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-----Original Message-----From: Chrystal Sparrow Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:30 AIVI To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office: Subject: Support Amendments to Downtown Official Development Plan

Dear Mayor Robertson and Members of City Council,

I am writing to ask you to re-affirm the City's and your personal commitment to social and rental housing and to preserving the diverse character of Vancouver's neighbourhoods by approving the proposed amendments to the Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP). Of greatest concern to me are those elements that include new housing definitions applicable to all areas within the DODP and amendments to implement the West End and Downtown Eastside plans.

Approving these changes will ensure that individuals and families requiring rental and social housing in Vancouver will have the opportunity to stay in their city and not be excluded from their neighbourhoods.

In particular, these amendments will support the tenants in the present Jubilee House who are mostly elderly, disabled and disadvantaged. They have made the Downtown South their home since at least 1986 while not complaining about the 37 plus condo high-rises that grew up around them.

In addition to New Jubilee House, I am deeply concerned about other social housing projects in the city – several of which have been stalled since the court's recent decision. Vancouver needs these projects and the diversity of housing options they will provide.

Please make the necessary amendments to the Official Development Plan so that the Development Permit Board, with Council's approval, is authorized to add height and density to projects that offer support to social and rental housing as community amenities.

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