

3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue - SUPPORT

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Full Name	Contact Info	Neighbourhood	Attachment
06/28/2022	09:09	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	This project will save lives and I support it!	Makaela Peters	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Fairview	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	09:39	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I support this desperately needed supportive housing. We need more supportive housing in our city, and this is a good location for it because it's near amenities, transit, and every neighbourhood is a good location for supportive housing. We need to stop concentrating those our city is leaving behind in a smaller and smaller forgotten footprint of our city. I live near two supportive housing projects (former hotels) and the concerns I've seen expressed about this project are definitely overblown. The people who will live here are our neighbours, and this is project will not displace anyone's homes or businesses, it is a very easy way to make the room for them that we desperately need to.	Connor McCorc		Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	09:46	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	This is an important project for the city to address the housing crisis and homelessness. All neighbourhoods should be doing their part to contribute to the solution. Homeowners in Kitsilano have seen increased valuation as the city grows, and have responsibilities to address city needs-- e.g. accommodate social housing in their community. This is not an issue which should be decided only by immediate residents, but is for all Vancouver residents to weigh-in on, and I implore council to look beyond local NIMBY opposition. I strongly support this proposal in the name of social equity, and recognizing the right of everyone to decent affordable and appropriate housing.	Noah Quastel		Hastings-Sunrise	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	09:52	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I strongly support this initiative.	Claudia Langemeyer		Downtown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	09:56	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I just wanted to write in to support this supportive housing project. We need more of this throughout the city and would welcome a similar project in my neighbourhood too.	Ryan Campbell		Renfrew-Collingwood	No web attachments.

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06/28/2022	10:10	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Housing in Vancouver is essential. We are experiencing in crisis in Vancouver and in the Lower Mainland where people cannot afford any type of housing. Affordable housing in Kitsilano has come at a crucial time and we need it NOW! Marginalized and vulnerable folks are dying alone and housing is the first step to get them started to feel safe and secured. They can feel stable and have a safe place to go back to. We need more housing because it is a fundamental right, to have a roof over one's head and no one can, should ever be able able to be allowed to oppose a fundamental right to shelter. We need affordable housing everywhere and this must be just the beginning. Not in our backyard, is not saying that we can live by anymore. Vancouver is considered as one of the most livable cities in the world so we need to make it livable for the people actually for the people who came to live here, were born here and came here looking for safety. We have the right to deliver that. This is their home now. Please do not oppose to people having a place to call home. This is not somethings we can ever debate over, we always need more social housing, there is a crisis in Vancouver and it's a long time we recognize that and start taking tangible steps and creating more affordable housing.	Tejal B	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	I do not live in Vancouver	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10:19	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Having lived near to where this social housing is being proposed for many years, I see no option other than to strongly support rezoning to allow for more affordable housing in the community.	Jennifer Vincent		Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10:22	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I strongly support 129 social housing units being built on a vacant lot in my neighbourhood. I have seen families be forced to leave this neighbourhood due to not being able to afford their rent any longer, and that it's something any family should have to be displaced by. Kitsilano is a beautiful community, and shouldn't be reserved for the ultra-wealthy. Families and individuals who earn low income deserve a place in our community that is a stable home.	Kristen Joy-Correll		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10:26	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	We absolutely need more supportive housing. There should not need to be screening for housing, especially not criminal record, mental health, or substance abuse screening. I really hope this council will not bend to the will of rich white individuals who have nothing better to do with their time than try and make the lives of those struggling to survive even harder.	Hayden Davey		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10:29	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	It would be irresponsible to turn down this funding from the provincial government. Public funds are being spent on a divisive, unproductive process instead of investing in results.	Carl Chen		Fairview	No web attachments.

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06/28/2022	10:30	PH4 - 1. Rezoning: 156-180 West 2nd Avenue	Support	I'm writing to support the proposed building on West 2nd Avenue. I've worked in restaurants for many years in many different neighbourhoods and what's always important to business success is pedestrian traffic and proximity to other restaurants or shopping. Having new buildings on 2nd Ave with offices and shops, cafes or restaurants on the ground floor will bring more customers to the area which will be great for existing businesses. I fully support this.	Luis de la Garza	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10:36	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	i strongly support this initiative!	Sarah Mackenzie		Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10:37	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I strongly support this initiative	Sarah Brennan		Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10:38	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I fully support this proposal - not only is there a homeless crisis in the City (which has worsened through the pandemic), but there is also a climate crisis which we are running out of time to address. This project would be a leader in sustainable design with Passive House certification and set an example for future projects coming forward. Regarding controversy around the use, priority needs to be given to providing housing for the homeless in a secure, supportive environment ' exactly what this project entails.	Kate Oneill		Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10:38	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	The lack of social, supportive, and affordable housing throughout the city has limited the options of those struggling under poverty and oppression and concentrated misery. THIS PROJECT WILL SAVE LIVES AND I SUPPORT IT.	Holly warren		Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10:39	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	You need to re-evaluate your approach to approving social housing. Why can you build new mansions as of right but you need to fight through hours of Council meetings to improve homes for those who need them most! Please review your process.	Julia Bahen		Unknown	No web attachments.

