

#### 4. CD-1 Text Amendment: 650 West 41st Avenue - SUPPORT

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| 02/28/2022    | 15:53        | PH1 - 4. CD-1 Text Amendment: 650 West 41st Avenue | Support  | I am very excited that the new Oakridge is finally under construction and we will get to enjoy the new park in just a few years. Like with all major redevelopment plans in Vancouver, time passes and adjustments should be made. The latest adjustments to the plan will add even more green space, and ensure that the new rooftop park will be delivered in the first phase of development. I hope Council approves this rezoning!  | Emily Morris     |              | s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential | Unknown       | No web attachments. |
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| 03/01/2022    | 08:46        | PH1 - 4. CD-1 Text Amendment: 650 West 41st Avenue | Support  | As a Vancouverite, finding any rental is extremely difficult in our city. I have been searching for a new rental for the past 6 months, yet, there is so much competition for the same units, its clear we have a massive supply problem of rental in our city. Adding 573 market rental units, 290 units of Social housing, and 130 moderate income units can change the lives of so many people. These new homes are desperately needed, and they fit in well with this proposed community development. A rental at Oakridge Park checks of so many boxes for us. The development is right above a SkyTrain line that goes right downtown and to Richmond. As my work requires frequent travel, being close to this SkyTrain line would reduce my commute and ensure I can rely on public transit for all my transportation needs, rather than having to taxi or uber to a SkyTrain line as I currently do. My girlfriend would also be able to take the R4 bus straight to UBC. The transit orientated nature of this development is a great green initiative. Even more so as the development will include Bike Silo's. I can envision many people biking to Oakridge Park, and utilizing a Skytrain for further transit. Speaking of green initiative, the massive 9 acre rooftop park is an awesome amenity. One of the other amenities that I am extremely keen to see is the indoor and outdoor music venues. Our city needs more vibrant arts and culture spaces and having one accessible via SkyTrain would foster so much more entertainment in our city. Finally, as we build back from COVID-19, more businesses will be re-opening offices. I support the additional office space in this development, and it will ensure employment within our neighbourhood, and potentially reduce commutes for employees that may traditionally have to go to the downtown core. Having watched the construction process throughout my daily commute, I am urging council to support this rezoning to ensure more rentals are provided in a development that will contribute so much to our community and city at large. | Zachary Burns    |              |                                    | Riley Park    | No web attachments. |

