

Ludwig, Nicole

From: Mike Georgas s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 5:39 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rental Housing on Granville

Dear Mayor Stewart and Council,

My name is Mike Georgas, I am writing to express my support for the 4575 Granville Street redevelopment application. Rental housing in this area should be encouraged. I was raised on the west side, and believe we should be creating opportunities for people like myself, my three brothers, and others to move to this neighbourhood. Furthermore, my mom is aging in her single family home. With three sons, and grandchildren, she will need a sizable unit to downsize to. Projects like this will allow my mom to downsize in her community, where her friends, family and services are.

I applaud the changes that the applicant team has made in response to the feedback from the Open House forum, as well as in response to concerns raised by the hospice located to the south of the site. I hope this project won't be rejected as a result of localized opposition and NIMBYism.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Mike Georgas

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From: Linda Lancaster s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 1:53 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 4575

Dear Mayor Stewart and Member of Council,

I write to you today to share why I am in support of the proposed development at 4575 Granville Street. The proposed Granville Street development will offer new rental market housing in a challenging market. In addition, as a younger investor I am excited for the chance of acquiring a rental unit that would fulfill my current desires and have space for a family down the road. The current market in Vancouver makes it incredibly challenging to secure family oriented rental units. 4575 Granville Street would, hopefully, illustrate to developers that there is a significant desire for similar developments. Developers will be discouraged if they are unable to get approved in a city that is currently suffering from extremely low vacancy rates.

I hope you have found my opinion to be insightful in your decision.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Linda Lancaster

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From: John Grewal s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 1:40 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Public Hearing Hospice vs Rentals

Hello,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed development at 4575 Granville Street.

As a long-time renter, I understand the difficulties people like me face when looking for a home.

Vancouver desperately needs more rental housing in close proximity to downtown and public transport. This development will add 21 rental units to the market, and I hope will allow others to have an easier time finding a home than I did.

I urge you to act on delivering more housing to the community asap.

Thank you
John Grewal

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From: Ameet S s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 1:13 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 4575 Granville

Your Worship and members of Council,

I am writing you to urge you to support and to approve the proposed rental townhome project located at 4575 Granville Street. As renter, I appreciate the need for more purpose-built rental opportunities in the city, particularly on the West Side of Vancouver.

I am a big fan of gentle densification such as the proposed project. I believe that redeveloping this large, underutilized lot on a primary arterial road is practical way to support the city's rental housing needs. I was further encouraged to learn that this project is for a family oriented rental project. More 3-bedroom rentals are needed in this city, and the townhome form will be attractive to many.

I believe that this project adheres to city policy and will help deliver on the city's rental housing targets in an area that is currently underserved.

Regards,

Ameet Singh

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From: Rosie Melvin s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 1:13 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 4575 Granville street

Mayor Stewart and Councillors,

I hope that you will vote to approve the rental housing project that has been proposed at 4575 Granville Street.

Vancouver is losing working professionals and people who deliver critical community services due to the challenges associated with the city's housing supply shortage. These are people who work in Vancouver but have to commute from other municipalities because we lack sufficient rental housing options. One of the many negative implications of this trend is traffic congestion. If we had more housing options for people in our walkable/bikeable/transit-oriented City, people would rely less on vehicles and there would be less congestion on our roads.

This project represents an opportunity to build more rental homes to house Vancouver's working population who have been priced out of home ownership, or simply prefer to rent. It's unfortunate that a lot of families are being pushed out of the City as a result of the housing situation.

[SEPISEPI] Council, please support this project!

[SEPISEPI] Sincerely,
Rosie Melvin

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From: Justin Prakash s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 1:11 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 4575 Granville

Dear Planning Staff,

I'd like to lend my voice in support of the rezoning application for 4575 Granville Street.

A new rental housing project on an existing underutilized site makes good sense, given the land shortage across the lower mainland. Densification is needed to make Vancouver a more affordable and inclusive city.

I understand that significant changes have since been made by the applicant in response to feedback from neighbours and planning staff, with the objective of minimizing any negative impact to the hospice located south of the property. I'm really pleased that City Planning Staff have continued to work with the applicant, despite localized opposition and NIMBYism, and have brought it forward for consideration.

I'm really pleased with how the acting Vancouver Council are taking a practical approach to address the low vacancy rate and encourage new housing starts. I look forward to seeing more rental housing projects like this in Vancouver.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Justin Prakash

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From: Michael Hira s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 12:57 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Subject 4575 Granville

Dear Mayor Stewart, Councillors & Planning Staff:

I would like to offer my support for the rental units being proposed at 4575 Granville Street.

As you know, young professionals rely heavily on the rental market. However, as our households grow, our rental options become more limited. The vacancy rate for 3 bedroom rentals is at zero. This is quite alarming, as family-sized rentals are critical to providing the necessary housing choice and diversity that allows young families to remain and grow in the City. Fortunately, this project is responding to this critical need by proposing to add 13 3-bedroom rental units without displacing residents.

Not only is this project adding vital rental housing, but it is doing so in a central, walkable and bikeable location near transit, services, and amenities – just where family-rental housing should go. Housing diversity and choice is essential to the health and vibrancy of our neighbourhoods and the city as a whole.

I hope you'll support this project.

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael Hira