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**From:** Wah Gee s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2019 10:27 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Rezoning: 708-796 Renfrew Street, Vancouver

To the Mayor and the City Council:

Hi, my name is Mr. Wah Gee. I have been a resident in the PNE/Renfrew/Hastings Sunrise area since September 1991, shortly after I finished my course work at UBC. I truly love the area, and I have seen tremendous growth in the area. Of course, it is not without its ups and downs (e.g., good – businesses are thriving. Bad – potential Dr. A.R. Lord school closure).

This letter/e-mail is for all elected members to read. Below are ideas that you can consider when looking at the 708-796 Renfrew Street rental housing project. I just want to let you know, so that there are no surprises, that I was the home owner at 770 Renfrew Street – one of the 7 properties on the block. In short, I fully support this rental housing project under the Affordable Housing Choices Interim Rezoning Policy. I know many people, young and old, who are looking for places to live because they have been evicted or want something different (e.g., family moves back, renovations, no pet policy, etc.). For me – it's important that more rental housing is available to people, and I hope this promotes more purpose-built rental projects within the City of Vancouver and beyond.

The following are points to consider:

- The rental project has the potential to build a tight knit community amongst the people who live in the units
- Vancouver's rental vacancy is hovering at around 1% or less, thus the need for more rental housing
- Many of Vancouver's homes that could be "available rentals" are actually tied up because of "owners" who leave them vacant – they are willing to pay the empty homes tax and the NDP's speculation tax – thus the need for more rental housing
- The rental homes are very close to businesses, transit, Hastings Community Centre, Dr. A.R. Lord Elementary, Templeton Secondary and Pool, Vancouver Technical Secondary, and PNE
- I understand the concern about the potential of more traffic, but many people who rent do not drive; they either take transit or use car share vehicles
- The local elementary and high schools will see increased student enrollment - this is important for teacher retention
- If people work in the COV, they will not have to do any long commutes to and from work

- There will be more people using Hastings Community Centre
- The rental project will use the latest technologies – construction of two (2) “green buildings” – using passive housing standards
- People who live in temporary modular homes have a chance to rent these units
- The rental housing right next to the Adanac bike lane
- The area is VERY safe: In the 20+ years I have lived in the area, I had one break-in (my fault: I left the garage door open to too long, so the thieves knew what the contents were)
- The traffic – this part of Renfrew Street between Adanac Street and E. Georgia Street is not considered very busy; the only time that it was very busy is during the PNE Fair when people want the FREE 11:00 am – 1:00 pm entry

Anyway, please consider approving this project. If the goal is to increase the vacancy numbers, this rental project is one important step in achieving that goal.

Thank you for reading this letter/e-mail.

Yours truly,

Mr. Wah Gee

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**From:** Abundant Housing s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 04, 2019 10:52 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Cc:** Ryan James McLaughlin  
**Subject:** 708-796 Renfrew Street and 2906-2908 East Georgia Street proposal

The following message was sent through the Abundant Housing Vancouver website  
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential on behalf of Ryan James McLaughlin

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Hello,

This email is about 708-796 Renfrew Street and 2906-2908 East Georgia Street, which I support. The project is close to my home in Hastings-Sunrise.

I urge you to approve the project for the following reasons:

- I want my friends and family to be able to live in Hastings-Sunrise, and they won't be able to do that if there aren't enough homes
- This project will make Hastings-Sunrise a more vibrant, exciting neighbourhood
- Central, walkable neighbourhoods like this are the best places to build more homes
- If we want people to use public transit, we need to let them live near it
- We desperately need more rental homes in Vancouver

I would also like to see the following if possible:

- I'm disappointed that the project doesn't have even more units
- It's disappointing that a project like this requires a rezoning

Sincerely,  
Ryan James McLaughlin

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**From:** Marc d. Wicks s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 05, 2019 1:41 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Whiskey Six BBQ Support for Public Hearing 708 - 796 Renfrew Street, Vancouver, BC  
**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon City of Vancouver Council,

Hello. My name is Marc Wicks. I am the owner/operator of a restaurant called Whiskey Six BBQ. I am writing in support of a building development in my neighborhood (708-796 Renfrew Street).

