

February 5, 2015

Mayor and Council
mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

Subject: Support for Seniors Care/Cambie @ West King Edward

I am very supportive of the Seniors Housing proposal. As a senior currently looking for my next move, I know that health is no respecter of wealth or status or lack thereof. All of us age, and some more graciously than others. I have seen friends of mine go through deep pain when they have needed to separate from their life partner due to Alzheimer's or deteriorating health that has prevented them from remaining together. It's heartbreaking.

One of the key attributes of the Cambie proposal is the variety of housing options offered within one building. It would be possible for someone to move in while relatively independent, enjoy the amenities, and in time move to higher levels of care when required without another painstaking move.

I have friends across the economic spectrum, and one of the biggest pushbacks for homeowners is the thought of downsizing and moving into a space that feels too restrictive. Their health is waning, yet they stubbornly hold onto their homes, with all of the pain and strain of maintaining it. This is tough on them, but also their families.

The Cambie project will offer some much needed housing that will meet a variety of needs with different floor plans, sizes and the option to rent or to purchase. It is one more viable solution to our growing problem – where will our aging seniors live and thrive in safety in a centralized urban setting?

Thank you for working hard to put policy in place that will address this. I am hopeful that our City is moving in the right direction by prioritizing special housing for frail seniors and those with accessibility.

Edie Rittinger

Cc: Grant Miller – grant.miller@vancouver.ca

February 12, 2015

To Mayor and Council

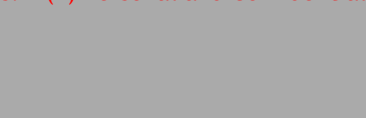
Subject: Support for Seniors Continuum of Care

I support the Cambie Continuum of Care project on West King Edward for the following reasons:

- The location is ideal – on transit, near existing services and shopping, flat and walkable, easy access for mobility challenged seniors, visitors or staff.
- The Cambie Corridor has already absorbed growth – it is in keeping with the increased density that is envisioned for this area. It will allow seniors in the neighbourhood to remain in more suitable accommodation.
- It will offer peace of mind to family members of frail seniors, knowing that their loved ones will have ready access to care in emergencies.
- It allows seniors to remain as independent as possible as long as possible, expending their limited energy on enjoying friends, family, and exercising instead of chores, meal shopping/preparation and driving. In turn this also offers peace of mind to the seniors themselves.

The trickle down funds derived from Development Cost Levies will also benefit other seniors through the affordable housing fund and other Cambie related benefits like community facilities targeted for seniors and park improvements. In my opinion everyone stands to gain.

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Steve Zuliani
Vancouver, BC

Cc: Grant Miller – grant.miller@vancouver.ca

Ludwig, Nicole

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 10:01 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Rezoning Application for 408-488 West King Edward Avenue

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

From: Reilly Wood **s.22(1) Personal and Confidential**
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 9:12 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Rezoning Application for 408-488 West King Edward Avenue

Hello,

I'm writing in support of the application to rezone 408-488 W King Edward to allow seniors' housing. This proposal is a much better use of land than the current zoning allows - it will provide homes for many elderly people in a nice neighbourhood near public transit and shops.

One small issue that does not change my support for this project: I'm disappointed that this even requires a site-specific rezoning. The entire neighbourhood should already allow higher density development given its proximity to the Canada Line. Homeowners may complain, but they've been adequately compensated: they received a huge windfall in land value when the Canada Line was built.

Reilly Wood

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Ludwig, Nicole

From: Public Hearing
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:36 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Support for Cambie Seniors Continuum of Care

From: Dan Matheson s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:19 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Cc: Miller, Grant
Subject: Support for Cambie Seniors Continuum of Care

February 5th, 2015

To the Mayor and Council,
I am writing to you in support for **Cambie Seniors Continuum of Care**.

I heartily endorse the above-mentioned project for the following reasons;

- There are very few seniors' facilities that offer varying levels of care under the same roof. This is ideal, as moves are very taxing on everyone but particularly frail seniors. The more residents can truly "age in place", the better.
- The community engagement that will be possible through this type of care promotes long-term wellness and often prevents unnecessary isolation. Sharing of meals, activities, common rooms for conversation, music and spiritual care all contribute to a healthy community. An engaging city is vibrant, regardless of age.
- The Cambie Corridor and the comprehensive long term planning have resulted in a good variety of housing options for residents. This specific project, tailored for seniors, will allow existing residents the option of remaining in their neighbourhood near transit, well known services, shopping and familiar faces.
- As a young Community Pastor of a large urban Vancouver church, my wife Caryn and I meet and work with people of all ages and backgrounds. It is clear to me that the better equipped our city is to deal with our aging population, the better able we are to care for our city. We have seen many changes over the years, and we endorse the City's desire to be inclusive and to care for its aging population across the spectrum.

Strength in diversity, in our people, in our housing opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

Dan and Caryn Matheson

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Ludwig, Nicole

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 12:59 PM
To: Sue Woods
Subject: RE: Support for CD-1 Rezoning - 408-488 West King Edward

Thank you for your correspondence.

During a public hearing, Council hears from all of the interested speakers. At the end of that process, Council declares the speakers' list closed.

All written comments submitted for the public hearing and received up to 15 minutes after the close of the speakers' list will be distributed to members of Council for their consideration.

Written comments submitted for the public hearing more than 15 minutes after the close of the speakers' list will not be distributed to Council in compliance with S18.10 of the City's Procedure Bylaw.

When submitting written comments, keep your document to 1500 words or less if the public hearing has already started. If the public hearing has not taken place yet, there is no limit to the number of words you can submit.

