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From:

Stephen Regan <s.regan@westendbia.com>

Sent:

Monday, September 17, 2018 9:16 AM

To:

**Public Hearing** 

Cc:

Gavin Duffus (Gavin@downtownvancouver.net)

**Subject:** 

RE: Stephen Regan - Speaker Request: September 18, 2018, Public Hearing

**Attachments:** 

Asia Standard - 1444 Alberni Passive House Letter - Final.pdf

Good morning. Looking forward to the Public Hearing tomorrow.

Please find attached at letter we would like circulated to Mayor and Council prior to the hearing in support of the 1444 Alberni rezoning. It is from both the Downtown and West End BIAs.

I will be speaking for just the West End BIA at the Public Hearing.

Best

From: Public Hearing [mailto:PublicHearing@vancouver.ca]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 12:08 PM

**To:** Stephen Regan **Cc:** Public Hearing

Subject: RE: Stephen Regan - Speaker Request: September 18, 2018, Public Hearing

Hello,

Your request to speak to City Council has been received for the following meeting and agenda item:

Meeting Type:

**Public Hearing** 

Meeting Date:

September 18, 2018 at 3:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Council Chamber, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

Agenda Item:

4 - CD-1 Rezoning: 1444 Alberni Street & 740 Nicola Street

You are Speaker Number: 1.

Your speaker number indicates your position to speak on the agenda item and is assigned in the order they are received. Please review the speaker information available on the City's <u>Speak at a City Council meeting</u> webpage prior to the meeting. Speakers have 5 minutes to address Mayor and Council.

If Council is unable to hear from all of the speakers at this meeting, the Chair will announce another meeting . date and time to hear from remaining speakers. This information will be posted on the City's website at <a href="mailto:vancouver.ca/councilmeetings">vancouver.ca/councilmeetings</a> as well as from the <a href="mailto:QVanCityClerk Twitter account">QVanCityClerk Twitter account</a> .

Please feel free to contact us if you require further information.

Thank you,

City Clerk's Office City of Vancouver

Email: <a href="mailto:publichearing@vancouver.ca">publichearing@vancouver.ca</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:vancouver.ca/publichearings">vancouver.ca/publichearings</a>

**From:** City Clerk's Office [mailto:noreply@surveyqizmo.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 12:04 PM

To: Public Hearing

Subject: Stephen Regan - Speaker request: September 18 public hearing,

Meeting: September 18 public hearing

Agenda items: Heritage designation: 349 West Georgia Street (Former Main Post Office):

Heritage designation: 1170 Barclay Street (the Florida):

Text amendments: East Fraser Lands (EFL) Official Development Plan 10-year Review Planning Program: Progress Update and Bylaw Amendments for a new community Centre

Site and Affordable Housing:

Rezoning: 1444 Alberni Street & 740 Nicola Street: Support

Rezoning: Amendments to the Zoning and Development Bylaw for Most RS Zones to

Allow Two-Family Dwellings (Duplexes) to Increase Housing Choice:

Rezoning: Amendments to the Zoning and Development Bylaw for RT-7 and RT-8 Zones (Kitsilano) and RT-10 and RT-10N Zones (Kensington-Cedar Cottage) to Increase Housing

Choice:

Name: Stephen Regan

Email: s.regan@westendbia.com

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Organization: West End BIA

**Role:** Executive Director

Representing a

group:





Mayor and Council City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4 September 14, 2018 circulated via email

## Support for Passive House Building at 1444 Alberni & 740 Nicola Street

The development proposal for the world's tallest passive house presents a unique and exciting opportunity for the City of Vancouver. A landmark building of this scale will benefit the entire downtown peninsula, which is why this letter comes to you from both the West End BIA and the Downtown BIA.

The Downtown and West End BIAs represent thousands of businesses and property owners covering most of the downtown peninsula's commercial streets. Both were active in the West End Planning process. In 2012, the West End BIA submitted a 'Streetscape & Design Guidelines Vision' document that advanced a number of principles including prioritizing economic viability on commercial streets and increasing density within the West End. Density 'done well' places more people living near businesses while enabling commercial activities to thrive. Residents of 1444 Alberni and 740 Nicola will find excellent shopping and dining options close by. Many will seek services and be employed in the neighbouring central business district. Density 'done well' will not only support local business, but create environmentally friendly buildings and lead more people to choose public and active transportation options.

In 2015, the DVBIA conducted a comprehensive community engagement process that connected with thousands of downtown Vancouver residents, community members, and business people in order to 're-imagine' Downtown Vancouver. One of the features of the re-imagined vision was for the city to be an architectural leader, with a distinctive and conversation-worthy skyline. Another was to have environmentally sustainable buildings. This particular development proposal delivers on both of these goals.

Several features of this project will have direct benefits to the West End Neighbourhood including a mix of family oriented units, a park on Nicola Street, 56 day care spaces, and millions of dollars in community amenity contributions towards the West End Public Benefits Strategy. We note the city's planning team has made a series of recommendations to help the project fit into the community while supporting the overall proposal.

Both the Downtown and West End BIAs strongly support this important project. It will provide significant benefits for the community and support the economic vitality of the adjacent commercial streets.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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