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**To:** Public Hearing  
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Hello Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council,

I am writing to express my support for the 2715 West 12th Avenue rezoning application. Though I had hoped to speak in front of you tonight, unfortunately, due to prior commitments, I will be unable to.

While this does not diminish the value I place on this application, I will admit part of me is glad that I will not have to spend a night waiting to speak in chambers. Though I have no doubt my thoughts, just like those of my fellow Vancouverites, would have been listened to and respected.

However, we cannot only be concerned with the voices of today. I feel this project, with its large portion of family sized homes, will allow young couples to stay residents of our city as they grow themselves and their families. This area offers those growing families plenty of amenities, but I really appreciate this project still provides its own children's playground in a safe, observable, location. I believe this will help foster a real strong sense of community between these residents.

I am also hopeful by the time the children of these young families are ready to attend university, they will be able to take SkyTrain on an expansion of the Broadway Subway "University Line." To be honest, I greatly hope that expansion is completed far sooner than 18 years from now.

Some may feel that aspiration means this site should offer a lot more housing than the 14 rental homes it will provide. There may be some merit to that argument, but I realize the construction of the SkyTrain expansion has yet to receive final approval, let alone funding. As such, I understand there's plenty of time to consult on that bigger issue, and feel this project shouldn't be viewed through the same lens of hope for or anxiety of large change.

Rather, the decision should be guided by established policy. In my opinion, this project matches both its guidelines and the community's existing design character. I am also grateful this policy allows for the ability to plan for our city's, and planet's, sustainability needs by providing ride-share vehicles instead of a largely empty concrete parking garage. I know if I didn't have the space to house the car I own, and don't really use, I would choose to finally get rid of it.

For these reasons, and others highlighted in the recommendations of your staff, I ask you to ensure our city stays friendly and livable for families and individuals. Help them save hours of commuting in their car on the freeway, and welcome them to a car-light lifestyle in Kitsilano with your approval of these homes.

Thank you for your time,  
Devon Hussack