

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Peter Waldkirch s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 4:52 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Comment supporting rezoning at 4575 Granville Street

(Please note that I already submitted this comment via the City's website comment form on June 11, 2019; however, as I do not see a copy included in the copies of correspondence on the agenda, I am sending it here to ensure my comment has been received.)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I write to express my support for the rezoning at 4575 Granville Street.

I am shocked and saddened that such an obviously beneficial project is attracting such opposition. The facts are simple: if this rezoning is not approved, all that will happen is that another Shaughnessy mansion will be built. We could have one mansion, or 21 rental homes. Surely, this is a no-brainer.

I understand the nearby hospice objects to these rental homes, but I have yet to hear a coherent explanation from them as to why. It seems to amount to nothing more than disgust at having mere renters nearby. In a city with a housing crisis as profound as Vancouver's – and in a city with a vacancy rate of less than 1%, which turns tenants into supplicants and guarantees that landlords get to call the shots – such objections should not be permitted to block such a desperately needed rental project.

I grew up in Kerrisdale which, like Shaughnessy, is dominated by single-family homes. Over my lifetime I have seen Kerrisdale stop being a home for families, and become a preserve of the super-wealthy able to afford houses worth several millions. My Dad still lives in Kerrisdale, and he stopped putting out jack-o-lanterns many years ago, since there simply aren't many kids left in the neighbourhood.

New rental homes in neighbourhoods like Kerrisdale and Shaughnessy won't hurt the character or livability of these neighbourhoods; they will enrich them. What gives neighbourhoods character isn't the shape of the building, but the people who live in them. Shaughnessy needs an injection of that sort of character, which can only be accomplished by projects such as this.

Please approve this project. Vancouver desperately needs rental homes, and there is simply no good reason to say no to this one.

Sincerely,

-Peter Waldkirch

Hildebrandt, Tina

From: Abundant Housing s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 3:20 PM
To: Public Hearing
Cc: Sodhi Bagri
Subject: Please approve 4575 Granville Street

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

Hi,

I would like to register my support for 4575 Granville Street. I have friends and family who live nearby, and I want the best for them.

This project deserves to be approved for a number of reasons including the following:

- This project will make Shaughnessy a more vibrant, exciting neighbourhood
- Central, walkable neighbourhoods like this are the best places to build more homes
- We desperately need more rental homes in Vancouver

I have some suggestions for improvement that do not detract from my overall support:

- I believe the neighbourhood, the city, and the region, would benefit if the project was allowed to include even more units.
- Building homes like this shouldn't require an entire rezoning

Please approve this project.

Best regards,
Sodhi Bagri

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From: Abundant Housing [REDACTED] s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 3:07 PM
To: Public Hearing
Cc: Jason Cassels
Subject: In support of 4575 Granville Street

The following message was sent through the Abundant Housing Vancouver website

[REDACTED] s.22(1) Personal and Confidential on behalf of Jason Cassels [REDACTED] s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Hi,

I am writing regarding my support for 4575 Granville Street. I would like to live in Shaughnessy someday, and I think that's more likely to happen if projects like this are permitted.

I recommend that you approve the project for the reasons listed below:

- I want my friends and family to be able to live in Shaughnessy, and they won't be able to do that if there aren't enough homes

There are some things that could be improved:

- I'm disappointed that the project doesn't have even more units

Respectfully yours,

Jason Cassels

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From: Lathen F s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: RE: 4575 Granville Street

Hello Mayor Stewart and Council,

I'm writing to express my **support** for the townhome development at 4575 Granville Street (Shaughnessy), which will be secured as rental in perpetuity.

The need for more, secure rental housing is growing, as evidenced by Vancouver's vacancy rate, which is hovering below 1% in Vancouver. Having recently relocated to Vancouver (from North Vancouver), I can tell you that it is challenging to find quality rental housing options.

This project is well situated in a great neighbourhood, just outside the downtown core. I have no doubt that there will be a strong demand for these units (should Council allow them to get built), particularly from working professionals and critical care providers (nurses, police officers, firefighters, teachers, etc). These are people who rent and can afford market housing, similar to what is being proposed here. Vancouver should be an inclusive community that is accessible to Vancouver's workforce, and that should include Shaughnessy too. Furthermore, this project represents an opportunity to add new housing stock with zero displacement: that's a win.

I hope you'll say yes to making Vancouver a more inclusive city and better housing options for our growing workforce.

Thank you,

Lathen Forrest
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