

PUBLIC HEARING - JULY 23, 2020  
ITEM 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 EAST HASTINGS STREET

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Attachment
07/13/2020	13:49	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Dear Mayor Stewart and Members of Council, I am writing in support for the development proposal for 2735 East Hastings Street, which I understand will be secured as rental housing in perpetuity. As renter, I appreciate the need for more purpose-built rental options in the city, particularly in residential areas outside the downtown core. Vancouver has the lowest rental vacancy rate in Canada at 1%. If we want to create a sustainable and affordable options to house Vancouver's growing population, we need to produce a healthy supply of rental housing stock ? including market rentals. Not only is this project adding vital rental housing, but it is doing so in a central, walkable and bikeable location near transit, services, and amenities. In addition to renewing the older commercial building on the site with new housing, the proposed new retail will serve to benefit new and existing residents Hastings Sunrise corridor. Given the proposal is modest in nature, I don't see any reason for this project not to proceed. I hope that Council will support this project at the Public Hearing.</p> <p>Thank you, Andraya Avison</p>	Andraya Avison	No web attachments.
07/13/2020	14:46	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Dear Mayor Stewart and Council, I am writing to offer my support to the proposal to add new rental housing and ground level retail at 2735 East Hastings Street. My partner and I moved to Hastings Sunrise with some two years ago, we love living in this neighbourhood, close to great restaurants, schools and shops. Now with a two year old and a baby on the way, we want to see the positive evolution of this neighbourhood continue. We are invested in the health of our community and think this is a great place to raise our young family. As a parent, I worry about the affordability and live ability of our city. If we don't create sufficient rental housing support, it will only get worse. Although my family is young, I worry about them getting pushed well out of our community when it's time for them to live independently. As a resident in the area, I appreciate that the developer is proposing the renew the commercial units. It will be nice to have more retail options within walking distance. I hope that this project will be allowed to proceed. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Annabelle Norton &amp; Mike Norton</p>	Annabelle Norton	No web attachments.
07/14/2020	09:05	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Dear Mayor Stewart and Council, As a renter in Vancouver, I am writing to offer my support to the rental housing application for 2735 East Hastings Street in Hastings Sunrise. Given the low vacancy rate and limited secured rental housing options in this area, I hope that Council will vote in support of this application which seeks to renew the underutilized site with new rental housing stock and neighbourhood serving retail. The site is well located within close walking distance to transit, including the new Hastings B-line, schools, parks as well as great restaurants, boutique retailers and coffee shops. These elements make the site an excellent location for multi-family and rental housing, in particular. At only 6 storeys, the low rise building form will minimize view impacts to neighbours, while adding much needed rental housing. Please support this project</p> <p>Sincerely, Dustin LaPrairie</p>	No Name No Name (p	No web attachments.

07/15/2020	14:31	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Dear Planning Staff, I'd like to lend my voice in support of Chard's rezoning application for 2735 E. Hastings St. Densification is needed to make housing more accessible/affordable. Vancouver is losing people who support our economy and provide vital services to our community due to the challenges associated with the current housing climate. These are people who work in Vancouver but commute from other municipalities because we lack sufficient rental housing options. One of the many negative implications of this trend is traffic congestion (which I know is a big problem in Hastings Sunrise in particular). If we had more housing options for people in transit oriented areas close to the downtown core, people would rely less on vehicles and there would be less congestion on our roads. I expect residents (who could be working professionals, downsizers, families, SFU students and faculty, etc) of this building will take advantage of transit, including the new 95-B line bus. Chard's project represents an opportunity to build more rental homes for people who need access to quality, stable housing. Please support this application when it comes before Council at a Public Hearing.</p> <p>Sincerely, Talisa Pirri Vancouver Resident</p>	Talisa Pirri	No web attachments.
07/16/2020	09:44	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Hi Mayor and Council, I'd like to share my vote of support for the proposal at 2735 E Hastings Street. I see online this proposal is having a decision hearing next week and that community comments are being accepted for consideration. I think this is a great idea - more rental housing is desperately needed. I've lived in Vancouver almost 10 years and have rented the entire time. As housing prices increase, many will look to continue renting long term (myself included!) - we need to make sure there is ample housing options available to support this portion of our population. Chard's proposal will deliver over 60 new apartments to Hastings Sunrise &amp; renewed commercial space, it seems like a win win. Let's get on with building these great projects!</p> <p>Sincerely, Adrian Garvey Sent from my iPhone</p>	Adrian Garvey	No web attachments.
07/16/2020	09:46	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Hi Mayor and Council, My name is Katie Hunter and I'm writing to support the rental application for 2735 Hastings Street. I've written to you a few times this year to advocate for rental housing because I feel strongly that our city needs to address the ongoing challenges related to housing supply. It's important to me that renters, like myself, and my friends, have affordable housing choices that will allow us to continue living in the city we love. The proposal for 2735 Hastings Street really seems like a no brainer to me, in fact, the public hearing process for this one seems a bit redundant. This part of Hastings makes all the sense in the world for a rental housing project and no doubt will be well sought after if it gets built. I really encourage you to move this project forward on July 23 at the Public Hearing. Thanks again, Katie</p>	Katie Hunter	No web attachments.
07/16/2020	09:51	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Hi City of Vancouver, My name is Nicola Bolton and I'm writing to advocate for more rental housing in our city. Over the next two weeks there are two proposals coming forward to a public hearing that I'd like to register my support for. They are 1. 2735 E Hastings Street &amp; 2. 4750 West Granville Street. I'm motivated to continue supporting these kinds of developments because I strongly believe these are the kinds of buildings we need to prioritise! My young family and I rely on rental housing and I'm genuinely concerned about the lack of quality options available across the City. I believe this is directly linked to the affordability of our city in general. Our family will require a larger home one day and I want to make sure there are places for us as our family expands. It's important to me that these projects move forward. Thanks for considering my thoughts. Nicola Bolton.</p> <p>Nicola Bolton "s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"</p>	Nicola Bolton	No web attachments.