Written comments submitted to the public hearing will be posted on the City website and must include the name of the writer. Additional contact information (e.g. email address) will be removed.

For more information about public hearings, visit vancouver.ca/publichearings.

Thank you.

From: Sue Woods **s.22(1) Personal and Confidential**
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 12:54 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Cc: Miller, Grant
Subject: Support for CD-1 Rezoning - 408-488 West King Edward
Importance: High

Dear Mayor and Council,

I strongly support the seniors housing proposal. Having been through eldercare issues with my parents and many friends in the same situation, I know that it is desperately needed.

It is rare to find available seniors housing that will accept you as an independent senior and allow you to transition to higher levels of care when required. If there is a couple applying for admission and one is unable to qualify due to health issues, it usually means the couple is separated or stay at home longer than is safely advisable. This was true in my parent's case.


I have researched many seniors' facilities and believe that this one will meet a great need in our city due to location, amenities and reputation for quality operations.

While my father currently lives on the North Shore, a residence like this would be a good move as it's near my home and office. Being a time crunched professional and the only child living in this country, the weight of this responsibility rests with me. I believe this type of care will make the transition for our aging parents much more attractive, especially if they can move close to their adult children who wish to make their lives as fulfilling as possible.

Thanking you for your consideration,

Sue Woods

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A rectangular grey box redacting the contact information of Sue Woods.

Cc: Grant Miller

February 5th, 2015

Dear Mayor and Council:

By email to mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

Re: Proposed Cambie Corridor Seniors Residence

As a resident and small business owner (physiotherapy practice) in Vancouver, I support the proposed Cambie Seniors Residence.

As I look around my neighborhood I observe young families, new retiree's and seniors living together in close proximity and in harmony. We want to continue our relationships and stay connected to those people and services that we trust and have relied upon. However being a global city this isn't always possible. Many people don't live near their family members or have adequate housing and/or time to care for their elderly parents. I like the fact that the Cambie Continuum of Care is reaching out across the variety of residents, attempting to make everyone feel included and welcomed. The building was carefully designed to meet very specific needs that occur in aging adults.

I have had the privilege of working with seniors in my physiotherapy practice and understand how important it is for seniors to continue to live well within their own community as long as possible. Socializing planned exercise, nutrition and engagement with others all contribute to healthy seniors. Healthy seniors make healthy citizens, no matter what their age.

I am also responsible for helping my aging parents find housing that will suit them in their frail years. I have already looked into it, and believe the configuration and the location of the Cambie residence is superior. It's very near my home, there is no need to cross a bridge to reach them (currently the case) and as their primary "caretaker in waiting" son, I know that my own profession, young family and community involvement are already demanding. I also believe the added benefit of having 24 hour staff available that are available in minutes should an emergency arise far exceeds the situation where many seniors have a fall or incident and aren't attended to for hours. I've seen the emotional and physical pain that results from these unfortunate cases.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Nairn

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cc: Grant Miller – grant.miller@vancouver.ca

Ludwig, Nicole

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 2:47 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Support for Cambie Seniors Project

From: Adina Dragasanu s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 2:25 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Cc: Miller, Grant
Subject: Support for Cambie Seniors Project

Dear Mayor & Council,

My name is Adina Dragasanu. I live at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential, Vancouver, and I support the Cambie Seniors Residence for the following reasons:

1. I am a young professional, a UBC/Sauder/Real Estate grad, who understands the need for projects specific to seniors needs. Our demographics are soaring in the seniors category, and unless we build urban models for care we will be under served.
2. While I am a big supporter of subsidized housing for low income seniors, I also know that there are not enough beds to go around and not everyone qualifies for it. The private model of care helps free up beds for those who can't. There is no risk to the taxpayer, and there are benefits derived from Community Amenity Costs that many will enjoy. We have a lot of people who were fortunate enough to own their own homes and they are in a position to stay in their neighbourhoods with this proposal. There is also an option to rent, which opens up possibilities for many more residents. We need choices and this is a very well considered one.
3. I am very concerned about overuse of vehicles and our need to support the "YES" vote for better transit. To align with this initiative, we need more density on transit corridors where staff/resident/visitors can easily use alternate forms of transportation. A Seniors Residence is ideal to add to this important mix. People need to get out of their cars and reserve driving for areas NOT well served by transit. I think the attitude is shifting on car dependency and I commend Mayor and Council for launching the YES initiative to inform the public about the importance of improved transportation infrastructure.
4. The Seniors Residence is in itself a "Community Benefit". Additional funds from the CAC's only add to an already substantial benefit: caring for our frail seniors population.
5. One of the marks of a world class city, along with good transit, is providing a variety of housing options that appeal to a broad cross section of our diverse population. I believe the Cambie proposal will add to the vibrancy of Vancouver.

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Adina Dragasanu, B.Comm

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Ludwig, Nicole

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 4:03 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: 408-488 West King Edward, Seniors Continuum of Care Residence

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From: Winston Chan s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 3:48 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: 408-488 West King Edward, Seniors Continuum of Care Residence

His Worship Mayor Gregor Robertson:

I am writing in support of the subject development for a Seniors Continuum of Care Residence. My family and I live in the area of the Cambie Corridor, and our lives revolve around Hillcrest Community/Vancouver Phoenix Gymnastics Centre almost on a daily basis. With an aging mom myself, who still lives alone in Richmond, a Senior Centre close to our area would be a welcome site and concept. Having this type of a community also brings together family culture where parents or grandparents are accessible for children and grandchildren on a more frequent basis due to proximity to day to day logistics.

I closing, this approval will give a balance in types of housing available in Greater Vancouver that can truly make us call ourselves world class.

Sincerely,

Winston Chan
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