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| 03/01/2022 | 12:59 | PH1 - 4. CD-1 Text Amendment: 650 West 41st Avenue | Support | Dear Mayor & Council, I'm writing to you tonight in support of the Oakridge text amendment. I have been pleased to see the progress onsite, and I'd really like to avoid anymore delays. I grew up very near to the site, at Cartier and 40th Ave. I remember for many years my friends and I would walk over to Oakridge and spend the day at the shops. That has to be almost 15 years ago now, and even then it needed improvements. Now, as a renter in Vancouver, I wish something like this was available to me. It would allow me to remain close to my parents, provide the much-needed improvements to the area, and rent. I was really excited to hear that the proponent wants to include more rental. I really can't say enough good things about it. It truly looks like a community that I, and many in my network, would want to live in. Thank you, Bailey Miazga  | Bailey Miazga       |  | s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential | Unknown       | No web attachments. |
| 03/01/2022 | 13:02 | PH1 - 4. CD-1 Text Amendment: 650 West 41st Avenue | Support | Hello Mayor, Council, and City Staff I want to voice my support for the Oakridge text amendment that you are considering tonight, March 1. I support more rental housing in the area, and I think this will be a great addition to Vancouver. This project checks a lot of boxes for me, and I think it's great that the project team have taken so many innovative leaps. I hope to hear that this project continues to move forward. We can't wait any longer. Ed Benton-Evans   | Edward Benton-Evans |  |                                    | Unknown       | No web attachments. |
| 03/01/2022 | 13:32 | PH1 - 4. CD-1 Text Amendment: 650 West 41st Avenue | Support | For us at Tikva Housing Society, the proposed changes at Oakridge are welcome. There is no area of the Lower Mainland that is as historically and currently vital to the Jewish community as the neighborhood around Cambie and 41st. Also of note and also lacking are alternatives for seniors in our community who do not require or want long-term care but who need to downsize and wish to stay close to home. We think that there will be strong interest on the part of these seniors in the community for the market housing proposed for Oakridge. From our perspective, the Oakridge redevelopment plan will transform the neighborhood immensely for the better. We believe that the vision proposed is sensitive to creating beautiful open green spaces and eliminating the existing parking lot sprawl and concrete desert encircling the mall. In addition to delivering new energy, vitality, and cultural and architectural vibrancy for the area, the resulting density will provide much needed housing, all at a transit hub, including a large number of basic market rental units which are not easy to find in this neighborhood. In terms of the subsidized social housing, a part of which we hope to provide to be able to provide to our local community, we would certainly like to see as many affordable units as possible. In summary, Tikva Housing Society supports the proposed amendments to the zoning and development applications.  | Alice Sundberg      |  |                                    | Unknown       | No web attachments. |
| 03/01/2022 | 14:59 | PH1 - 4. CD-1 Text Amendment: 650 West 41st Avenue | Support | Please find this letter in support of the 650 W 41st Ave (Oakridge Centre) rezoning application. While this project has had a long history, I am glad the first phase is finally under construction. I support the additional rental density for the zoning. Oakridge has great potential to be another Downtown, and a vibrant neighbourhood with mixed incomes (condo owners and renters) will make it a better neighbourhood for all. It is also positive to see more office space in this proposal. A mix of uses to support activity during the day and at night is what makes Vancouver's Downtown great. Taking this model and applying it to Oakridge will be good as well. Office workers will support the local businesses, and people can live close to where they work.  | Josephine Little    |  |                                    | Unknown       | No web attachments. |
| 03/01/2022 | 15:14 | PH1 - 4. CD-1 Text Amendment: 650 West 41st Avenue | Support | Dear Mayor, Council, and City Staff, I'm writing to you in support of the application for Oakridge. I am a local resident and have followed the progress for a few years now. I have a long background in the performing arts. As you probably know, the arts and especially the performing arts have been hard hit by the restrictions that have been necessary because of COVID-19. Before that we had already seen the slow loss of performing arts venues in Vancouver, some of them due to redevelopment. This is why I am excited to support Oakridge and the arts and culture focus that is part of this mater plan. Far too often these spaces are overlooked, but without them we lose what makes our city so vibrant and unique. From an arts and culture perspective, the project delivers both indoor and outdoor music venues, areas like the park for people to be inspired by their city and nature, and dedicated performance spaces for people to showcase their talent. Unfortunately, arts & culture often gets discounted, in favour of what is considered more urgent - like rental housing. Not only does Oakridge deliver urgent amenities like rental housing, but they know that without the development of culture, the community won't be successful. Oakridge is set to be a vibrant community within the larger community ' a real neighbourhood centre that will meet resident's needs. It's a huge benefit to the City of Vancouver and I hope city council supports this development. Thank you, Katherine | Katherine Robidoux  |  |                                    | Downtown      | No web attachments. |
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| 03/01/2022 | 15:52 | PH1 - 4. CD-1 Text Amendment: 650 West 41st Avenue | Support | As a renter who lives in Vancouver, I'm really proud of the changes that a local developer has made to address the housing concerns of our city. This project would allow young people, like myself, the opportunity to live in a desirable location, at transit, near to commercial interest. I hope that Mayor and Council vote in favour of these amendments, because I believe that they have really improved the project, and will deliver on their objectives before election time comes. I'm also somewhat of a dedicated fitness guy, and I really like the running track and park atop the mall. I think the project is super unique and a great opportunity to improve our city. Thank you, Cole Thomson   | Cole Thomson        |  |                                    | Arbutus-Ridge | No web attachments. |
| 03/01/2022 | 16:36 | PH1 - 4. CD-1 Text                                 | Support | Comments of support outlined in the letter uploaded below. thank you   | Tracy Beshara       |  |                                    | Marpole       | Appendix A          |



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March 1, 2022

Rezoning and Refinements to the Oakridge Development:

The Marpole Oakridge Family Place would like to express our support for the proposed rezoning and refinements to the Oakridge Development.

Specifically, we are in favour of the increased rental and below market housing, family friendly outdoor amenities, and the child care, community centre and seniors' centre.

We favour the proposal of 283 market rental units and 130 moderate income rental units for families with children to be able to afford rental accommodation. The majority of families accessing the Marpole Oakridge Family Place are low-income families and more likely to trend towards the \$30 000 /year income if not lower. The affordable rental unit proposal will help some families although many will still not be able to afford accommodation in Oakridge. However this planning is a step in the right direction.

We support the idea of a new community centre serving Oakridge as it brings amenities to central Oakridge. We also favour the inclusion of green spaces.

We are in support of the child care options and out of school care options as they are crucial for the parents of our community who have long struggled to obtain daycare options. We recommend that the proposed daycare and out of school options offer a percentage of affordable spots for low-income families who often need this support the most.

With regard to the Seniors Centre which is included in the Oakridge plans: While we clearly understand that the Seniors Centre is not part of the amendment going forward on March 1<sup>st</sup>, we nevertheless must point out, as the amendment goes forward, the critical and integral importance of the Seniors Centre as part of the Civic Centre project. Plans going forward for

families and children cannot be completed without consideration and inclusion of our community of seniors.

We know from our collaborations with the Oakridge Seniors Centre, which closed when the Oakridge renovations began, that it was a wonderful resource for seniors, offering a home from home, cooked meals, entertainment and a community of connection. We look forward to seeing the amendments to the Oakridge proposal move forward, which will in turn see the Seniors Centre is reinstated in a timely manner.

Sincerely

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I acknowledge, with gratitude, that we live and work on the unceded and traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations of *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam), *sel̓il̓wítulh* (Tseil Waututh) and *sḵw̓x̓wú7mesh* (Squamish) peoples