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From: Shannon Huish s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: RE: 1166 West Pender Street - New Office Building

To Mayor and Council,

My name is Shannon Huish and I'm writing to express my support for the proposed redevelopment of 1166 West Pender Street in Downtown Vancouver.

I work in very close proximity to this property, so close in fact, that we share a lane. In my view, the location of this project just makes a lot of sense. It's well situated in the Downtown Core alongside many other office buildings, it's easily accessible by transit, and it will simply provide employers and businesses more options when looking for office space.

If this project were to be approved, I think it would also have a great benefit on the streetscape along Pender Street. It would really help to bring a little more vibrancy to the area & would invite more people to enjoy this area of the city – even if they don't work in the building itself. I think the connection between Pender Street and the new project on Melville Street behind it will also really help improve the area for both employees and residents nearby. I look forward to being able to enjoy this building if it's built!

Thanks for reading my comments in advance of the July 9 Public Hearing.

Sincerely,

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From: Katie Maslechko s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2019 2:06 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 1166 West Pender Street

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Dear Mayor Stewart and Council Members,

As someone who lives and works in the downtown peninsula (close to the Reliance Rezoning Proposal for 1166 W. Pender) I'm writing to you in support of the proposed development at 1166 West Pender Street.

Downtown Vancouver is a growing business district requiring continued development and expansion of commercial space. The proposal for this particular property would be a really positive form of progression that would bring much needed new commercial space to the area.

The architectural design of the building is well thought out and I expect will likely be a very desirable building for a company to call home. The continued redevelopment of our Downtown core will help to incentivize prospective companies to Vancouver. After reading the proposed plans, I believe this development is actually rather modest in height for its location, which I can only assume is to respect the neighbouring residential buildings and neighbourhood parks, which makes sense.

The proposed plans bring with it a walkway connecting West Pender and Melville Streets. Again, as someone who walks to work in the neighbourhood, I see this as a real plus for the overall area, and benefiting not just those who live here, but work as well. Finally, the location of the development is well served by transit, and appreciate the building will have an adequate amount of vehicle parking (and not any more than that...)

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Katie Maslechko

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From: Nicole Major s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2019 11:13 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 1166 West Pender Proposal Support Letter

Hi Mayor and Council,

My name is Nicole; I live in Coal Harbour and work in downtown Vancouver. I am writing to you today in support of the proposed rezoning application at 1166 West Pender Street.

The thoughtful design of this proposal is apparent in the unique building character, creative landscaping and effective use and creation of space.

Notably, I find the design of the building to be inspiring, contributing the elevating Vancouver's downtown core as a unique desirable place for both residents and business. Moreover, I believe the design helps protect and exemplify the natural setting of the city, which is wonderful to see as we are nestled in some of the most incredible natural landscapes in the world. It is also great to see from the shadow study this building does not produce troublesome shadows or impede sightlines.

As a resident of the neighbourhood, I also appreciate the proposed pedestrian link along the side of the site increasing neighbourhood connectivity, linking Melville with Pender, proving to be very useful on my walk to work each morning.

In my opinion, this an overall project design we could be encouraging! Thank you for taking the time to read my email and have a great day.

Kind regards,

Nicole Majorkiewicz

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From: Nic Meyer s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2019 4:29 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 1166 West Pender St.

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Nicholas Meyer, I am the owner of the strata titled office space located at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential immediately next door to the 1166 West Pender site which has an application for a 32-level office building. I'm unable to attend the hearing, but wanted to write to share my support for this application.

Early in the process, the applicant reached out to me as an immediate neighbour to have a preliminary discussion about this site; all before they had submitted their application to the City. As a neighbouring business, I very much appreciate this forethought & consideration for neighbours. As a result, I've kept up to date throughout the rezoning process & have watched this application evolve to what it is today.

I can definitely say that once this project is complete, it will have a hugely beneficial impact on our immediate area and street front. It will help revive a currently underutilized space with retail and commercial opportunities, and it will attract new businesses and retailer to the area. I feel it is important to support sound projects like this in our City that are well located near transit, have been thoughtfully designed and will help boost our local economy.

