

5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street - SUPPORT

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
06/01/2021	13:41	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	I'm writing to share my full support for the project by PCI at 3609-3687 Arbutus St. My family and I live very close to this part of Kitsilano and so I'm pleased to see more housing options coming to the area. Like many, our family is growing and so I'm encouraged to see more housing coming to light that will help ease the really challenges young families face when it comes to finding secured rental homes in Vancouver. Please approve and also expedite the construction. We simply need more projects like this asap.	Nicola Bolton		s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/04/2021	09:28	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	I am writing to express our organizational support for PCI's application to rezone 3609-3687 Arbutus St under the Moderate Income Rental Housing Program. PCI's proposal will help supply more rental housing, including to those with moderate incomes and will help diversify our city's housing offering, which means over time, existing market stock will become more affordable. The need for more rental supply is great in Vancouver and west side neighbourhoods in particular. The 2019 CMHC Rental Market Report pegs the Westside/Kerrisdale neighbourhoods at a 1.1% rental vacancy rate, when a healthy vacancy rate is considered to be 3-5%. In Arbutus Ridge in particular, approximately only 20% of housing is secured as rental, as outlined in the Housing Vancouver Strategy's 2018 Annual Progress Report. The proposal therefore responds not only to the City of Vancouver's housing goals to: 'create 20,000 new market rental units by 2027' and the goal that '50% of new homes will serve households earning less than \$80,000'. It also addresses the current unequal distribution of purpose built rental across the city. Overall, BCNPHA is supportive of the Moderate-Income Rental Housing Pilot Program and its objective to create housing for households earning between \$30,000 - \$80,000k per year. This proposal will create secured rental housing opportunities for families who otherwise might not be able to afford to live in our neighbourhoods anymore. Lastly, the proposal better utilizes the site by replacing 5 single family homes with a multi-family development of 116 homes. It's great to see that 35% of the homes will also be geared toward families (2-3 bedrooms). It will provide multi-family housing close to existing transit, services and schools and will help reduce the need to depend on car ownership and commuting - which can be a significant burden on families. We strongly encourage Mayor and Council to continue to show leadership to ensure that this significant project will be approved for Vancouver residents and to approve the rezoning application as has been requested. Sincerely, Jill Atkey, Chief Executive Officer BC Non-Profit Housing Association	Jill Atkey	BC Non-Profit Housing Association		Unknown	No web attachments.
06/05/2021	08:36	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	Hi City of Vancouver - I live just around the corner from this project in a rental basement suite so I am really happy to see more secured rental housing coming to this part of the City. While I'm happy in my current place, I'm certainly aware of the fact that I could be asked to move should my landlords, for whatever reason, decide they want their space back. I'm a nurse at one of the local hospitals and would love to live in this kind of housing, if it were available, to help secure my long term future in this wonderful City. Thanks.	Katie Hunter			Arbutus-Ridge	No web attachments.
06/07/2021	09:11	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	I live just 3 blocks from this proposed development. I am strongly in favor of it. We desperately need more housing stock in the city, and this project in particular will help liven up a rather dead stretch of Arbutus.	Derek van Pel			Arbutus-Ridge	No web attachments.
06/09/2021	06:19	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	The City of Vancouver needs affordable housing in the form of market rental and subsidized housing. I understand this application meets both of those requirements with 20% of the homes having below market housing with rent controls. We badly need this housing for workers in the city of Vancouver especially on the Westside so families and members of our workforce and live in Vancouver. Having additional height and density on major arterials also fits into environmental sustainability objectives as people can live and work within the City and don't have to make long commutes from the suburbs where housing is less expensive.	Casey Weeks			Arbutus-Ridge	No web attachments.
