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To: Public Hearing

Subject: 1535– 1557 GRANT STREET REZONING, GRANDVIEW WOODLANDS

Good day Mayor and Council,

Please see our letter below and attached re: 1535 – 1557 GRANT STREET REZONING, GRANDVIEW WOODLANDS

September 15, 2019

Vancouver City Mayor and Council cc: Theresa O'Donnell, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Vancouver

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The Commercial Drive Business Society ("the Society") represents the Commercial Drive Business Improvement Area (BIA), serving over 600 businesses and property owners in the Commercial Drive area from Adanac Street to 13th Avenue, and one block East and West of Commercial Drive.

Our BIA mandate is to promote business, business development, retailing and tourism on Commercial Drive. We strive to enhance the business district through initiatives that have a positive impact on the community. We believe new housing, market ownership as well as market rental, are key drivers that will enhance and sustain our business district.

While we are not in a position to endorse the 1535 – 1557 Grant Street proposal on its architectural merit or neighbourhood fit, we would like to register the Society's general support for new, quality, secured market rental housing near The Drive, and in conformance with the Grandview Woodland Plan – which our organization was very active in during its planning.

Not only will new market rental housing in the community allow for the continued revitalization of our community, helping to keep us resilient, it also offers new, welcome customers to our business district, and provides housing for those working in our business district.

We are pleased to see projects come forward that are in conformance with the Grandview Woodland Plan, and I hope that you will vote to advance this project tonight.

Sincerely,

Nick Pogor

Nick Pogor, executive director, Commercial Drive Business Society

