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From: yianni kerasiotis s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2019 5:19 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Letter of Support
Attachments: Letter of Support From A Local Restaurant Owner.docx

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Yianni Kerasiotis and I own a Greek restaurant on Fraser street with my family. I would greatly appreciate if you could take the time to read my letter of support for the upcoming Strand-Fraser Street proposal (attached). I whole heartedly believe in the positive effect it would have on my beloved neighbourhood.

Kind regards,

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Yianni Kerasiotis

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Mayor and Council,

My name is Yianni Kerasiotis. My family owns and operates a popular Greek restaurant s.22(1) Personal and Confidential — essentially across the street from this proposed development. I'm writing with excitement about this prospect and in full support of the project.

As a business operator in the Fraser neighbourhood, I routinely notice the residential opportunities available here. Almost all rental properties are in poor condition or short supply. The lot where this development is being proposed currently consists of older homes that are not used to their full capacity — helping working professionals in need. Housing prices for a single family home in East Vancouver are sadly unattainable for the vast majority, leaving apartment living to be the most desirable option

Furthermore, from the perspective of a local business owner, adding a new build will be greatly beneficial to my family. We've felt firsthand the importance of foot traffic to drive our sales, and despite the desirable nature of our neighbourhood, we experience far less than we could. We've been able to sustain a healthy business from word of mouth, and we frequently receive a mix of compliments on the location with a simultaneous complaint of wishing that the street felt more alive.

I've also bore witness to how difficult the commute to work is on our staff, and I can think of several that would jump at the opportunity to apply to live in this proposed project.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my letter of support and I sincerely hope that this project goes forward.

Yianni Kerasiotis

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July 9, 2019

VIA EMAIL (publichearing@vancouver.ca)

City of Vancouver

**Re: City of Vancouver - Affordable Housing Choices Interim Rezoning Policy -
properties located at 686 East 22 Avenue, 3811 - 3833 Fraser Street and 679 East
23 Avenue**

To the Mayor and City Councillors:

My name is Frank Carr and I am Treasurer and Business Representative for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 115. I write today in support of the above-noted rental project. IUOE Local 115 encourages the approval of this project and others like it. This project will be a source of job creation for our Union members (employed at Mainland Shoring and Deep Foundations). In addition, working people in Vancouver need more affordable rental accommodation.

In recent years, there has been a lot of construction activity in the Lower Mainland and our unionized signatory employers have had increasing difficulty sourcing staff to work on projects in Vancouver. A growing number of our members working in construction are faced with long commutes and heavy traffic. They would prefer to work in their communities closer to home.

It is well known that construction costs are higher in Vancouver than in other parts of the Lower Mainland. Because projects are often short staffed, construction timelines in Vancouver may be longer than usual, with high costs and delayed building schedules.

The city of Vancouver and the Lower Mainland badly need more affordable rental housing to accommodate working people so that they can work where they live. With more rental accommodation, our signatory unionized employers will be in a better position to employ unionized Building Trades workers, who in turn will support the businesses that comprise the local economy.

Sincerely,

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Frank Carr
Treasurer & Business Representative

c: Kyle Hamson - Mainland Group of Companies Operations Manager (Excavation & Shoring) - s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



Mayor and Council Feedback

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Request Details

1. Describe details (who, what, where, when, why):

Dear Mayor & Council,

I'm writing this email letter in support of the rezoning of 686 East 22nd Avenue, 3811-3833 Fraser Street & 679 East 23rd Avenue, a great rental project for the Fraser Street/Mt. Pleasant area.

As a resident who currently rents in the area, I can say there is not enough rental stock for the increasing population coming into this area. Currently, minimal new rental stock exist for renters in this area.

Therefore, having a development that is willing to provide a substantial amount of new rental units into a growing area with commercial area at grade in very much needed. The vacancy rates in Vancouver are at all time lows and without new product being built, the amount of supply will not increase to accommodate the demand for rental units. More and more young families (including my own) are choosing to rent instead of own for a good portion of their

working careers because of the high cost barrier to entry of home ownership. In order to satisfy this newfound demand, we need significantly increased amount of rental housing stock with different unit types, sizes, new and old buildings so renters have the choice. Bringing new residents into the area will also help the commercial business owners with greater foot traffic which will in turn increase their business and hopefully allow them to stay in the area for a long time.

The commercial component of this development is much needed to provide amenities and services to an area that is currently under serviced.

Thank you for hearing my thoughts as a renter who currently resides in the area. I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition and hopefully many more will follow.

Regards, Michael Buchan
Mayor and Council

2.	Department:	
3.	Neighbourhood:	
4.	Were any other cases or service requests created as a result of this feedback?	No
6.	(Don't ask, just record - did caller indicate they want a call back?):	Unknown
13.	Original Client:	Michael Buchan
14.	Original Email address:	s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
15.	Original address:	

Additional Details

Forwarded to Public Hearing staff on 2019 July 9

Map and Photo

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