Finally, I'd like to touch on the proposed design for the building itself. The architects have done a great job coming up with something that is unique but also in keeping with the character of this part of town. I really like how greenery will cascade down the façade of the building making it interesting for not only passers-by, but also those living in the residential towers surrounding.

I hope to see this project move forward and I'd like to thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Meyer

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From: Ryan Sekhon s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2019 9:52 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 1166 West Pender Street - Public Hearing (July 9)

Good Morning Mayor and Council,

My name is Ryan Sekhon and I'd like to share a few comments with you on why I support the 1166 West Pender Street proposal that's being considered at the July 9th Public Hearing.

I both work and live in Downtown Vancouver and I've been following this proposal since it's very first community open house. I think this project is a great idea and will hugely improve what's on the site today. New office space needs to be easily accessible by transit, be close to existing services and needs to complement its surrounding uses effectively, which this project has.

I like that there is also a pedestrian connection through the block so people can freely walk around the site. This will create a really nice area where people can enjoy their lunch during the week, or even a weekend coffee.

I am excited for this development as I think it will really revitalize this portion of West Pender Street. I look forward to hearing how things go next week at the hearing.

Thanks,

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Ryan Sekhon
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From: MOHAMMAD RAHMDEL s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2019 3:54 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Support moving 1166 W Pender Street project ahead for approval

Dear Mayor and Council,

I write to you as an employer and as a resident close to the Reliance proposal for 1166 W Pender Street. I hope to attend the public hearing in person next week to share my support, but work commitments may impede this. As such, I'm sending my comments in advance just in case.

I have been following this project since day one. In my former life I was a Project Manager for a Civil Engineering company, so naturally, I'm interested in how our City is developed. Since receiving a flyer in the mail for the applicants preapplication open house I've been following this application.

With this in mind, I'd firstly like to share a resident's perspective - I've lived in my home at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential for over 6 years now. I also own property at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential on West Georgia. I love this area of town as it's close to my work, and it is central. Over the years I've seen many changes - and I must admit, I'm excited to see it! The proposal for 1166 W Pender will be no exception to the many other new quality projects in the vicinity. I look forward to visiting the new retail space in this building which seem to interact quite well with the street front of West Pender.

As a resident I appreciate the conditions outlined in the staff report relating to construction (i.e. noise and dust). While I understand construction is temporary, it can still be disruptive to those of us who live in the community. The steps taken by the City and the applicant to ensure this impact will minimise the above and very much appreciated.

From an employer's perspective, I'm also very supportive of this project. Our company leases space at 1075 W Georgia and while we are currently under a 6-year lease, we are already outgrowing our 7,400-sf space. If we were to relocate, we would ideally like to stay in the community. My current understanding of this however, is that options are extremely limited. Moving outside the downtown core would have adverse effects on our business & our employees. One of the reasons we chose our current space was its location nearby transit - something we have in common with the proposal before you.

I think this project presents a quality, thoughtful building which will benefit many more in the community than one may think. I hope to be there with you at the public hearing next week to share my encouragement in person, but unless I am held up, I would like to urge you to support moving this project ahead for approval.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely Yours,

Mohammad Rahmdel

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From: Caitlin Jennings s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2019 4:44 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Item #4 July 9 Public Hearing - Support for the proposal

Dear Mayor Stewart and Council,

I'd like to lend my support for the proposal at 1166 West Pender Street in Downtown Vancouver. I work for a start-up downtown (across the street!) and like to see the city continue to thrive and bring new amenities and office space to the area.

I really like the way the building incorporates greenery on the top floors reflecting our City's natural landscape. This is a simple but really unique way to improve the look of the building for both surrounding residents and the community. I also like how the façade uses seamless glass to maximize natural light – I look forward to seeing this one built!

Thanks for your consideration,
Caitlin Jennings