# 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street (Support)

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
06/02/2021	13 51	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	See letter of support attached	Patrick Buchannon		"s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"	I do not live in Vancouver	Appendix A
06/02/2021	14 24	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	I know the work that Brightside does in its various communities. They are good people. They care about their residents. I know they want to help people that can't afford to live reasonably in Vancouver. I'd be glad to have Brightside as a neighbour.	Jamey McDonald		"s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Hastings-Sunrise	No web attachments.
06/02/2021	15:41	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	Brightside is a huge advocate/provider of affordable accomdation in vancouver. The city should support their organization and services by allowing increased density.	Michael White		"s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Oakridge	No web attachments.
06/02/2021	15:45	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	Looks like a great project that more than doubles the number of affordable units on the site. Love the outdoor amenity space.	Kasimir Klsh		"s.22(1) Personal and C fd t l"	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	No web attachments.
06/02/2021	16 58	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	This proposal by Brightside for a larger building to support affordable housing for families, and disabled persons is a good fit for the community.	Barb Mikulec		"s.22(1) Personal and C fd t l"	Oakridge	No web attachments.
06/02/2021	20 23	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	I strongly support this proposal to redevelop. We need MUCH MORE affordable housing, particularly for seniors needing to age healthily and safely in place. I am impressed with Brightside's tenant relocation policies and am confident they will support existing tenants well throughout the redevelopment process, welcoming them back to accessible, climate-friendly units at affordable rates. Thank you for considering this note of support.	Michelle Hoar		"s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
06/03/2021	07 02	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	Affordable housing is a priority for our city. We need to take action NOW to move towards a more equitable community for Vancouver. I fully support the proposal. It's a small step in the right direction.	ruth chang			Riley Park	No web attachments.
06/03/2021	07 50	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	as an advocate working with seniors and person with disabilities the need for subsidized housing in vancouver is imperative the rents for market housing have gotten ridiculously high for those living on low income. We have seniors terrified they will end up homeless for lack of housing in the city. To see high rises being built for the working public and nothing for seniors who worked and helped build vancouver is an embarassment. For those or disabilities suffering with physical challenges and mental health it is as though the city is ignoring them all I hear is no one cares	debbie farley		"s.22(1) Personal d C fd t l"	Downtown	No web attachments.
06/03/2021	08 21	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	Letter of Support for Brightside's Community Homes Foundation development on French Street	ALISON S LGARDO		"s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"	I do not live in Vancouver	Appendix B
06/03/2021	13 03	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	Hi, I am writing in support of the Brightside's redevelopment of 8725 French Street. Our city is facing a steep shortage of affordable housing during this pandemic. As a resident of Vancouver, I became homeless 4 years after I moved here from Burnaby. I was lucky to be housed after enduring homelessness for a couple of months. However, I cannot guarantee that will be a permanent thing. I am a disabled person who is neuero-diverse, and who is queer and also, racialized. The state of affordable housing continues to be a challenge and fear for me as I navigate living on these lands, while active anti-Asian racism also continues to happen to me and my community. For me, the availability of affordable housing means I get to have another chance at staying in the city I love. In addition, I support Brightside's design of the building, considering that it includes built forms and designs that promote social interaction among neighbours, reducing prevalence of social isolation, and contributes towards the building of "Complete Communities." I strongly support this project to move forward.	Luna Aixin		"s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
06/03/2021	14 38	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	As a low income senior and a member of SAC I personally support this project	Dale Lutes		"s.22(1) Personal	West End	No web attachments.
06/04/2021	11:48	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725	Support	See attachment	David Hutniak		"s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"	I do not live in Vancouver	Appendix C
06/04/2021	16 33	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	06/04/2021 City of Vancouver - City Hall 453 West 12th Ave Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4 To Mayor and Council: Re: 8725 French Street Rezoning, Brightside Community Housing Foundation On behalf of Vancity, please accept this letter of support for Brightside Community Homes Foundation's rezoning application for 8725 French Street in Vancouver. Vancity is supporting Brightside to transition from a housing operator into to a true non-profit housing developer. We are particularly happy to see this project move forward because we provided the grant funding and pre-development lending required for Brightside to work alongside another not-for-profit developer to originate the smart and efficient design that has evolved into the proposal at hand. Affordable housing continues to be a significant need throughout Vancouver. With a Public Hearing scheduled to take place on June 15, 2021, we want to add our voice of support for the proposed plan to replace the existing 46 units with 100 new units of purpose-built, community owned and climate ready rental homes for independent-living seniors, families, and adults with disabilities. In our experience with Brightside, they continue to demonstrate a clear commitment to the well-being of residents. They work hard to assist residents through the temporary relocation period and have prioritized welcoming all residents back to the new buildings once the redevelopment is complete. We recognize that the timing for this project was such that it requires this rezoning approval to move forward. However, in light of the City's recent policy innovation for RM zones (Amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law to Increase Social Housing in the RM-4 and RM-3A Zoning Districts - RTS No.14181), this project is a wonderful showcase of the kinds of projects we hope to support and see more of into the future. We look forward to continuing to work with both Brightside and the City of Vancouver towards our shared goals, including ensuring that seniors and families of all income levels have access to s	Kira Gerwing		"s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Grandview-Woodland	Appendix D

