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From: Stuart Smith s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 2:03 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Spam: [Released from COV quarantine] SUPPORT / 6. REZONING: 1535-1557 Grant Street

Dear Mayor and Council

I'm writing to express support for this item. This new building will allow more people to live above ground in Grandview Woodland, on a quiet street, and close to Skytrain.

Providing more housing means the people who will live there will not be competing against tenants in existing housing.

That said, I do have two concerns:

Displacement:

There is abundant owner occupied, zero tenant RS-1 land located all around the city that could be used with zero displacement, yet it is off limits for additional housing stock. The sooner we address this contradiction, the sooner we can move toward a Vancouver for all.

Parking and Driving:

There is one way to destroy a neighbourhood, but it's not having too few buildings with triangle roofs, or too many people. It's having too many cars. Free or cheap parking, curb or off street, is a key driver of auto mode share and a key obstacle to safer streets, and quieter, cleaner neighbourhoods. Requiring off-street parking isn't solving parking, it's just there to ensure incumbents never have to pay to use the city's valuable public land to store their private vehicles. If charging for street parking is politically difficult, then let's bite the bullet, grandfather incumbent parkers, then set permit pricing at something closer to it's value, perhaps \$200/month. People who don't want to pay should park on their own land rather than our public land.

Council has more important topics to deal with than 6 (oops it's 5 now..) storey buildings, of a type people have been living in for hundreds of years. I urge you to support this proposal so we'll get housing built while we work on a more equitable plan for the future. People are not going to stop wanting to join our community, the only question is whether we'll allow enough housing where we want to live and where public investments have been made, or if we will force people to play a cruel game of music chairs each month.

Thank you

Stuart Smith
Board, Abundant Housing Vancouver

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From: RYAN LOMAS s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 9:53 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 1535-1557 Grant Street

To whom it may concern. As a Vancouver resident I support this project moving forward. We are in a housing crisis in Vancouver, especially for rental housing and this project will help contribute to solving this issue by providing new rental units.

This project should be considered a step in right direction and I hope to see more like it in the near future.

Ryan Lomas

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From: Daniel McGauley s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 12:24 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 1535-1557 Grant Street

Hello.

I hope that this much needed rental project will go through.

It's within the OCP. And if we don't increase supply we will never stop this housing crisis.

Thanks

Dan McGauley.

Daniel McGauley

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From: Lynn Hsu s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 12:57 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: 1535-1557 Grant Street

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

I write in support of the rezoning application for 1535 – 1557 Grant Street, Vancouver, because the Neighbourhood Community Plan enacted by the Planning Department for Grandview Woodland allows for such redevelopment and the City of Vancouver needs affordable rental housing, particularly in this neighbourhood with so many children and families requiring three-bedroom homes.

From what I have read, the applicant has made revisions at the request of Planning and public feedback. The building mass has been significantly reduced to accommodate the design requests by Planning and this impacts the applicant's overall viability with decreased square footage.

I hope to see that projects get approved to pave the way for additional rental sites.

Sincerely,

Lynn Hsu

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