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To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Development at 3365 Commercial Drive

From: Kevin Demers s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 8:43 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Development at 3365 Commercial Drive

Dear Mayor and members of Vancouver City Council:

I would like to share my thoughts on the proposed development at 3365 Commercial Drive, and will try to briefly touch on a few items.

I am a resident in one of the developer's other buildings just up the street, and I emphatically state that Cressey has significantly raised the bar for rental housing in Vancouver. The buildings are well constructed, well appointed and exceptionally well managed. As such, they attract tenants who are quiet and respectful.

With Vancouver's severe shortage of rental accommodations, and with much of the city's rental stock dangerously approaching slum-like conditions (trust me, I had a long depressing search for rental housing upon relocating here), this is precisely the kind of development that needs to be encouraged.

Regarding concerns about the character of the neighbourhood, there are plenty of quiet side streets in the area with small character homes and quiet yards. Victoria Drive is not one of them. It has long been a busy street, lined with both housing and commercial buildings. The surrounding area contains warehouses, an industrial bakery, auto body shops, office buildings, care homes and an elevated train that screeches by every few minutes. An apartment building will not be spoiling the character of anything here.

As to the issue of parking, there are fewer parking stalls than rental units in my building, yet I have at no time had any difficulty finding plenty of vacant parking spaces on the street. This is a favourite battle cry of the NIMBY, but is simply a non-issue.

The location is on a major bus route, close to two Sky Train stations, walking distance to all of the amenities one could need, and is PRECISELY where this type of development ought to be.

I could not be more in favour of this project.

Sincerely,

Kevin Demers
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May 19, 2016

VIA EMAIL

Mayor Robertson and City of Vancouver Council
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**RE: REVISED Rezoning Application,
3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18th Avenue**

Dear Mayor and Members of Vancouver City Council,

I am writing in support of the Revised Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18th Avenue in Vancouver. As a renter in the area for the past few years in a newly constructed rental building, I believe that the proposed development will have a positive impact on the community and I am therefore in support of the two sub-areas proposed in the revised rezoning application.

Specifically, I am in support of the proposal as follows:

- I am a renter in the neighborhood and support the creation of more rental housing and in making the area more of a thriving community;
- As a young professional and a renter, new, high-quality rental housing is what I'd like to see in the neighborhood, along with commercial businesses to serve the community in this area.
- With the cost of home ownership in Vancouver out of reach for many, including myself, it is nice to see a project that proposes reasonable rental units rather than market housing. I have several friends who have difficulty finding affordable, clean apartments to rent in the city;
- It makes sense to locate new rental housing in this area. The community is starting to clean up and the area around Trout Lake is a desirable place for people to rent, along with quick access to public transit.

Thank-you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing the outcome of the public hearing held on May 24, 2016.

Sincerely,



Krista Johnston