

**Item 4. CD-1 Rezoning: 1668-1684 Alberni Street - Support**

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Name	Organization	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
05/17/2022	10:56	PH1 - 4. CD-1 Rezoning: 1668-1684 Alberni Street	Support	Dear Mayor and Council, I am in favor of the new development proposed at 1668 Alberni street. I am a small business owner in the West End and love to see new buildings being built in this area. New buildings mean more residents and more residents often translates to more foot traffic. Businesses have been hit hard through the COVID-19 pandemic and I feel lucky having survived the impacts. It's not without its challenges still. That being said, I welcome more foot traffic that will potentially translate into customers for all of the businesses in the West End. Overall new housing is needed and can benefit so many people. From a business perspective, bring these people in and more! Thank you for reading my feedback. Best, Terry	Terry Dhanoa		s.22(1) Personal and Confidential	Unknown	No web attachments.
05/17/2022	10:58	PH1 - 4. CD-1 Rezoning: 1668-1684 Alberni Street	Support	I am writing in support of the rezoning proposal at 1668-1684 Alberni Street. The proposal to transform the lot into a 40-story residential tower will add much needed housing density to a high demand area. Housing prices have spike 30% in the past year, but unlike commodities such as oil, there is no substitute for having a place to live. The design draws from the well-established West End Plan, and keeps with limitations on height, shadows, and view cones. Open houses and community consultations were performed in accordance with bylaws, and overall meets all urban design requirements. Lastly, unlike the opponents of this proposal who fabricate opposition using copy and pasted comments, the supporters of the rezoning are real people, not robots, who are genuine stakeholders in this city and its future developments. My friends and I, all of whom are young, university-educated professionals, want to continue working, paying taxes, and living in this city. The most effective way of tackling Vancouver's housing crisis is simply to build more of it.	Alvin Lok		s.22(1) Personal and Conf	Renfrew-Collingwood	No web attachments.
05/17/2022	14:08	PH1 - 4. CD-1 Rezoning: 1668-1684 Alberni Street	Support	Thank you in advance for reading my comments. I'm a Vancouver resident and my in-laws live in the West End. My wife, son, and I therefore spend a lot of time in the neighbourhood, in the community centre and the Aquatic Centre. I wanted to write in today to express my concern about the state of the community spaces in the West End and urge the City to put some of the money it collects from development projects towards upgrades. My family has been really happy with a lot of the upgrades that have happened in the West End over the last few years. That includes the traffic calming measures and the road closures and plazas. It's time for the City to start working on the facilities that will need to accommodate a lot more people. Today, I want City council to know that I'm supportive of this development proposal but hope that the City can allocate the funds it's going to collect asap.	Arash Ramin		s.22(1) Personal and Confidential	Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
05/17/2022	14:57	PH1 - 4. CD-1 Rezoning: 1668-1684 Alberni Street	Support	I am voicing my support of this proposed rezoning. Every person living in Vancouver understands there is a housing crisis. Rents are increasing at rates not seen in generations and pricing out of the market all but the wealthiest and most privileged in society. It is unsurprising, yet frustrating, that people who oppose these types of rezoning proposals often have dozens of complaints about minutiae or irrelevant topics, yet provide no solutions to Vancouver's housing crisis. Arguments about congestion are completely irrelevant, not only because higher density housing is an express goal of the West End Plan, but also because complaining about congestion in the middle of downtown is absurd. Arguments about the planned tower not being affordable demonstrate a total lack of understanding of basic economics. If developers build affordable housing, the prices of all but the most expensive housing will drop. If developers build luxury housing, it decreases the pressure on high-end housing, and again causes all other housing prices to fall. The reason real-estate has exploded over the past decade is because of housing scarcity. The market is giving us price signals that are very clearly showing that supply is failing to keep up with demand. This is in large part due to some homeowners who claim to care about Vancouver's homeless population and housing affordability, yet strike down any attempts to solve these problems. We can solve housing affordability in the same way we solve affordability problems for all goods in our economy: by building more of it.	Mike Caslow		s.22(1) Personal and Confidential	Kerrisdale	No web attachments.
05/17/2022	15:32	PH1 - 4. CD-1 Rezoning: 1668-1684 Alberni Street	Support	Dear Mayor and Council, I am in favor of the new development proposed at 1668 Alberni street. I am a small business owner in the West End and love to see new buildings being built in this area. New buildings mean more residents and more residents often translates to more foot traffic. Businesses have been hit hard through the COVID-19 pandemic and I feel lucky having survived the impacts. It's not without its challenges still. That being said, I welcome more foot traffic that will potentially translate into customers for all of the businesses in the West End. Overall new housing is needed and can benefit so many people. From a business perspective, bring these people in and more! Thank you for reading my feedback. Best, Terry Dhanoa	Terry Dhanoa		s.22(1) Personal and Confidential	Unknown	No web attachments.
05/17/2022	15:37	PH1 - 4. CD-1 Rezoning: 1668-1684 Alberni Street	Support	Dear Mayor and Council, I am writing today in support of 1668-1684 Alberni Street. I am a renter in the West End and love living here. I am also a student attending UBC and although it's a bit of a commute to get to school, I wouldn't choose to live anywhere else, the West End is such a great community. The West End is full of older buildings, some of them are beautifully maintained, but there are others that are in varying states of disrepair. While I appreciate the look of older buildings I think a mix and an evolving neighbourhood is a good thing. We can't keep the West End stale! I really like the building design for 1668-1684 Alberni Street and think that it will positively elevate the neighbourhood's aesthetic and potentially (or hopefully!) influence more of the neighbourhood to keep buildings in good shape. Although there's no rental homes planned, I do believe that all housing helps improve our larger housing situation. It probably comes as no surprise that I had a difficult time trying to find a rental home in this neighbourhood. New condominiums mean that people who might be renting today can buy. I truly believe all types of housing frees up space for others and would likely have a positive impact on the overall rental market. More options is a good thing! Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope to see this building pop up soon! Sincerely, Tia Brar	Tia Brar		s.22(1) Personal and Conf	Unknown	No web attachments.

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05/17/2022	15:47	PH1 - 4. CD-1 Rezoning: 1668-1684 Alberni Street	Support	<p>Mayor and Council, I am a student living in the West End and I would like to share my support for 1668-1684 Alberni Street predominantly because of the large amount of money that would be put back into the community. As a student I am a big user of the community centre and the aquatic centre. I appreciate the affordability of both of these facilities but am getting quite frustrated with the state of both of the buildings: they need serious upgrades which I'm sure you're well aware of, and they are often overcrowded. Updates to these civic spaces NEED to happen and they need to happen quickly. I know so many students in the area who utilize them, I see families struggling to get in on a Saturday morning, seniors who want to have a spot to swim or workout. I've started avoiding peak hours because I have some flexibility in my schedule but honestly, it would be great if we saw something happen with the \$37M from this project. The West End Plan was approved almost 10 years ago and we are still waiting for the city to allocate the money they have been collecting through new development. This community is in desperate need of that money to fix up the spaces everyone loves so much. Brooks</p>	Brooks Jeffery		s.22(1) Personal and Confidential	Unknown	No web attachments.
05/17/2022	16:25	PH1 - 4. CD-1 Rezoning: 1668-1684 Alberni Street	Support	<p>I would like to support this building. It looks like a great addition to Vancouver's diverse architecture, and fits in the West End neighborhood. It's great to see buildings push the designs to new and interesting ways. The addition of housing in the area is also good to see.</p>	S Chillbeck		s.22(1) Personal and Confidential	Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.