07/17/2020	13:50	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Dear Mayor and Council, I am writing to offer my support for Chard Development's rezoning application at 2735 Hastings Street. As a long time, very active member of the community for over 40 years, I am keenly interested in how our community grows and develops to accommodate our City's changing needs. The proposed development for this property will help address the housing shortage in Vancouver by adding 63 desperately needed secured rental homes to the market. The successful delivery of projects like this will keep our neighbourhood diverse, and vibrant ? this is a quality of our community that I value deeply. The renewal of the commercial spaces on this site, with housing above, will also really help revitalize the streetscape, as well as encourage walking traffic to support local businesses and contribute to the safety of the Hastings Sunrise neighbourhood. Now more than ever, supporting our local businesses and economies needs to be a priority for Hastings Sunrise. I look forward to hearing your discussion and decision on this worthy proposal for our community. Thank you for reviewing and considering my comments.</p> <p>Sincerely, Peter Wong</p> <p><b>"s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"</b></p>	No Name No Name (p	No web attachments.
07/20/2020	09:27	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Hi Vancouver Mayor and Council, I'd like to share my supportive comments on the proposal for 2735 East Hastings. As a renter and long term Vancouver resident I believe this proposal should be approved because: 1. Our city needs more purpose built rental housing options, renters deserve more housing choice, security of tenure, and quality buildings to live in 2. This proposal will improve an underutilized property; on top of bringing more housing to the community, the commercial will be renewed as well - great! 3. The location makes a tonne of sense in terms of transit options and proximity to SFU - no doubt this building will be well sought after by many students as well as young professionals. This project makes sense and would be a great addition to this area. I hope to hear good news! -- Regards Alexandra Sojo</p>	Alexandra Sojo	No web attachments.
07/20/2020	09:28	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Dear Mayor and Council, I'd like to share my support for the rezoning application at 2735 Hastings Street that will be considered at next week's public hearing. I think this proposal makes a lot of sense and would make a great addition to the neighbourhood. As a renter myself, it's so important to me that more secured rental buildings, like this, one are built so more people can have options on what kind of rental housing they live in. Vancouver's housing market can be tough for renters - these kinds of projects help lessen the pressure! I'll finish by adding that I also really like that the building will renew the commercial space - this will be great for revitalizing the streetscape of this part of town.</p> <p>Thanks, Jess Stortz</p>	Jess Stortz	No web attachments.
07/20/2020	09:30	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Hi City of Vancouver, My name is Kevin Garvey and I'm writing to weigh in on the rezoning application for 2735 Hastings Street. I think this proposal represents a great project and I'd really like to see it built (soon!). I live in the West End now, but prior to that, I lived in the Hastings Sunrise community. It's a fantastic place to live but unfortunately the quality (secured/ purpose built) rental options are limited. I was pleased to see this proposal on your website that will bring over 60 new rental apartments to the area - right on transit and so close to restaurants and entertainment options. There is another rental building just up the street which I think was also a great move by the City. I'm fully supportive of more projects like this being built in Hastings Sunrise. Thanks for your time, and please let me know of your decision.</p> <p>Kevin</p>	Kevin Garvey	No web attachments.

