

June 23, 2016

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

**RE: REVISED Rezoning Application, 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Dear Mayor and Members of Vancouver City Council,

I am writing this letter in support of the Revised Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Drive and 1695-1775 East 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

I recently moved to Vancouver and currently live in an apartment in the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. I moved to Vancouver to be with my partner, and we chose to live in East Vancouver because we truly love the community and all it has to offer. We frequently visit the local shops, restaurants, breweries, and coffee shops, love to run around Trout Lake, take advantage of the Saturday morning Farmer's Market, and have plots in the Community Garden on 12<sup>th</sup> and Commercial.

My partner and I are both professionals in our early thirties, and we love living in East Vancouver. It is important for us to live where we work and where we play, to build relationships with our neighbors, and to be present and active in our community. We want to live in a community that has room for us to start a family, without having to move into the suburbs if we outgrow our current space, where our children's teachers live down the street from us and don't have to drive into work from Burnaby, and where those working in the coffee shops, and the bakeries are the people we run into when we are out running errands.

I know there are a number of arguments against this development...parking, traffic, green space, and how an apartment building will change the community. I've been thinking a lot about that last issue, about changing the community. I am a consultant with the Ministry of Education, on a team that supports the inclusion of students with complex learning needs in schools across BC. In my experience, changing the school community so that it accommodates the diverse needs of all students creates a rich learning environment that benefits everyone. I believe the same can be said for a neighborhood, and an apartment building that accommodates young families will add to, not take away, the life of this wonderful community.

Thank you for your time,

Sarah Booth

**Kazakoff, Laura**

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 3:33 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: rezoning application for 3365 Commercial Drive

**From:** Alison McIntosh s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 3:24 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** rezoning application for 3365 Commercial Drive

I support rezoning this site as rental, because it is so difficult to find affordable rental apartments in Vancouver. I currently pay over \$500 per month in rent near this proposed rezoning for a place that has mould, moths, and rodents, because there are so few affordable options, and I need to be close to transit options to get to work.

Alison

**Kazakoff, Laura**

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 5:26 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Dr and 1695-1775 E 18th Ave

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**From:** Brendan Dawe s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 5:20 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Rezoning Application for 3365 Commercial Dr and 1695-1775 E 18th Ave

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

As a resident of Grandview Woodland, I urge the Council to approve this project, expand the housing supply, and provide more competition for my landlord, and to remember the interests of working young people like myself who were unable to attend this and many other hearings.

I further urge the council to speed the process by which such projects are approved.

Sincerely,

Brendan Dawe

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**Kazakoff, Laura**

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**From:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 5:32 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** FW: 3365 commercial drive - rezoning

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**From:** Sarah McMillan  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 5:32 PM  
**To:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** 3365 commercial drive - rezoning

Mayor and Council,

I would like to formally submit my support for the rezoning application of 3365 commercial drive. I currently live in postal code zone V5R1H3. I would like to be able to continue to live between here and commercial drive. I have recently graduated and was informed in April that I have to move out by Sept 1 as my landlord has sold the home I'm in. Now I have a budget of \$1000 for a 1bed or studio and I am willing to move in with a roommate making our budget \$2000 for a 2bed. But can we find anywhere to live in the neighbourhood we want? No. The only places we have found are tiny dimly lit basement suites that are 500sqft or less. Or old buildings, three of which I have seen visible mould in. When we have found places that interest us, other renters have offered more than the original asking price. Or we were told that there were too many applicants and they went for the one that got to viewing first. There is an absolute need for more housing, especially apartments in this neighbourhood. There is too much demand for rentals that it takes months to find something and even then you probably have to settle. Now this building rezoning won't help me now, but it might be helpful the next time I have to move (if I haven't already been forced out of the city due to the housing market).

All the best,

Sarah

Sent from my iPhone