

Mayor and Councillors
City of Vancouver City Hall 453 West 12th Ave
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September 7, 2018

Dear Mayor Robertson and Councillors,

Re: Support for Rezoning Application - 1444 Alberni Street and 740 Nicola Street

I am a West End resident and am writing to support the proposed rezoning application for 1444 Alberni Street and 740 Nicola Street. I am an architect and a recently retired municipal planner.

This project incorporates innovative sustainability features, high quality urban design, and timeless architectural design that will contribute to the livability of the West End.

1. Higher Building Policy

The proposal merits the requested height under the Higher Building Policy through:

- the proposed Passive House Certification, to achieve sustainable design and energy efficiency;
- architectural excellence in this timeless design; and
- provision of public amenities with the City-run childcare facility.

2. Urban design

The integrated full-block proposal will be a welcome addition to the West End and, in particular, the urban design provides:

- strengthening of a prominent gateway at the entrance into the downtown;
- paired towers of varying heights consistent with the neighbouring Georgia Street design precedent; and
- an elegant classical tower composition expressing a street-level base, articulated middle and a sculpted top.

3. Architectural design

The architectural design team has provided architectural excellence through:

- the careful articulation of the massing;
- corner setbacks to reduce floor plates and improve light and views for neighbours; and
- attention to detail in the use of materials and composition of the windows.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eric Fiss

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From: Rob Passive House Canada <[REDACTED] s.22(1) Personal and Confidential">
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 1:11 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning application for 1444 Alberni & 740 Nicola
Attachments: 1468 AlberniStLTofSupport_RB_20180910.pdf

Hello Planning Staff,

Please find attached our letter of support in relation to the above captioned rezoning application.

We look forward to hearing the results of the hearing.

Best regards,

Rob Bernhardt
CEO

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May 1, 2018

Mayor & Council

City of Vancouver

453 West 12th Ave.

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Dear Mayor Robertson & Council Members;

Re: Rezoning Application for 1468 Alberni St. & 740 Nicola

Passive House Canada is pleased to support the application by Asia Standard and Landa Global to rezone 1468 Alberni St. and 740 Nicola to enable construction of two Passive House residential high rise buildings. This project sets the bar for progressive projects such as it serves to consolidate the progress Vancouver is making to transform buildings, normalizing new building practices, disseminate innovation and thus drive down construction costs.

As a leading high rise project of global significance, it will advance Vancouver's plans for the design and construction of high performance zero emissions buildings, providing the local design and construction community with the experience and confidence required to deliver an increasing volume of such projects.

By undertaking projects of this scale, recognition of Vancouver as a leader in the design and construction of high performance buildings is enhanced, improving the competitive position of local firms pursuing projects in other locations. In the global market for tomorrows buildings, that competitive advantage is increasingly valuable.

For these reasons, we urge Council to support this rezoning application to the extent possible within the City's land use policies.

Yours truly

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