

**. CD-1 Rezoning: 601 Beach Crescent**

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
09/15/2020	15:55	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 601 Beach Crescent	Support	More affordable units are needed throughout Vancouver. Please do not let the NIMBYs and wealthy homeowners convince council this is a bad project. They speak as entitled individuals who are fortunate enough to have their own home and do not have to worry about finding rental units they can afford.	Shawn		s.22(1) Personal and Confidential	Downtown	No web attachments.
09/16/2020	09:28	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 601 Beach Crescent	Support	In case no one has noticed there is a housing crisis. Council needs to stop wasting time arguing about parking, shadows and what to do about the housing crisis and actually APPROVE housing projects.	Shelia Shields	Myself		Downtown	No web attachments.
09/16/2020	12:29	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 601 Beach Crescent	Support	Attached is a letter from the DV BIA in support of 601 Beach Crescent Rezoning	Gavin Duffus	Downtown Vancouver BIA		Downtown	Appendix A
09/16/2020	13:01	PH2 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 601 Beach Crescent	Support	Please see attached Submitted on behalf of Jill Atkey Chief Executive Officer BC Non-Profit Housing Association	Peer-Daniel Krause	Policy Manager, BC Non-Profit Housing Association		Unknown	Appendix B

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### **Support for 601 Beach Crescent Rezoning**

The proposed tower at 601 Beach Crescent will be a welcome addition to the Downtown Vancouver skyline.

The Downtown Vancouver BIA is in support of this project for the following reasons:

- **Housing Availability** – The proposal includes 152 social housing units and 303 market units. These homes will be an important boost to the housing supply. The residents of this building will contribute to the vibrancy and economic prosperity of the area and the downtown workforce.
- **Unique architecture** – This proposal seeks to complete the pair of elegant tall towers on the sides of the Granville Bridge at the entrance to Downtown Vancouver, with the recently completed Vancouver House on the sister site. The land for this development has been set aside under the higher buildings policy, identifying it as a prime site for a landmark building with high quality, creative architecture.
- **Gateway to downtown** – The Granville Bridge is a key entry point to downtown. Enhancing this entry will create a stronger sense of arrival to the downtown area. In 2015, the Reimagine Downtown Vancouver public consultation heard from over 11,000 people, and one of the emerging themes is a desire for “majestic new gateways to the city”. The Granville Bridge Connector project will further enhance the experience of arriving to downtown by foot, bike, bus, and car. It is therefore timely to build a grand tower at this gateway location to complement the improvements to the public realm on the bridge.

We look forward to the benefits that this development will bring to the downtown area.

Sincerely,

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Submitted via email to [publichearing@vancouver.ca](mailto:publichearing@vancouver.ca)

### **RE: Support for Rezoning Application - 601 Beach Crescent**

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express our organizational support for GBL Architect's application to rezone 601 Beach Crescent to a new CD-1 District.

This application includes diverse housing types for different income levels. Most importantly, GBL's proposal will add 152 new social housing units in one single project, contributing towards the housing targets set out in the *Housing Vancouver Strategy*.

Units will include a variety of sizes for singles, couples and families and social housing units are designed to maximize distance from the bridge deck with terracing setbacks allowing for open spaces and daylight. All Social Housing units have private balconies as well as access to large shared interior and exterior amenity spaces. Further, the central and transit-friendly location of this building allows for residents to walk and take public transit easily, providing easy access to services and amenities.

We believe this building will add an important sizable pool of affordable units and we encourage Mayor and Council to approve the rezoning application as has been requested.

Sincerely,

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