06/10/2021	14:21	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	Item 5 of the June 17, 2021 Pubic Hearing. In addition to my comments in the "shapeyourcity" forum, I want to again express my support to Council for this rezoning. Kerrisdale and the Arbutus corridor is in my opinion, one of the best neighbourhoods in Vancouver - easy access to the City, UBC, and Kitsilano - so the perfect hub for both students and families. However, when I resided in the area for approximately 10 years, my friends and I would be evicted ever 18 months, not from partying, but from the owners wanting to tear down the house and erect a monster home. So I personally witnessed the dwindling supply of rental stock, to the extent that I had to relocate to other (less preferable) parts of the City. So to have rental stock be reintroduced to the area is exciting, and I hope moderate income people can then get the opportunity to enjoy the fabulous and central neighbour (aside from the wealthy single family home owners). Having a variety of housing types and the different people they attract, is also essential to the vitality and livability of suburb (vs. an exclusive enclave - which the Arbutus corridor somewhat was 25 years ago). In addition, Vancouver desperately needs more rental housing - and in all areas of the City. (It is a pity the City does not have an effective process to make this materialise quicker!). Having to submit a "rental resume" and offer over the asking price to secure a rental is unhealthy. In addition to the need for rental, and my support of this rezoning, I also commend the architects for such a well thought out scheme. The step back at the front helps reduce scale to the street. But what I like most is the terracing and gardens to the rear to transition to the single family houses to the rear - the massing and scale has been well thought out for the context. I also like how the rear alley is not "forgotten" and there is an effort to make this a pedestrian zone and community space - well done. In summary, I fully support this rezoning application, and the project itself. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I	Andrew Adams	Myself		Kensington-Cedar Cottage	No web attachments.
06/11/2021	10:02	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	I live just a few minutes walk from this site on Arbutus, and know this is a great intersection for moderate income + secured rental. Young people who grew up on the West Side shouldn't be pushed out of their neighbourhoods because of the city's housing issues. I raised my daughter in a nice rental home in Kits, but these options are becoming few and far between. I support attractive development like this situated on transit. Young people and families will make use of the bike lanes on the Arbutus Greenway, and hopefully the Broadway Subway one day. This is a great proposal and I hope Council will vote to approve the rezoning. Let's bring back our moderate income earners and young families to Kits, and support our local business community in the process. A progressive project like this one is much more meaningful than the NIMBY sentiment we hear over and over in this area. Thank you.	Jon Kelly			Unknown	No web attachments.
06/11/2021	14:45	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	Hi COV, I'd like to share my support for this proposal which is being considered next week. I think this application makes a lot of sense in this location and will bring much needed secured rental housing to the community. I'm really pleased to see more of these MIRHPP projects coming forward. I'd like to see the City expand this Pilot so that more projects can deliver this kind of housing. As a renter myself it's critically important to me that the City Council continue to deliver more housing supply across the city. Without it, young professionals/ families/ students just don't stand a chance. Please vote this one forward at the approval hearing! Thanks for the opportunity to comment.	A.Garvey			Unknown	No web attachments.
06/11/2021	15:25	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	I hope Council will approve this secured rental project - we have to keep Kitsilano attainable to young people and families, as it always has been. The courtyard and rooftop amenity space will be a benefit to these families as well. As a longtime Kits resident, this is a common sense project located on the Greenway and on major transit lines. Thank you.	Alda Maria das Necessidades			Fairview	No web attachments.
06/11/2021	16:53	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	Dear Mayor Stewart and Council, I would like to express my support for the rezoning application on 20th Avenue and Arbutus Street. I work close to this property and live in East Vancouver. I am very familiar with this neighbourhood. I frequently cycle through here on the Arbutus Greenway and recognize the value of this neighbourhood as a family and community-oriented area. We have an acute shortage of rental housing in our City. Vacancy rates in Vancouver are too low and its way too difficult for people to find a suitable, affordable and long term secure home to rent. In my opinion, we urgently need more rental housing. We also need rental housing that is long term secured - which is exactly what we are being offered here. Secured rental provides tenants with stability, which is important for us all. This is an excellent location for rental housing of the type and density that is being proposed. Its close to schools, parks, transit, its next to a wonderful bike path and is a short walk to many shops and services. This is exactly where we should be building rental housing. Given how urgently our City needs additional rental housing, it seems to me that this is a highly appropriate and acceptable use for this site. Accordingly, I hope Council approve it and it can move into construction as soon as possible to alleviate the housing pressures our City is facing. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to share my views. Matthew Carter	Matt Carter			Riley Park	No web attachments.
06/11/2021	17:09	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	I'd like to add my two cents on the proposed application for Arbutus and 22nd by PCI Development. I think this is a great place for a project of this scale and I'm pleased to see it coming forward for your consideration. Vancouver's housing market 'both rental and for sale' are a real factor when it comes to deciding if my family and I will stay in Vancouver long term. We love Vancouver but the housing challenges we face, as our family grows, is alarming! 6 storey projects on major arterials are an easy way to help relieve this strain on many families across the City, not just my own!	Andrew Caygill		Unknown	No web attachments.	