07/20/2020	14:29	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Good Morning Mayor Kennedy Stewart &amp; Vancouver City Council, I wanted to send in a brief letter this morning to outline my support for the project that will be going to Public Hearing this Thursday, July 23rd at the corner of Slocan Street &amp; East Hastings (2735 E Hastings St).</p> <p>Currently, I am a resident of the area, and a renter, and I know first hand about the lack of affordability and rental vacancy in Vancouver. As a young working professional, and working within a position that requires overtime and shift work, having a close place to call home, recoup and be near needed amenities, is important.</p> <p>This neighbourhood has it all, with coffee shops, restaurants, a public library and more! A few other great things about this project is its close proximity to schools, a community centre, parks/green space and most of all a B-line transit bus route servicing both to the downtown core and to SFU. I also appreciate that this development has the opportunity to house families with its addition of 2 and 3 bedroom units, not only 1 bedrooms.</p> <p>Especially with this neighbourhood being upcoming and family friendly with parks, schools and recreational centres for kids, it would be great to see more young families moving into the area to utilize these spaces and amenities.</p> <p>I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter, I am positive that this project will move ahead!</p>	Pawel Szydowski	No web attachments.
07/20/2020	16:17	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	Please find a support letter for Chard Development attached. Thank you Clair Clair MacGougan	Clair MacGougan	Appendix A Support 1.
07/20/2020	16:39	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Hi Mayor Stewart, I wanted to write in and share my support for one of the items on the agenda for the public hearing on July 23, the rental housing proposal by Chard Development at 2735 Hastings Street. I know this part of town very well and was really pleased to see this project proposed for this particular site. Whenever I go to the PNE it always occurs to me this neighbourhood would be a fantastic place to live, but that there aren't that many purposes built rental buildings in the area. I think a new secured rental building would work really well here. I hope you and your Council agree and vote this proposal forward at the hearing. Thanks for considering my thoughts as a long-time renter in our City.</p>	Genevieve Dufresne	No web attachments.
07/20/2020	16:48	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Good Afternoon Mayor and the rest of City Council, Please take this letter as my way of supporting the project at 2735 East Hastings in the Hastings Sunrise neighbourhood. I wanted to briefly share a few points about why this development would be a perfect opportunity in this neighbourhood. -Accessibility to local stores and services (Chiro/Dentist Etc) -B-line bus &amp; other routes servicing to many parts of the GVRD - Adequate bicycle parking for those who are not able/do not own a vehicle - Within the car share (Evo &amp; Modo) boundary -In close proximity to New Brighton Park/Pool, PNE &amp; other small parks Overall developments like this are very welcomed in communities like this, as it is a great way to increase the rental stock, while also increasing the foot traffic into shops in the area (especially around this fragile time). I really hope to see more of these projects brought into this area in the next few years, as I am sure my children would love and want to live in a place such as this! Thanks for your time,</p>	Gail Stewart	No web attachments.

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07/21/2020	10:41	PH2 - 2. CD-1 REZONING: 2735 East Hastings Street	Support	<p>Hi Mayor and Council, My name is Jordan Saunderson and I'm a resident in Hastings Sunrise. I am writing to share my support for the housing project at 2735 E Hastings which I understand is being considered at next week's Public Hearing. I'm really pleased to see projects like this come forward for approval. I think our community would hugely benefit from more rental housing options as our City as a whole grows, and more people look to call Vancouver home. Our City has many wonderful things going for it, but unfortunately, the availability of affordable and quality-built housing is sometimes our downfall. I believe that as we deliver more of the right kind of housing, which in my opinion is rental housing, many of the housing challenges we face will soften. I fully support this proposal and really hope to hear good news after the July 23 public hearing. Many thanks, Jordan Saunderson</p>	Jordan Saunderson	No web attachments.



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July 17, 2020

**Re: Chard Development rezoning application at 2735 East Hastings Street**

Dear Mayor Stewart and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre ("HSCPC"), I would like to register our support for the Chard Development rezoning application at 2735 East Hastings Street, Vancouver. I understand this application seeks approval for 63 new secured market rental homes with neighbourhood serving retail at street level.

As you may be aware, the HSCPC is a non-profit society formed by neighbourhood citizens in 1999. HSCPC is made up of volunteers who help the community to deal with crime and safety concerns, clean up trash and unwanted graffiti, promote the safety of young and old and lead the way toward a better Hastings Sunrise for all. We support thoughtful, well placed developments in our community and believe the proposal for 2735 East Hastings fits that criteria.

The project before you for consideration will contribute much needed rental housing supply to the community. Rental housing is critical to the success of small businesses in the Hastings Sunrise area and will help to ensure that our community continues to be vibrant and diverse.

Many of the people who work and volunteer in our community rely heavily on the adequate supply of quality rental homes in Hastings Sunrise. Proposals like this one will directly support the people who play a critical role in the successful function of our community. This is something worth advocating for.

As leaders in the community, we look forward to welcoming new residents into the area and encouraging new businesses to open their doors in Hastings Sunrise. We hope for a successful outcome at the July 23, 2020 Public Hearing.

Sincerely,  
Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre

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Clair MacGougan  
Executive Director

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