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**From:** Fernando Medrano s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 8:29 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Re: Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Dr and 1695-1775 E 18th Ave

Apologies for not being able to make the Public meeting - I had a last minute change in schedule that prevented me from attending. Please accept this statement :

Hello,

My name is Fernando Medrano, a long time resident of East Vancouver. [Apologies for not being able to attend this public hearing in person tonight. ].

My family of four is currently renting a portion of a house not too far from this development. We live in a constant state of precarity - not ever knowing if our home will be sold (especially in this hot market) thus forcing us to move. We would like to see more options other than renting detached homes and condos.

I support this rezoning application (for 3365 Commercial Drive) as I believe that this development will provide us more housing options.

The proposed development (3365 Commercial Drive) may also serve as a sort of template on how to build up the housing supply in Vancouver: low-massing, human-scaled, family-friendly purpose-built rentals with a reasonable mix of 1,2 and 3 bedroom units built near Skytrain stations.

These smaller developments will add just the right amount of population density to activate and enliven streets around it without overwhelming the neighbourhood's infrastructure, amenities, and its current residents. Smaller developments also come on-line much quicker than the usual high-rise condo building - housing units become available at a much quicker pace.

Over the last few years, the City of Vancouver has increased rental supply by encouraging the construction of privately owned investment rental condos. This deliberate strategy has been a failure in terms of providing affordable housing. It had exactly the opposite effect as these condo units have become attractive to property speculators local and foreign.

I believe that the most effective way to dig ourselves out of our current mess is to build way more purpose-built, family-oriented rentals. Ideally these housing units would be built on land maintained by a Community Land Trust making such developments virtually immune from property speculators.

The rezoning for 3365 Commercial Drive is a reasonable compromise given the current state of affairs. But please work harder towards the ideal: purpose-built, family-oriented rentals built upon Community Land Trusts.

Thank you for your time  
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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 9:52 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: rezoning of 3365 Commercial Drive

**From:** Tye McKinnon **s.22(1) Personal and Confidential**  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 9:48 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** rezoning of 3365 Commercial Drive

Hey there! I'd like to see more available housing and am in support of the development!

I pay 600 dollars rent a month as one half of a low ceiling basement suite and have grown up in the strathcona and mount pleasant neighbourhoods all my life.

This is barely within my budget, and it's unfair that no one can find anything like it on the market unless they know someone who's offering the space personally as in my case.

I believe the city is going to be densified everywhere in the city, and we need to embrace this change throughout our communities to create better livelihood for everyone in the city.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 10:02 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: rezoning application for 3365 Commercial Drive

**From:** Angelina Xia **s.22(1) Personal and Confidential**  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 9:59 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** rezoning application for 3365 Commercial Drive

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am FOR the rezoning application for 3365 Commercial Drive. I currently live in Kitslano; I had to take a week off work to find a new place to rent in Vancouver. Often, affordable listings (aka one bedroom apartments under \$1200) would vanish a day or two after I contacted the landlords, if they responded at all, and once I had a suite rented one minute after I arrived to view it.

Please allow more affordable rentals to be built in Vancouver. The city needs this.

Sincerely,

Angelina Xia

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 10:14 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Rezone 3365 Commercial Drive

**From:** James Twigg **s.22(1) Personal and Confidential**  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 10:09 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Rezone 3365 Commercial Drive

Please rezone this location to allow the construction of the rental units. The city needs to densify if it is to survive this unaffordability crisis.