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## **RE: 408-488 West King Edward, Senior Residence**

I wish to express my wholehearted support for the proposed senior residence on West King Edward at Cambie.

The waitlists for care facilities in this city are so long that many seniors and their families are struggling until they are in completely unmanageable, dire situations. There is an urgent need to build more homes that provide personal support as well as nursing care. I have friends with parents who receive visits from home health nurses, but only for a few hours a week, which isn't adequate and doesn't provide the security that there will be prompt response in acute circumstances. I also know a friend whose parents moved into Independent and Supportive Living residences, but were forced to leave when they developed dementia.

Seniors deserve to enjoy the quality of life that is enabled in community settings rich with social and recreational opportunities, and they should not have to face the challenges of moving and adjusting to new environments when their health is deteriorating.

It is very rare and encouraging to see the various levels of service being incorporated into this residence. The property is an excellent location for such a facility, as public transit makes it convenient for staff and visiting families. Active residents can also take advantage of the neighborhood's diverse amenities.

I look forward to this senior residence being built.

Respectfully and sincerely,

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