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From: Graham Blake "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 7:57 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Project Reference : 1500 West Georgia

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you both as a concerned Vancouver resident and independent business owner based within the downtown core.

I want to register and express my full support for the revised proposal submitted by Bosa Properties for their development of the site at 1500 West Georgia St.

I believe that the design submitted is a mature, responsible and most creative use of the site and will result in the very best possible development outcome for the local residents and business populations. I consider this scheme to be representative of precisely the terms of excellence demanded under the approved West End Development plan.

I wish to add my voice to those calling for its approval and would be happy to discuss my own reasoning with any and all community stakeholders and city officials alike.

I can be contacted directly using the details below.

Yours Sincerely

Graham Blake

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January 16, 2018

RE: SUPPORT FOR 1500 WEST GEORGIA STREET APPLICATION

City of Vancouver Mayor and Council,

Thank you for considering my letter regarding 1500 West Georgia Street. I am a Vancouver resident and work downtown, just a few blocks from 1500 West Georgia Street.

I am familiar with the West End Plan which designates corridor areas for taller buildings. It's exciting to see that this will result in new designs by international architects, from Kengo Kuma, Bing Thom (local but very international) and in the case of 1500 West Georgia, Ole Scheeren.

Hopefully this is a trend and we will see more architecture that pushes the boundaries across the city, and I truly hope that both Planning & Council can get behind developments like this where the owner or developer are taking on big risks to give a very special building back to our skyline. We really do need more buildings like this which test conventional thinking about architecture and urbanism.

I therefore fully support the proposal for 1500 West Georgia Street and look forward to seeing it built.

I would like to see council approve this application.

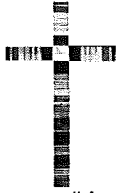
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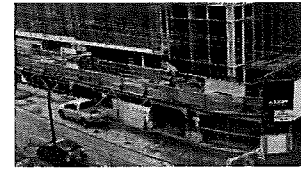
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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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City of Vancouver
453 W 12th Ave
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

January 16, 2018

Attn: Mayor & Council

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Central Presbyterian Church, I write with reference to the development proposal for 1500 W Georgia Street.

Central Church is located at 1155 Thurlow Street, just north of Davie Street, in the exciting and vibrant West End of Vancouver. The church has been rooted in this community since the city's very early days. Churches are a critical component of a city's social fabric; in addition to the commitment to our congregation we host and support diverse programs for all ages and provide support services to our homeless population.

Our previous facility, built in 1975, was challenged by the growing community and in need of substantial upgrades. In 2010 we sought a development partner to utilize the value of the church's land to build new facilities and affordable housing and we found that partner in Bosa Properties. Together we are building a new sanctuary and new church facilities, a modern daycare, 45 units of non-market housing for seniors to be operated by Central Presbyterian and 168 market rental housing units. This beautiful new building will provide us with even more capabilities to minister to and serve our communities for decades to come.

Although development neophytes and initially nervous about dealing with a major developer, we found in Bosa Properties a wondrous support, help, and committed partner. We constantly have been impressed and encouraged by their expertise and professionalism, but even more so by their respect of and consideration not only for Central but also for the people in our community.

We support the project at 1500 W Georgia Street (close to our temporary offices and daycare) recognizing that churches thrive in thriving communities. The West End has been our home for over a century and our church has evolved as the community has evolved. We are excited to see new residents moving into the West End, adding to the diversity of the neighbourhood. And while our church and our congregation provide important services to our residents, the West End also needs a new community centre, library, Aquatic Centre, fire hall, parks improvements, and critical affordable housing. These are all essential community facilities towards which the Community Amenity Contributions from 1500 West Georgia Street will contribute significant funding.

We look forward to seeing 1500 West Georgia Street built and urge council to support this application.

Sincerely,

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(Rev.) James G. (Jim) Smith
Minister