

2. CD-1 Rezoning: 1015 East Hastings Street - SUPPORT

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
02/11/2021	11:43	PH2 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 1015 East Hastings Street	Support	February 11, 2021 Re: Letter of support for 1015 East Hasting Street Redevelopment On behalf of the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA), please accept this letter of support for the diverse and affordable homes proposed for 1015 E Hastings St. The development by Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society and BC Housing is subject to approval from Vancouver City Council at a public hearing scheduled for the evening of February 11, 2021. If approved, a variety of housing options would be available to people of all ages who are struggling to find a place to call home, including social enterprise space operated by the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society The Downtown East side Plan (which includes the Strathcona Neighborhood) strives to ensure that 'the area's diverse cultural heritage is recognized and celebrated,' highlighting the need for a range of housing options that supports diversity and specifically calling for development that 'addresses Aboriginal placemaking in the DTES.' Provincial homeless counts show a large number of indigenous peoples are homeless in the city of Vancouver, this proposed project is working to be part of the solution to this problem. The city warehouse that VAFCS currently runs at 201 Central has seen better days. This development will provide much needed culturally safe and inclusive housing that celebrates Indigenous culture through placemaking. It is a much-needed multi-faceted development that fits into the documented priorities of the neighborhood. AHMA is committed to the proposed development from VAFCS as they offer innovative indigenized solutions that will achieve meaningful and transformative change for many Indigenous communities and the city of Vancouver. All my relations, Celeste Hayward Director of Operations, Aboriginal Housing Management Association	Celeste Hayward	Aboriginal Housing Management Association	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Unknown	Appendix A
02/11/2021	14:12	PH2 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 1015 East Hastings Street	Support	This project has my full support and it is very much needed in a city that continues to lack affordable housing.	Jennifer Prasad			Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.



Aboriginal Housing Management Association

OPERATIONS

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To Whom It May Concern

It is a pleasure for the Aboriginal Housing Management Association to provide this letter of support for Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society (VAFCS). VAFCS has served its Indigenous Community since 1963 with the purpose of improving life circumstances for its constituents. Through a partnership with AHMA, VAFCS has managed the only Aboriginal Emergency Shelter in Vancouver since January 12, 2009 and the Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) since March 2015.

Currently AHMA collaborates with VAFCS by providing an operating budget of \$1,698,350 for the emergency shelter at 201 Central Street in Vancouver and an annual budget of \$178,000 for the HPP.

We understand that VAFCS is applying through Lu'ma BCH Community Entity to fulfill the role of Indigenous Community Partner in preparation for the Reaching Home program. AHMA strongly supports improving the life circumstances of Indigenous People and continues to support VAFCS.

The mission of AHMA is to: Lead and advance the housing rights for all Indigenous People living in British Columbia.

We strongly encourage the approval of this proposal that supports the Indigenous community efforts in addressing homelessness priorities and meeting the needs of the most vulnerable of our population.

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