

Ludwig, Nicole

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 9:47 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Dr and 1695-1775 E 18th Ave

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From: Stephanie Hogan **s.22(1) Personal and Confidential**
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 5:39 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Dr and 1695-1775 E 18th Ave

To whom it may concern,

I usually don't participate in these types of discussions, but there have been some posters popping up in my neighbourhood lately that I think are worth addressing.

On the posters is a list of reasons why we should oppose the new development on 18th and Commercial, but I disagree. Vancouver is in the middle of a housing crisis. Homes need to be built. That's it.

This is more important than the number of parking spaces available on the street. Without an increase in supply of rental homes, young people will continue to be forced to move out of the communities they love and contribute to.

I love living in East Vancouver. On weekends, I volunteer my time to coach U5 field hockey, helping the children in my neighbourhood learn the value of team work and physical activity through sport. I rent a garden box on 12th and Commercial, hit up the Trout Lake Farmers market on Saturday and support local business on the Drive when I can. But in the two years since I've moved into my \$1,124/month, 450 square foot bachelor apartment at The Porter, the cost of rent for comparable apartments has gone up 16%. That's 4 times higher than the rate of inflation since my move in date.

Thankfully my boyfriend moved in last July because, as a student, I'm not sure I would be able to live in the city on my own. I'm also thankful that we like each other, because 450 square feet can sometimes be a bit tight for two people.

I find the opposition to developments like this really frustrating. What I hear is that if you aren't lucky or wealthy enough to own a home in East Vancouver, we don't want you here. We don't want you taking away our parking spots. We don't want too many of you coming here and taking away from 'the feel of the neighbourhood.'

Vancouver is a growing city, and with that comes growing pains. An increase in housing supply is needed to help the people who feel like they are being forced out of the communities that they know, love and contribute to, just because they don't have the capital to stay. Developments like this are needed if East Van is to remain the colourful, diverse and thriving community it is today.

Thank you for your time,

Ludwig, Nicole

From: Saj Karsan s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 9:23 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Dr and 1695-1775 E 18th Ave

I support the re-zoning. This will potentially provide my family with a place to live.

Thank you.

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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 3:41 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Rezoning Application, 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18th Avenue

From: Jason Del Vicario s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Rezoning Application, 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18th Avenue

Hello,

I wish to e-mail my support for this application. I am familiar with the site; it is for the most part covered in trees and a few run down houses. This project is exactly what we need in terms of increasing the supply of housing in this city to help stem the seemingly incessant housing price increases. I cannot speak at the hearing but as I have a family and can't get away. I am 40 years old born and raised in Vancouver and I am sick and tired of seeing my friends and family leaving for less expensive cities. We need MORE of this type of development.

Thank you and regards,

Jason Del Vicario

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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18th Avenue

Hi,

I'd like to register my strong support for this project. I'm a renter in East Van and we desperately need more rental supply in neighbourhoods with good transit.

Thank you,
Reilly Wood

5.22(1) Personal and Confidential



June 16th, 2016

Mayor Robertson and City of Vancouver Council
City Clerk's Office, 3rd Floor
453 West 12th Ave
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

RE: REVISED Rezoning Application, 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18th Avenue

Dear Mayor and Members of Vancouver City Council,

I Mark Wong am writing in support of the Revised Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18th Avenue. I believe the proposed development will have a positive impact on the community and am in support of the two sub-areas proposed in the revised rezoning application.

Specifically, I am in support of the proposal:

- I am a small business owner in the neighborhood and support the creation of more rental housing
- I support the proposal because it follows the City's Interim Rezoning Policy for Increasing Affordable Housing Choices
- As a small business owner, new, high-quality rental housing is what I'd like to see in the neighbourhood
- With the cost of home ownership in Vancouver out of reach for most, it is good to see a project in the community that proposes reasonable rental units rather than market housing
- The evolution of the design to include the Heritage as a transitional element to the single family neighbourhood to the west and the retention of a large grove of trees on the corner of 18th and Commercial
- It makes sense to locate new rental housing in this community

Thank-you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing the outcome of the public hearing held on June 23rd, 2016.

Sincerely,

Mark Wong

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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 10:25 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Rezoning Application, 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18th Avenue

From: Luke Fraser s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2016 11:08 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Rezoning Application, 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18th Avenue

Hello,

I'm a renter in East Vancouver and I'd like to register my strong support for this project. It will give my landlord some much-needed competition, and it will give 114 extra households the chance to live in this great area.

Those are real, tangible, human benefits and I hope you approve this project and others like it. Thank you for your time.