

4. CD-1 Rezoning 728-796 Main Street - SUPPORT

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
02/05/2021	10:46	PH1 - 4, CD-1 Rezoning 728-796 Main Street	Support	The Vancouver Chinatown BIA supports the rezoning application and has attached a formal letter of support.	Jordan Eng	Vancouver Chinatown BIA Society	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Unknown	Appendix A
02/06/2021	18:55	PH1 - 4, CD-1 Rezoning 728-796 Main Street	Support	I was surprised to find out that none of the existing buildings have any heritage designation... Given that, I appreciate that the Architect/ Developer intend on integrating the facade of the Brickhouse and repurposing materials from the old Hogan's Alley building into their design. As a born and raised Vancouverite who often no longer recognizes entire city blocks, I think it would be good policy to do this more frequently throughout the city... The use of form and colour (materials) to break up the facades helps make the building feel less massive than I really is. Having spent many an evening at the Brickhouse in the 90's and early 2000's, I must admit that I am sad to see it the existing building go. But at least this proposal attempts to improve the area, add social housing and market units, and pays homage to/seems sensitive to the varied histories of the neighbourhood.	Melissa Woods	N/A		Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
02/07/2021	18:19	PH1 - 4, CD-1 Rezoning 728-796 Main Street	Support	I am in support of the rezoning of 728-796 Main Street to CD-1.	Celina Ruhland			Downtown	No web attachments.
02/07/2021	22:12	PH1 - 4, CD-1 Rezoning 728-796 Main Street	Support	As owner/operator of Brickhouse at 730Main Street for the last 29 years I fully support the rezoning development and sincerely hope to return when the site is redeveloped, please see attachment for my detail support. thank you. Leo Chow	Leo Chow	Brickhouse @ 730 Main Street		Victoria-Fraserview	Appendix B
02/08/2021	13:33	PH1 - 4, CD-1 Rezoning 728-796 Main Street	Support	I'm in support of this project because it sets a new standard for meaningful engagement and co laboration on a redevelopment project. The care taken to incorporate heritage elements, commemorate Hogan's Alley, and provide space and opportunities for Black businesses is really inspiring to see as a current UBC planning student. I'm excited for the future of this area and thanks for the opportunity to comment.	Charly Casproff		Unknown	No web attachments.	



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February 4, 2021

City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
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Attention: His Worship Mayor Kennedy Stewart & Vancouver City Councillors

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

Re: Rezoning of 728-796 Main Street

I write on behalf of the Vancouver Chinatown BIA Society in support of the proposed development at 728-729 Main Street. This project has been in planning with the City for 9 years.

The VCBIAs has always been a champion for respectful development in Chinatown that provides residential development that supports economic revitalization of the Chinatown, helps to retain and enhance the cultural character, and contributes to the vibrant health of the neighbourhood.

The proposed project provides for an inclusive diversity of housing mix by replacing the existing SRA units and allows for 27 two and three bedroom units available for families. More residents in Chinatown of all income groups means more families living, working and playing in the area.

The extension of the active storefront facades in the building design contributes to what already makes up the unique experience of Chinatown as a cultural treasure of Vancouver. The Chinatown district is walkable and affords all the amenities required without the need to rely on a vehicle. Ultimately it means a much wider diversity of goods and services for local and regional consumers.

The height of the project and the FSR density is significantly reduced from what was previously approved by the City for similar buildings built nearby along Main Street under the same zoning. The project's location on the periphery of Chinatown allows it to support the community while not threatening the historic precinct of older heritage buildings. The project will also support the housing needs for the healthcare workers from the new St. Paul's Hospital which is only steps away.



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Finally, we believe the building design took into consideration the changing sentiment for development in Chinatown, and the developer provided adequate community engagement with their open house.

This project when complete will be a welcome addition to the community.

Yours truly,

VANCOUVER CHINATOWN BIA SOCIETY

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Jordan Eng
President

Mr Mayor and Council:

My name is Leo Chow and I am the owner/operator of Brickhouse Bar at 730 Main St, on the site of this proposed redevelopment. I am writing to express my full support of this rezoning proposal.

As a business owner since January 1992, I have witnessed the ebbs and flows of business climate in my beloved Chinatown and often not for the better. The spike in violence, property crime and vandalism in conjunction with Covid19 and the opioid crisis have certainly exacerbated the displacement of much of the Chinese business community and shopping destinations to other areas such as Richmond or Burnaby.

What this area needs to prevent further urban decay is significant new development to entice new people, businesses and vitality in order to enliven the street and as a beacon to breathe new vibrant life into this community.

For almost 10 years we've had ongoing discussions on this redevelopment with the Bonnis family. I have always hoped to reopen the Brickhouse after the redevelopment and Bonnis has always been supportive as well. In fact, the design of the building fully incorporates my feedback on the retail unit that would be where Brickhouse currently stands. The Covid19 pandemic, and the delays with this project make it challenging for me to be able to return, but Bonnis has certainly been supportive of me returning. I do feel that having some continuity of a long running business as the hub of the community on the site would support the success of this development, and I sincerely hope circumstances will allow me to be a part of this exciting new future.

Knowing that Bonnis is working with the Black community to support commemoration and economic opportunities while creating affordable housing units speaks volumes. Addressing and respecting the history of the site and reaching out to solve our current housing crisis can only be beneficial to all.

I want to thank the Council for their consideration of this application and hope you will support the rezoning of this site so we can lay the foundation to revitalize Chinatown and adjacent communities for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Leo Chow