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06/14/2021	08:30	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	Hello Mayor and Council, I'm writing to support the proposal on the 3600 block of Arbutus Street. It's no secret that Vancouver desperately needs new rental housing. Housing that is secured and will support the people that make our city vibrant and great! PCI's project will deliver 116 new homes for these people, right on transit, close to community services, grocery and of course UBC. In my view, this is a great project! I'm thrilled to see more rental, multifamily projects coming to areas that have typically been reserved for single family homes. This kind of housing stands to serve a limited amount of people in our City, usually with an above average income. Sure, their basements suites offer housing options for others, but relying on that kind of housing isn't going to serve us as a City in the long run. We need to make logical choices now, and to me, approving this project (and others like it) is a logical choice. I urge you to approve this project at the hearing. Thank you for your consideration. Please register my support. Sincerely, Louis-Alexandre Fournier	Louis-Alexandre Fournier			Fairview	No web attachments.
06/14/2021	08:57	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	Hi City of Vancouver, Please vote in favour of the rental housing rezoning application at 3609-3687 Arbutus Street. I've seen the sign on this site for a while now so I'm pleased to see it's coming forward for a decision. I'd like to weigh in and share my two cents, in the hopes that that decision is a positive one by Council! This project will get rental homes built in our city. We are in such dire need of rental housing. We have the worst vacancy rates and highest rental costs in the country. This project brings new secured rental housing that will benefit so many in the community. With new rental like this being built, the community will start to see more affordable rental rates being offered across the city. I think this project ticks all the boxes and will deliver much needed and well-designed housing on the west side. I really hope Mayor and Council approve this application. Thanks	Marion Luiz			Unknown	No web attachments.
06/14/2021	09:51	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	Dear Vancouver Council, I am hoping you will approve the project at Arbutus St and West 20th Ave. For a long time, this stretch of Arbutus was just single-family homes and the defunct railway. Now there is the Arbutus Greenway park space and new shops at 16th Avenue (Loblaws City Market). Adding new housing to this community, in a thoughtful and modest way just makes sense. For some time, I lived not far from the site (on Yew St), but moved when the home owner decided to renovate. I hope to return to this area in the future and would be looking for secure rental housing. This would be a great place to live for renters. The proposal has 116 new homes proposed, 24 of which are affordable rentals. Most people in Vancouver are renters. Certainly those within my age demographic. They deserve high quality and secured homes as well. It is close to transit, so there is no need to offer so much parking. I think this project will be good, with new trees and green space. I hope you will approve it. Thank you, Andraya A.	Andraya Avison			Unknown	No web attachments.
06/14/2021	09:52	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	My young family and I live just north of this property in Kitsilano. Part of what makes this area so attractive is the varied housing types and tenure, however we have a serious lack of new rental, and larger units for families. for this reason, I'm in support of this proposal, furthermore, the moderate incomes will help keep our commercial district vibrant with a workforce who may have the option to live nearby. I recognize this will likely be a controversial decision, and hope Council considers the benefits this project will have on the wider community. thank you	Luke Dineley			Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/14/2021	10:16	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	Dear Mayor and City Council, I am writing to support the proposed rental project at 3609-3687 Arbutus Street. New housing will be a benefit to the neighbourhood for the people who want to live here. There is also 20% dedication to affordable units, further offering benefit. For many people, renting is their only option for living in Vancouver. We should allow more rental homes to be constructed, and of high quality. Too many people are forced to live in dark basement suites, or far out in the suburbs away from their jobs. Not everyone wants to live downtown (light and noise pollution). Projects like this present an opportunity to change that. More new construction of rental homes means people will have sunlight, green space, and access to jobs. This site on Arbutus is close to a bus route, and will be within walking distance of the Broadway SkyTrain extension once it opens. It's also right on a major cycling route - what's not to love! Overall, this project is of good benefit to the neighbourhood and the city. I'd love to see it move forward. Thank you, Dustin	Dustin LaPrairie			Unknown	No web attachments.
06/14/2021	10:44	PH2 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 3609-3687 Arbutus Street	Support	Hi COV, I'm writing to share my support for the moderate income rental housing project proposed for 3609 - 3687 Arbutus Street. I live in the area pretty close by and so I'm really happy to see more rental housing coming to the neighbourhood. As a teacher, this sort of housing would be ideal for me, not to mention many of the families whose kids I teach. I love that this project is also so close to the Arbutus greenway which will mean residents will be able to jump on their bike and get where they need to go safely. Please approve this project at the upcoming public hearing. Many thanks!	Deanna Barreira			Kitsilano	No web attachments.