

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, Chris Brewster am writing in support of the Revised Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. As a resident of the area, and frequent pedestrian on the block, 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 for the following reasons:

- I am an owner in the neighbourhood s.22(1) Personal and Confidential and support the creation of more rental housing, as the opportunity for other young families to join this neighbourhood on an ownership basis has become unaffordable over the past few years.
- I support the proposal because it follows the City's Interim Rezoning Policy for Increasing Affordable Housing Choices
- As a young professional with a growing family, I support the addition of new, high-quality rental housing. Many of my friends with children are looking to locate in this area, but the lack of supply of quality rental units is a major challenge for them. I would like to see more vibrancy in the area with young families and young professionals.
- 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 look and feel of the project, specifically the heritage element, will be a significant upgrade over the existing swamp. Our family doesn't feel very safe walking by this corner in its existing condition, simply because there are often unscrupulous people lurking about in the forested area, particularly at night. Redevelopment of this site, with adequate lighting at nighttime, will make the walk to Commercial Drive and the Skytrain station much safer.

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

Sincerely,

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Chris Brewster

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## Ludwig, Nicole

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 3:06 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: 3365 Commercial Drive Rezone - In Favour

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**From:** Tom Skinner s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016 3:05 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** 3365 Commercial Drive Rezone - In Favour

Hi there, I hope this email isn't too late to be taken into account for Thursday's hearing on the rezoning of 3365 Commercial Drive.

I will not be able to attend the hearing, but would like to state my support in favour of the rezoning. I attended the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and spoke near the end of the hearing.

In my opinion, a project like the proposed apartment building is an ideal fit for this location. Located between two Skytrain Stations, along an arterial with regular bus service, and near a community centre is exactly where a project like this is needed. With similar apartment buildings popping up in recent years along the Diversion, a large number of younger residents have been able to move into the neighbourhood. I know most of us truly want to stay in the area and be part of the community, but limited family-specific rental units are available for those of us looking to start families, so a rental development like this with a number of 2+ room units is sorely needed.

The vehement opposition displayed at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting was nothing short of incredible NIMBYism on behalf of my neighbours. Their complaints regarding the local parks and bus routes being at capacity are unfounded in my opinion. While I do agree with them that the loss of the mature trees from the site is disappointing, it is far outweighed by the opportunity to help increase affordable housing in the area.

Another concern that was raised was parking in the area, as well as Commercial Drive / Victoria Diversion being too busy with traffic. First I'd like to point out that many of the residents in building, if my peers in the neighbourhood could be taken as an example, would primarily rely upon the ample transit / active transportation routes / carshare options in the neighbourhood rather than owning personal vehicles, so I don't see a huge increase in street parking demand. If this however is a sticking point, my potential suggestion for consideration would be removing rush hour parking restrictions on Commercial/Victoria to reduce the street to one lane of traffic each way. This would increase the available parking and decrease the speed at which vehicles pass through the neighbourhood – a potential win for everyone if it could be accommodated. As an extra step, a bike lane between the sidewalk and the parked cars could be implemented quite easily and would make a great connection to a Commercial Drive bike lane if that proposal materializes.

In summary, I am fully in support of zoning for additional density in my neighbourhood through a new apartment building on the site. This property is ideally situated for a project like this and would represent a missed opportunity for the City if a vocal minority of NIMBY neighbours undermines it.

Thank you for your time,

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Dear Mayor and Members of Vancouver City Council,

I, Graham Brewster, am writing in **support** of the Revised Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I strongly believe the proposed development will have a positive impact on the community and am in full support of the two sub-areas proposed in the revised rezoning application.

Specifically, I am in support of the proposal for the following reasons:

- I have been a renter in a purpose-built rental s.22(1) Personal and Confidential for the past three years, and believe strongly this is an excellent living option within the City, to have option for renters to live in new, high-quality buildings that foster strong communities.
- I support the proposal because it follows the City's Interim Rezoning Policy for Increasing Affordable Housing Choices.
- As a young professional and a new owner in the area s.22(1) Personal and Confidential I support the addition of new rental properties to ensure that young professionals and families can continue to live in and support the liveliness of 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 design of the project and building (including the heritage component) is a significant upgrade to the existing condition, making for a friendlier and safer-feeling block that will add positively to the community and neighbourhood.

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

Sincerely,

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