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06/07/2021	10 20	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	Great work by the Foundation, much needed residential units in Vancouver	R. Singh	"s.22(1) Personal and Confidential"	I do not live in Vancouver	No web attachments.
06/09/2021	15:46	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	I am writing in support of Brightside's rezoning proposal because of the subsidence problems in the present building. Some of the balconies have been deemed inaccessible, while there are occasional sudden small potholes appearing in the parkade. That said I would prefer greater protection of, for example, the red maple tree in front of the building. Another point of contention is the miniscule size of the proposed studio apartments. (I am a Brightside tenant, who has lived since 2013 in this French St building)		"s.22(1) Personal d C fd t l"	Marpole	No web attachments.
06/10/2021	17 39	PH1 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 8725 French Street	Support	I am writing in support of this application. I live in the Marpole area and this plan of doubling the number of affordable rental units for seniors and people with disabilities seems to be a good thing.	Melody To	"s.22(1) Personal	Marpole	No web attachments.



June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Attention: Mayor of Vancouver and Council, c/o City Clerk's Office, City of Vancouver, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - 453 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council:

#### Re: 8725 French Street - Rezoning

On behalf of **New Chelsea Society**, please accept this letter of support for Brightside Community Homes Foundation's rezoning application for 8725 French Street in Vancouver. We support Brightside's goal of creating more safe and secure affordable rental homes for seniors and families in Marpole.

We feel it is important that we add our voice in favour of the proposed plan that will replace the existing 46 units with 100 affordable homes for seniors, families, and people with disabilities. Affordable housing continues to be a significant need in Vancouver, which includes neighbourhoods such as Marpole.

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Like Brightside, New Chelsea Society is a large non-profit housing provider and registered charity that offers affordable housing for seniors, families, and persons with disabilities in the lower mainland. We work closely with our colleagues at Brightside and share a similar vision, mission and values.

We see first-hand the importance of affordable housing in our neighbourhoods and in the City as a whole. We hope that this proposal will be approved.

Sincerely,

**NEW CHELSEA SOCIETY** 

Per: Patrick Buchannon Chief Executive Officer



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Seniors Services Society of BC supports older adults in B.C. Navigate the systems whether it is housing, finance, legal support, services, attachment to health care. Over the past few months, we have partnered with Brightside Community Homes Foundation to provide integrated supports for older adults who are independent in Vancouver to help them age in place.

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Sincerely,



Chief Executive Officer

## **APPENDIX C**



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June 4, 2021

Mayor and Council, City of Vancouver

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Housing diversity is key for healthy and dynamic communities. The affordable homes Brightside proposes via this application will serve the community for multiple decades to come. We hope that this proposal will be approved.

Sincerely,

"s 22(1) Personal and Confidential"

David Hutniak CEO LandlordBC

### APPENDIX D



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We look forward to continuing to work with both Brightside and the City of Vancouver towards our shared goals, including ensuring that seniors and families of all income levels have access to safe, secure and affordable homes in a vibrant community here in Vancouver.

Sincerely,

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Kira Gerwing

Senior Manager, Community Investment