Unfortunately I am unable to make it to the public hearing this Thursday to support this housing development. I would like to officially throw my support behind this. This multi-unit rental development will be a great addition to my Hastings/Sunrise neighborhood. This will be amazing for neighboring businesses and Whiskey Six BBQ and for adding vibrancy to the street. The fact that this an eco friendly and sustainable development means is amazing. Having 70 new residents to eat and drink in a restaurant like mine will help build our local clientele so this helps a small business have success.

I hope that my support makes it on record for 708-796 Renfrew Street.

Thank you for your time.

Cheers,

Marc



**MARC D. WICKS**  
Owner/Operator

Whiskey Six BBQ  
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**From:** Ida Borairi s.22(1) Personal and  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 05, 2019 5:39 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** 708-796 Renfrew Street

Dear mayor and council,

I live on Kaslo and East Georgia; one block from the proposed rezoning.

As a renter, I have experienced first hand the difficulties in finding new rental stock in the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood. I support this application as it would contribute much needed rental housing to the community.

The proposal makes sense as it is located on a busy street and is along a frequent transit network. In order to achieve more access to rental and affordable housing, the city needs to approve more proposals like this.

Thank you kindly,

Ida Borairi

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Rita Tempesta s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 05, 2019 6:01 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for your email

Also I live close to 2880 Venables street DP 2018-00128

I am for the all-weather playfield I was born and grew up in this area I am 61 years old. My three sons all went to Notre Dame. All three played football. Always had to go a park with a bus for gym or sports. The students have no field for gym or sports they need one. Lets give these students a field.

On Tue, Jun 4, 2019 at 3:30 PM Public Hearing <[PublicHearing@vancouver.ca](mailto:PublicHearing@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Thank you for your email regarding Public Hearings. Please review the following important information.

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#### **Other Matters Related to Public Hearings**

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**From:** Lisa Chan s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 06, 2019 4:31 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** 708-796 Renfrew Street Development Support

To Whom it may concern:

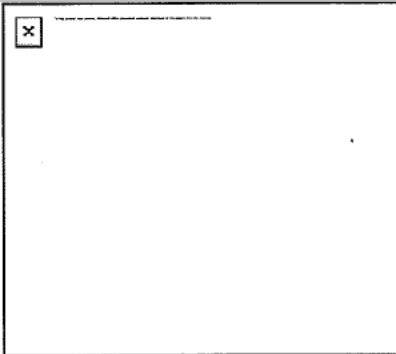
I am a business owner at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential just a block away from the development at 708-796 Renfrew. We have been conducting business at this location for the last 8 years. I am in strong support of this development being rezoned because I know our neighbourhood is in desperate need of rental housing stock. My location is a shared office and have 7 other tenants sharing the space. I have heard an overwhelming support for more rental development in this area because housing is so limited and hard to find.

As Vancouver becomes more dense, we need more housing so it's inevitable to bring in higher density development to our city. The development on the 700 block is the first of it's kind on Renfrew North of 1st Ave. With it's sustainable and clever design, it will surely set a good precedent for new development in Vancouver.

I am sorry I can not attend the public hearing on June 11th so I'm writing to express my strong support of this project moving forward. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thanks,

Lisa Chan, MBA  
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**From:** Kelly Shih s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 06, 2019 5:55 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** 708-796 Renfrew Street Development

To whom it may concern.

I have been working at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential for the past 6 years. I currently lives in Richmond and have been trying to look for a suitable apartment within walking distance to work but I have not been able to. I really hate busing to work but there is no apartments available! I heard there is a new development at 708-796 Renfrew that will give me more options to rent an apartment to live (right now the only thing available are houses).

I support this new development fully.

Best Regards,  
Kelly Shih



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**From:** ohlana s.22(1) Personal and Confidential  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 06, 2019 11:19 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** 708-796 Renfrew Street Rezoning

To Mayor & Council:

I have resided at Parker and Renfrew for the past 10 years. My children attended Norte Dame and have obtained part-time jobs in the neighbourhood during their upbringing.

I know many of my neighbours do not want to see change occur in our neighbourhood. I believe new proposals such as the one at 708-796 Renfrew Street would only make our community stronger. We need new rental options and more diversity to the area. My own children are unable to rent close by due to the lack of options. Without diversifying the rental stock, there is no opportunity for new revitalization to the neighbourhood.

I strongly support this proposal as it includes family oriented units, and is close to transit.

All the best,  
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