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From: deng ruiping s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: I support the St. George's School rezoning application

To whom it may concern,

I, Ms. Rui Ping Deng, write to support the St. George's School zoning application. St. George's is located at 4175 West 29th Avenue in Vancouver and its Public Hearing will be held on July 18th, 2018.

I live in very close proximity to St. George's and have been witness to the School's above-and-beyond conduct with its neighbors. Over the past 6 years and ongoing the School has constantly tried to reduce traffic, has provided its neighbors with outstanding communication and inclusion (such as Campus Master Plan updates, multiple invitations to come in and meet with Dr. Matthews to discuss the plans, and has asked for requests for feedback, has provided outstanding advanced communication about upcoming big events, and has always had amazing customer service). I have paid close attention to the School's rezoning application and Campus Master Plan and have seen that the School has taken feedback from neighbors and has resubmitted applications to ensure its immediate neighbors are happy, feel heard, and always strive to be a great "neighbor." Through these meetings at the School I have been well educated into the necessity and urgency of this Campus Master Plan and the construction of new facilities. The School strives to provide world-class education to its diverse population and needs the facilities to match its well-known academic programming. The classrooms at the Senior School are all smaller than the average Public School classroom, 70% are underground with very minimal natural light, and are not conducive to how education is being taught in modern day.

As I live in Dunbar, I see how instrumental St. George's School is to keeping local Dunbar businesses in operation. Much of the revenue and profit that Dunbar restaurants experience is from St. George's students, staff and faculty and if the School did not operate in this neighbor I am certain many of these businesses would not be open, or would have relocated to a busier area. St. George's plays a strong role in the Dunbar employment, whether it is for its own school or for the local businesses.

It is for these reasons that I write to you to support the zoning application for St. George's School.

Thank you for your time.

Ms. Rui Ping Deng

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Rezoning Application - 4175 West 29th Avenue

(St. George's Senior School Master Plan)

July 18th, 2018.

As a Graduate of the Convent of the Sacred Heart,

I am thrilled to speak to you tonight about the generosity of St. George's.

When the Convent was sold to St. George's School in 1979 to become St. George's Junior School, the Vancouver Point Grey Alumnae of the Sacred Heart thought that meetings in our old building were over. How wrong we were.

We have been hosted with scrumptious brunches to accompany our Alumnae meetings twice each year for 38 years. The Staff keep reminding us,

"It is your school too you know!"

We have held many fun school traditions using the chapel and other rooms and even held an international Alumnae Conference which attracted 200 attendees; many from the USA.

Over 100 years have passed since our building was constructed. It is now back to its glory of 1912 inside and out. You will find lovely modern community style learning environments inside; complete with unique modern furniture which both teachers and pupils enjoy.

As is so typical of St. George's generosity, Headmaster Dr. Tom Matthews responded to the 2015 Vancouver Heritage Commission Honour Award by saying that St. George's holds The Junior School Building *'in trust'*.

You would be amazed how often Alumnae of the Sacred Heart appear at the door and are welcomed in to have the Grand Tour of St. George's Junior School.

How special it is for me to attend The Junior School Prize Day each year and hear the Valedictorian addresses. My the Grade 7 students have learned so much about life and the importance of the their school's Core Values.

The boys of the Junior School truly learn the meaning and application of these Values which are: Empathy, Humility, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

At the Senior School the students are given even more chances to live these amazing Core Values. Now is a perfect time for this rezoning application to be resoundingly accepted by you, City Council. The Senior Students deserve bright, inviting, modern, learning spaces such as are offered within the walls of the Junior School Building.

Imagine how much more the boys will excel in inviting spaces with the already exemplary modern educational practices offered them at St. George's.

I can attest after decades of seeing the school in action that St. George's Staff always holds their boys' needs close to their hearts; a positive vote by you, for this rezoning application is for the senior boys and their future.

What a wonderful asset St. George's School is to Vancouver.

St. George's will always continue to inspire

"Fine Young Men One Boy At A Time".

Airlie Ogilvie '65

Past President of

The Vancouver Point Grey Alumnae

of the Sacred Heart

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From: Steve Sammut
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 6:15 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: I support the St. George's rezoning application

My name is Steve Sammut and I support the St. George's School rezoning application.

I live in close proximity to St. George's School (within Zone A).

St. George's has run a good process including lots of consultation over the last 6.5 years. The school has made a concerted effort to keep neighbors up-to-date with the application, asked for feedback on its construction/campus master plan plans and made changes to its plans based on the feedback.

Thanks for your consideration.

Steve Sammut

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From: S Sammut s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 6:19 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: I support the St. George's rezoning application

My name is Sheri Sammut and I support the St. George's School rezoning application.

I live in close proximity to St. George's School (within Zone A).

The School (specifically the Senior School) needs to improve facilities to meet the requirements of 21st century boy-centered learning. As such, I am supportive of the application.

Thank you.

Sheri Sammut

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From: Catherine McCauley s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 1:39 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Support for St. George's School- Rezoning Application

To the City of Vancouver –

My name is Catherine McCauley and I support the St. George's School rezoning application.

I live in close proximity to St. George's School (within Zone A) and am very pleased with how St. George's has made a concerted effort to keep neighbors up-to-date with the application, asked for feedback on its construction/campus master plan and made changes to its plan based on the feedback. I have toured the facilities at St. George' Senior School and can confirm without hesitation that many of the current classrooms do not meet what would be considered an adequate learning environment by any standard. I support the school taking action to remedy this situation and proposing to build a world class educational facility that will become known around the world as one of the best of its kind. The City of Vancouver should be proud of this kind of endeavour.

I admire St. George's commitment to make significant improvements to traffic, particularly with the bus system by adding bus routes and increasing the number of buses over the years to encourage students to take the bus to school. I believe that St. George's School is a positive contributor to the broader Dunbar community as the largest employer in Dunbar, providing revenue for local businesses and maintaining a strong working relationship with the Dunbar Residents' Association.

Finally, I want to record the esteem in which I hold the school as a contributor to the City of Vancouver through outreach projects undertaken by the students to help fellow citizens and in particular the Hamper Drive which helps hundreds of families each year over the holidays. I hope that the revitalization of the senior school campus will enable the school to continue with its tradition of community engagement for many years to come.

Many thanks,
Catherine McCauley

Catherine McCauley
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From: Chew, Ben s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 2:47 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: I support the St. George's rezoning application

My name is Dr. Ben Chew and I support the St. George's School rezoning application.

I live in the area close to St. George's s.22(1) Personal and Confidential which is considered Zone A and have felt there has been lots of consultation from the school and they have had a very good process in communication to the neighbours in their development. They have seriously heard our feedback and have taken it into consideration. We understand the Senior School needs to improve their school facilities to carry out their job of teaching in a new curriculum and environment.

We feel that St. George's has added a great diversity to our neighbourhood due to their international stature and the amount of foreign students who attend and feel they have a very positive contribution to the entire Dunbar community. Things like the Saints Fair is always a great time of year for the entire neighbourhood and community.

In short, we are very happy that St. George's has been terrific during this consultation process over the last 6 years for their rezoning and wholeheartedly support it as a Zone A neighbour.

Sincerely,
Ben H. Chew, MD
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