

4. Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Increase Social Housing in the RM-4 and RM-3A Zoning Districts - Support

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| 03/30/2021 | 15:49 | PH2 - 4. Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Increase Social Housing in the RM-4 and RM-3A Zoning Districts | Support | This is so important!! Anything that can get social housing built faster makes it more feasible from a bottom line perspective and in a housing crisis we need to make this kind of development as-of-right. huge equity issue the only form of housing in most of the city's neighbourhoods that can be built as of right is large detached homes. | Julia | | s.22(1) Personal and Confidential | Mount Pleasant | No web attachments. |
| 04/12/2021 | 08:56 | PH2 - 4. Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Increase Social Housing in the RM-4 and RM-3A Zoning Districts | Support | I am writing to support the public hearing item named "Create and Renew Non-Profit Social and Co-op Housing". This is a great initiative by the City for much needed affordable housing. The development and construction process for housing is already difficult and costly in this City, and this proposal will help ensure quicker and more cost effective projects that add to the affordability in the City. | Helen Lui | | s.22(1) Personal and Confidential | Mount Pleasant | No web attachments. |
| 04/12/2021 | 12:39 | PH2 - 4. Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Increase Social Housing in the RM-4 and RM-3A Zoning Districts | Support | See attached letter from the Renters Advisory Committee (City of Vancouver). | Jacint Simon | | s.22(1) Personal and Confidential | Unknown | Appendix A |
| 04/12/2021 | 15:47 | PH2 - 4. Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Increase Social Housing in the RM-4 and RM-3A Zoning Districts | Support | Good Afternoon Mayor Kennedy and Council, Please see the attached letter from Stephen von Sychowski, President of the Vancouver and District Labour Council, regarding the Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Increase Social Housing in the RM-4 and RM-3A Zoning Districts. | Elizabeth Buckham | | s.22(1) Personal and Confidential | Unknown | Appendix B |

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April 12, 2021

Vancouver City Council
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Vancouver City Council:

RE: Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Increase Social Housing in the RM-4 and RM-3A Zoning Districts

At its meeting on March 17, 2021, the Renters Advisory Committee approved a motion for a letter to be sent to Mayor and Council in regards to the Referral Report entitled “Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Increase Social Housing in the RM-4 and RM-3A Zoning Districts”, going to Public Hearing on April 15, 2021.

The Renters Advisory Committee strongly supports this innovative policy, which if adopted, would eliminate a major roadblock to building affordable housing in the city.

The proposed policy provides certainty for senior government funding institutions by eliminating the risk of contentious public hearings and shortens a very lengthy development approval process.

Public Hearings have been reduced to what is now a platform for community opposition from the securely housed. Asking the securely housed to inconvenience their comfortable lives will only make it difficult for Council to deliver on their promises to the residents of Vancouver.

Yours truly,

Jacint Simon, Co-Chair
Renters Advisory Committee

Copies to: Mayor and Councillors
Acting City Manager
Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk

VANCOUVER and DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL

April 8, 2021

City of Vancouver Mayor and Council
Via Email

Dear Mayor and Council,

I write today on behalf of the Vancouver and District Labour Council, representing approximately 60,000 unionized workers in the City of Vancouver and neighbouring municipalities.

At the public hearing scheduled for April 15, we note that item for on the agenda will be “Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Increase Social Housing in the RM-4 and RM-3A Zoning Districts”.

The recommended amendment would allow for development up to six storeys in the RM-3A and the RM-4 and RM-4N zoning districts where 100% of the residential floor area is developed as social housing, or social housing in conjunction with a child day care facility.

As you know, we have advocated for years for the development of more housing for those in the middle- and lower-income brackets. More social housing is of course a key component of what is needed in addressing the housing crisis in our city and region.

It is our understanding that this proposal is anticipated to shave one to two years off of the application process, thereby allowing for the development of this much needed housing much more quickly. This will allow co-ops and non-profits to renew existing buildings and expand, thereby helping to address the shortage of below-market housing. The increased height density of allowing up to six stories will also aid in this and promote progress on catching up to targets set in the 10 Year Housing Vancouver plan.

In addition, we are pleased to see the potential inclusion of childcare in these new developments. We have long advocated for an affordable, public, universal childcare system in BC. We know that one of the biggest hurdles facing our childcare system at present is access to spaces, and lengthy waitlists. While this is a complex issue requiring a variety of reforms in order to build

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the type of system we hope to see in the future, the addition of new spaces in housing developments is a positive step and will benefit the future residents of such developments and the community at large.

We therefore encourage the approval of this bylaw amendment at your April 15 meeting.

Yours Truly,

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Stephen von Sychowski
President

cc: VDLC Executive Board

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