

## 2. REZONING: 631-635 Commercial Drive

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| 05/07/2020    | 14:35        | Support  | <p>Mayor and Council, My name is Andrew Morrison. I am a veteran food writer, the BC Judge at the Canadian Culinary Championships, the founder and editor of Scout Magazine (which has celebrated the best of Vancouver food and culture for the past 12 years), and a long-time resident of East Vancouver, where the roots of my family run deep. I'm writing today in support of an application to rezone the Caffè La Tana site so that it can offer liquor sales. The northern section of Commercial Drive is not as active as the southern section, even though there are a number of businesses in the area. Anything we can do to support the commercial vitality of Caffè La Tana will help to bring new customers to the area, and be good for other small businesses nearby. I'm excited about what this might mean for The Drive, and hope it is a sign of new business and activity to come in the surrounding area. As small businesses all over the city are suffering closures due to COVID 19, it would be very encouraging to see the City rally around this effort in order to help Caffè La Tana ensure a more viable future for itself and those it employs. I have no doubt that this rezoning will benefit the area and the city as a whole. I would also like to point out that the restaurant group that Caffè La Tana is a part of (see also Pepino's and the award-winning Savio Volpe) has a strong record of running community-minded businesses that serve their respective neighbourhoods exceptionally well. What's more, these are excellent people we're talking about, some of the very best and most highly respected operators in Vancouver's hospitality trade. As a food city, we are very lucky to have them, and we should do our utmost to help them thrive. Sincerely, Andrew Morrison</p> | Andrew Morrison | Scout        | No web attachments. |