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From: Richard Wittstock s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 5:04 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 1535-1557 Grant

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I'd like to support the project proposed for 1535-1557 Grant Street in advance of your consideration at the September 12 public hearing.

I'll keep my comments brief – projects like this one are exactly what I'd like to see more of coming down the pipeline from the City's Planning Department. Rental housing, in this form, makes every bit of sense. From my own experiences, I understand the difficulty that can come from trying to find secured, quality rental housing. Projects like this one will help ease some of the pressure renters face and really make a difference for those looking to move to or stay in the Grandview Woodland community.

The Grant Street proposal is in a great location. I like that the proposal is for a property that is off a major road arterial – this isn't always the case with new developments and is something I'd like to see more of. Future residents of this building will be able to easily walk to pretty much anything they need – including rapid transit to get them even further.

I think its important to advocate for the delivery of more rental housing in our neighbourhoods and I think we need to make logical steps in the right direction in order to ease the housing market in Vancouver – in my view, this project will do just that.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Richard Wittstock
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From: Albert H. s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 5:08 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 1535-1557 Grant Street

Hi, I'm writing to ask that council please support this proposed project. Our community desperately needs purpose-built rental housing and this project, however modest, is necessary to addressing that need.

Sincerely,
Albert

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From: Keisha Chen s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 5:09 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Support for Rezoning Application - 1535-1557 Grant Street

Dear Council,

Thanks for the opportunity to present my support for the rezoning application listed in the subject line.

I used to live in Mount Pleasant neighborhood and stroll along Commercial Drive. The addition of rental housing would be much needed. The proposed development contains sufficient family units, which would be highly desired in this area given the adjacent school. The amenity and landscape would also bring much vitality.

Hope the Council considers and approves this application.

Regards,
Keisha Chen

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From: Katie Stevens s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 5:29 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 1535-1557 Grant Street

Dear Mayor Stewart and Councillors,

I am the owner and live in the house at 1563 Grant Street with my family. I recognize the history of the project site and the past proposals which have undergone several revisions based on Council's feedback over the past three years since the initial two lots were acquired by the developer, and I am in support of what is being presented today given the concessions made by the developer.

I believe the developer has taken extra consideration in putting together this proposal. We have appreciated that they have taken time to reach out and welcomed our questions and concerns given the significant change to the current lots. The added living wall, landscaping buffer, and the conscientious approach being taken to consider the impacts during construction has been appreciated. As a mother of young children we can envision a future of additional families on the street in the ground level townhomes which would positively contribute to the growth of our community.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Stevens

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From: Elyse Freeborn s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 5:34 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 1535-1557 Grant Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Elyse Freeborn and I live at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential I'm writing to encourage you all to support the rezoning proposal coming before you on September 12th for 1535-1557 Grant Street.

Unfortunately I am unable to make the hearing tonight, however I wanted to express my support.

This new project is exactly the kind of housing I'd like to see more of in this neighbourhood because it will help to bring more young families into the community. Grandview Woodlands is a great place to live, but there aren't enough family oriented rental housing choices in this neighbourhood.

As a young person living in this neighbourhood with friends also trying to make it in this city and have families or keep their families here, housing like this is so important.

The application proposed for this property delivers a kind of housing we are currently lacking and does so at a very modest height and design character that suits the neighbourhood.

I hope that this project will be supported at the Public Hearing on September 12th.

Sincerely,

Elyse Freeborn

Sent from Elyse's iPhone

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From: Colin Fraser s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:01 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: re: Application, 1535 Grant

Below find some comments with respect to the proposed development described at the link below:

<https://rezoning.vancouver.ca/applications/1535grant/index.htm>

- As a resident of East Vancouver and knowing the challenges associated with finding family housing, I am supportive of developments that offer rental opportunities for city residents.
- It is important though, that new developments such as the one proposed are carefully reviewed, modified and improved over time by both city staff and the proponent.
- In reading the supplementary information associated with the application, the proposal has benefited from such review and been updated accordingly.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the undertaking,

Colin Fraser
Vancouver, BC

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From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:05 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 1553-1557 Grant Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

As COO at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential I am in support of the proposal at Public Hearing for 1553-1557 Grant Street.

We are an independent film studio who have decided to establish in Vancouver due to the abundance of talented cast and crew in this city. We are in support of this proposal because renting in this city has been difficult for our staff, and is certainly something we have heard over and over again with the people we work with, commuting long distances to film in Vancouver-based studios.

I understand that the 35 homes here will be protected rental housing, and cannot be converted to condos. I think this is a good idea, and will help to make it easier for those who cannot afford to buy a house in Vancouver to live in the city where they work.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment, thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Blomkamp
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