

PH3 - 4. CD-1 Rezoning: 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue and 1002 Station Street - OTHER

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June 22, 2022

Re: Strand Development - 450-496 Prior Street, 550 Malkin Avenue and 1002 Station Street

To Mayor and Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Eastside Arts Society to indicate our support for the proposed arts and cultural community amenity proposed for the above site. Although the commitment of 6500 sq ft falls short of the loss of two well know arts spaces, the White Monkey and Eastside Flea Studios, I am supportive that a cultural amenity will be included on this site which has an incredibly long history of being an artist production space.

I am also supportive that the proposed cultural amenity will be a turn-key space and ready for cultural use upon completion of the project. This is a vital component, as the space will be outfitted with the necessary infrastructure to operate as an arts space.

In addition, I was informed that the adjacent courtyard might also be suitable for outdoor performances and other cultural activities. If the developer is proposing this in addition to the above cultural amenity, then I would recommend that some basic infrastructure be provided to this site such as electrical outlets, poles for lighting and speakers, some storage etc. These are nominal additions that can ensure the outdoor courtyard can be an accommodating gathering space.

Further, this development is situated in what will become the Eastside Arts District; an area that has the highest concentration of artists per capita in the province. The development is required to contribute a public artwork on the site. Vancouver's Eastside has very few public art works, and very few by artists within this incredibly culturally-rich area. We strongly suggest that the developer consider an artist from the community for this artwork.

Sincerely,

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