakridge Rezoning Proposal

**From:** Corey Colville s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 9:05 AM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Oakridge Rezoning Proposal

Dear Mayor and Council,

I write to express my strong support for the Oakridge rezoning proposal. It's an exceptional project that will be a positive catalyst for improvement in an already phenomenal City.

Many thanks,

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Corey Colville  
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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 9:56 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: public hearing notes in favour of the Oakridge development  
**Attachments:** Oakridge Public Hearing Speech.doc

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**From:** Daniel Bar-Dayan s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:30 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** public hearing notes in favour of the Oakridge development

I thought I would share the comments I made at the hearing yesterday. See attached.

Regards, Daniel

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council Members,

I appreciate the opportunity to speak today with regards to the proposed rezoning of Oakridge Centre in Vancouver.

I support the recommendation in principle of the General Manager of Planning and Development Services being debated today. I will let the consultants, architects and city staff sort out the finer details involving building heights, floor plates, shadowing, transportation, etc. Hopefully, most people's requests will be satisfied but I realize you cannot please everyone.

I am here today speaking as a Board Member of Tikva Housing Society. Tikva is a non-profit society, which works towards accessing opportunities for safe, affordable housing primarily for working-age low-income adults and families. Tikva and our various housing partners are very excited about the 290 Social Housing Units which are included in the rezoning application being discussed today. Our Society has a strong focus on families and it is especially nice to see that 50% of the units would be 2 and 3 bedrooms. I do hope these units will be liveable 2's and 3's with square footages of AT LEAST 800 SQ FT for 2 bedrooms and 1000 sq ft for 3 bedrooms.

It is also nice to see another 290 market rental units as part of the application. The more rental units built ultimately adds to the pool of rental apartments in the city which provides more options for renters. Many of our community members on our rent subsidy program (which provides a subsidy and gives the individual the ability to choose where they want to live) will hopefully have the opportunity to live in some of these market rental units.

While the remainder of the 2900 apartments will be market condo units, it is very likely that during the first several years as many as

50% will be rented out as market rental units providing even more rental supply to the neighbourhood.

I am also here today as a member of the community who frequents Oakridge on a regular basis. My in laws live only a 10 minute walk away and my family and I live a short 10 minute drive away. We visit the mall, nearby stores and neighbourhood community centres a few times each week. Oakridge is in the heart of the city and is on the most important high-speed transit line connecting downtown to the airport. I cannot think of a more logical location for a major redevelopment to satisfy the needs of all community members. Personally, I am excited about the new retail and new community amenity spaces that I know my family and I will use. I believe the additional retail and office development will bring thousands of new jobs to members of our community, which is very positive.

I understand many people have concerns about the traffic and transit congestion and rightfully so. At the same time, the rezoning application is recommending further improvements for Vehicular traffic in the vicinity of the redevelopment, which I think is very important. Congestion on the Canada Line is the other debated issue I've been reading about, however, the application provides a lot of detail on how future capacity can be met with an increase in trains, frequency and/or structural upgrades to the stations. I do hope the proper planning is done and the necessary capital is set aside to ensure line capacity does not become an issue.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important development for our community and I wish everyone a good evening.



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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 10:41 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Oakridge Mall

**From:** Mark Sommer 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 6:22 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Oakridge Mall

Hello Mayor and Council,

I just wanted to voice my strong support of the OAKRIDGE MALL redevelopment plan. Its well thought out and will bring many great things to the area with many more options to live, work and play.

Please vote yes to its rezoning.

Thanks  
Mark

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 10:53 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: I support the plans for Oakridge re-development

**From:** Matthew Gordon s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 9:16 AM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** I support the plans for Oakridge re-development

Dear Mayor and Council,

Having recently read a number of columns in local newspapers that could best be described as anti-growth and anti-density, I felt compelled to write you to express my support for the re-development proposal at Oakridge Mall.

It is important that you remember that for every angry columnist in The Province and every self-interested person who shows up at council hearings claiming to speak for the community, there are many of us out there that support plans for increased growth and development in Vancouver.

Many citizens of the city will never be able to afford their own single-family home. And many also choose not to drive a car. We need more market rentals and condos, and more employment and service developed near rapid transit in the region.

The re-development plan at Oakridge is a big step towards fulfilling those goals. It represents the future of Vancouver and I urge you to approve it.

Thank-you for taking the time to read this,

Matthew Gordon

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 10:41 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: In support of the Oakridge redevelopment

**From:** Sebastian Zein s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 6:24 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** In support of the Oakridge redevelopment

Hello Mayor and Council,

I just wish to let you know of my wholehearted support of the proposed Oakridge Mall redevelopment. As a north-east sector resident, I see firsthand where growth manifests itself if not allowed to occur in the CoV: hectares and hectares of farmland and forest consumed for bloated single family homes or cookie-cutter townhomes.

If the Oakridge proposal - which exemplifies thoughtful growth by concentrating housing and retail in a central, transit-accessible area *with no loss of green space* - is rejected, the outcome will be less affordability, more sprawl and more need for new expensive transportation infrastructure.

Vancouver is lucky that the market's first preference in responding to the region's need for housing is with such a high-quality, sustainable proposal; now the onus is on council not to let politics drive growth into objectively inferior forms and sites.

Best regards,

Sebastian Zein  
Port Coquitlam, BC

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 1:00 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Rezoning of Oakridge Centre

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**From:** Meena Mann s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 12:38 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Rezoning of Oakridge Centre

Dear Mayor & Council,

I am writing to express my full support for the rezoning of Oakridge Centre which is currently being heard before council.

I have followed the rezoning progress closely as it has been a major news story for some time. Having listened to comments of many parties in the opposition, I feel that it is important to express my view as well. So many of the people expressing concern over the redevelopment has commented that they do not believe that high rise residents are contributing to a engaged community. I feel that this sentiment does not reflect the views of actual high rise dwellers, and as a resident of a high rise in Crosstown, I strongly disagree with that view. I am actively engaged in my community, volunteer regularly, know my neighbors, as well as my local shop keepers, and even frequent the park and public space in my neighborhood!

I believe that the Oakridge redevelopment proposal presents a housing model that is the future of Vancouver, is inclusive, and allows for a housing diversity that is not represented by the single family neighborhood in and around Oakridge today. I would hate to see the progress of Vancouver set back by the strong voices of a few special interest neighbors.

Thank you for time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Meena Mann  
Account Executive  
OP Media Group Ltd.  
Pacific Yachting Magazine

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