

Public Hearing - 2020 July 21 - 4. CD-1 Rezoning: 1425 and 1451 East 12th Avenue (SUPPORT)

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07/21/2020	17:50	PH1 - 4. CD-1 REZONING: 1425 and 1451 East 12th Avenue	Support	Please see attached letter of support.	David Eddy	Vancouver Native Housing Society	s. 22(1) [REDACTED]	Grandview-Woodland	See attached



July 21, 2020

To Mayor and Council:

Re: CD-1 Rezoning: 1425 and 1451 East 12th Avenue

On behalf of Vancouver Native Housing Society (VNHS), please accept this letter of support for Brightside Community Homes Foundation's rezoning application for 1425 and 1451 East 12th Avenue in Vancouver. We support Brightside's goal of creating more safe and secure affordable rental housing for seniors to age-in-place in healthy and vibrant neighbourhoods.

With a Public Hearing scheduled to take place on July 21, 2020, we believe it is important that we add our voice in favour of the proposed plan that will replace the existing 57 units with 157 affordable homes for seniors and people with disabilities. Affordable housing for seniors continues to be a significant need in Vancouver, including in neighbourhoods such as Grandview-Woodland. This proposal is strategically aligned with the *Grandview-Woodland Community Plan*, which seeks to provide opportunities for increased housing options for seniors with fixed and/or limited incomes to remain in the community.

Brightside's project would create 100 new affordable and accessible homes for those who need them most, particularly seniors and people with disabilities. Recent reports show nearly 1 in 5 seniors are living in unaffordable housing in British Columbia, emphasizing how this a well-considered and timely proposal that can make a significant difference. With these new buildings, Brightside will be able to serve more seniors in buildings that are designed with today's accessibility standards top of mind.

Brightside goes beyond creating affordable homes by bringing a real focus on community development that fosters strong social connections and resilience among its residents. This is particularly important for seniors, who often face higher rates of social isolation leading to other wellness challenges. Their proposal prioritizes indoor and outdoor community space where seniors can build a real sense of community.

In our experience with Brightside, they continue to demonstrate a clear commitment to the well-being of residents. They work hard to assist residents through the temporary relocation period, and have prioritized welcoming all residents back to the new buildings once the development is complete. Brightside's planning for this property also includes Passive House

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Certification standards for a sustainable building with a lower carbon footprint, which means they are doing their part to help build a cleaner future.

We look forward to continuing to work with Brightside towards our shared goals, including that seniors of all income levels can have a safe, secure and affordable home in a vibrant community here in Vancouver.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1) Personal and
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