

1. CD-1 Rezoning - 810 Kingsway

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
01/07/2021	15:25	PH1 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 810 Kingsway	Support	This project should be supported, and should be even taller or larger to accommodate more rental units and to encourage greater renter affordability in our city. The design looks very cool and uses high quality materials like brick which I appreciate.	Brandon Mari		s.22(1) Personal and Confidential	Kitsilano	No web attachments.
01/08/2021	08:39	PH1 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 810 Kingsway	Support	The building design and the 6-storey height fits in appropriately on Kingsway. Glad to see good design, small retail, rental housing, and block infill (ie. will no longer be a parking lot). Please have projects similar in scale to this not have to waste time with rezoning. The city needs to stop asking the public if they want housing - it should be policy to provide whenever able.	Scott Mitchell			Kensington-Cedar Cottage	No web attachments.
01/11/2021	17:10	PH1 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 810 Kingsway	Support	This is a well thought-out building as evidenced by the balanced unit mix, attractive design and practical retail. This building could be a standard that other future buildings on Kingsway should be held to.	Edward Mildon			Kensington-Cedar Cottage	No web attachments.
01/15/2021	09:16	PH1 - 1. CD-1 Rezoning: 810 Kingsway	Support	See attachemnt	David Hutniak	LandlordBC		do not live in Vancouver	Appendix A

January 15, 2021

Sent via email

Mayor Stewart and Council
City of Vancouver

Subject: Rezoning Application – 810 Kingsway

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you on behalf of LandlordBC's 3300 members, all owners and managers of rental housing, to strongly support this rezoning application to build 108 new units of secured rental housing for the community. This project will help address a critical housing need and serve as a community amenity for many decades to come. In our view, renting one's home will continue to be the better option for many people. The challenge then becomes ensuring we have adequate supply of safe and healthy rental homes.

As CEO of LandlordBC, I've communicated to you in the past about the need for all levels of government to create an environment that ensures the continued viability of the rental housing sector. This is even more critical now as our sector continues to navigate the current and future impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please know that the challenges and uncertainties are exponentially greater for anyone contemplating the building of new purpose-built rental housing. We must therefore not miss opportunities such as this when we have a highly reputable proponent prepared to take the risk to build this important housing typology in our community.

When we reviewed this application, we were pleased to see that the project is slated for an underutilized site which is currently developed with surface parking and a 1-storey commercial building, thus ensuring that there will be no residential tenant displacement. We also noted that the project is located on Translink's Frequent Transit Network, and at only 6-storeys, fits in perfectly into the neighbourhood on Kingsway. Family housing is key in all rental projects, and the proponent is proposing 2-level townhouses along the laneway which provides multiple benefits with ground-oriented family housing a particularly attractive attribute of this project.

LandlordBC enthusiastically supports the approval of this rezoning application, and we look forward to the proponent securing the necessary permits in an expeditious manner to proceed with the project. Purpose-built rental housing is the most secure form of long-term rental housing and the most affordable form of housing available, and while we appreciate the initiatives and efforts you have undertaken to help address the rental housing supply crisis, we need your continued vision and leadership with the approval of this project. We cannot afford to miss this opportunity. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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David Hutniak
CEO, LandlordBC