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06/28/2022	10:44	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I strongly support this initiative!	Olivia Mann	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10:46	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	This project will save lives. It needs to go through!	Greg Smith		Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10 55	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	As an organization that builds affordable and supportive housing across the Province, with offices within and staff that live within the City of Vancouver, I would like to write in support of the 2086-2098 W 7th Ave and 2091 W 8th Ave rezoning application, which will allow for a 13-storey building and 129 homes for the homeless/those most at risk of homelessness in Vancouver. The building is designed with lots of amenity and programming space for the selected operator MPA Society to provide essential support services to residents. From a design and land use perspective, this project will create high quality, durable homes that respects the unique neighbourhood character. It is well located along a major transit corridor, near parks, and a community centre. The proposed building will fit into the height and density considerations included in the Broadway Plan and is supported by the City of Vancouver's affordable housing policies. From construction perspective, the project is utilizing innovative construction techniques to quickly deliver house and it is being designed to Passive House certified standard. This supports a commitment between BC Housing, the City of Vancouver and CMHC to work to address a critical housing need in the City of Vancouver. There are often fears amongst neighbors and residents with new social housing developments, we would like to acknowledge those fears and address some of the typical concerns related to crime, property values and cost. Crime: Multiple studies over the years have demonstrated that safe, secure housing is a stabilizing force and reduces crime. Most recently, a 2014 BCH study of multiple supportive housing projects showed police calls between the periods 6 months prior and 6 months post opening decreased. Property Values: A 202 BC Housing study reviewed multiple social housing sites and for the majority of the case study sites, median assessed values for the most common residential form in the areas surrounding the case study sites were consistent with or grew more than trends for the surrounding municipality. This suggests non-market housing does not have an impact on surrounding residential property values. Cost: A 2016 state of homelessness report showed that by addressing the needs of key populations disproportionately affected by experiences of homelessness there are corresponding health benefits. In one of the communities studies, the Housing first approach saving \$536,000 a year in reduced 911 calls and emergency shelter drop ins. Finally, it is important to remember that under the BC Human Rights Code, discrimination, treating persons differently because of any associated stigma, is illegal. This rezoning is about land use and must be debated on the areas of use (eg residential use), height, density or shape of the proposed project. There is strong local policy to support this rezoning application from a form and scale perspective, this is the right location for this project.	Kaela Schramm		I do not live in Vancouver	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10 55	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I am strongly in support of the supportive housing project at West 7th. This project will bring much needed housing and support to individuals in need. The location will be fantastic with shops and transit easily accessible. To address housing issues in Vancouver, this city needs to allow density across the city and that includes neighbourhoods that have historically been single family and/or low rise.	Ash Holmes		Riley Park	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	10 56	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I live near crab park, and see every day how many tents there are there, a number growing every day. We need more housing, period.	Reynald Hoskinson		Strathcona	No web attachments.

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06/28/2022	11:06	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	100% support this project. The city needs this development and more like it. As long as the necessary supports for residents are in place - this will make a difference.	Todd Hickling		Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	11:18	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I live a few blocks from this proposed development. I have a child at school in the area. I welcome this project and these new neighbours. I wholeheartedly support creating more opportunities for supportive housing here for our neighbours who are currently experiencing homelessness or need the support. I do believe there have been communication challenges around this project. And it will be critical to have appropriate staffing levels to provide the support that will be needed by residents of this building and the neighbourhood. I hope the opinions of my current neighbours are being heard. But I would not want to see much-needed housing fail because of procedural problems and specific challenges that can be addressed during the life of the building.	MLG		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	11:27	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Strongly support this project!	Brianne Wager		Riley Park	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	11:33	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I strongly support the proposal for the 13-storey, 129 unit social housing building in Kitsilano. Vancouver residents are in desperate, immediate need for social housing to support our most vulnerable residents. Hundreds of residents cannot wait, and need help now. This is an important first step towards supporting all people in Vancouver.	Marissa Gibbs		Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	11:34	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I strongly support this initiative.	Clare Nishikaw		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	12:11	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I support all affordable and supportive housing near rapid transit.	Kyle Monda		Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.

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06/28/2022	12:12	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Affordable housing should not be a privilege, nor a luxury, but a necessity. Without affordable housing options, especially to those in circumstances of crisis and vulnerability the prospect of social change, initiative, and prosperity is not only stunted, it is smothered when people cannot meet their basic needs due to gatekeeping of available resources made accessible only to the exceedingly wealthy and privileged.	Donika Bacoka	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	12:13	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	This project will save lives.	Pamela Becerra Jimenez		Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	12:14	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I support this initiative.	Katie Herlick		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	12:17	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I strongly support this application. This is a zero-displacement building providing truly affordable housing. It's location near to the future sky train line and the greenway provides the way for its future residents to access work, school and services like healthcare. Please approve it, and seek to build many more like it all over the city.	Matt Holland		I do not live in Vancouver	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	12:19	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	This housing initiative will save lives. I support it.	Donika Bacoka		Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	12:19	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Dear Mayor and Council, I am writing to express my support for the development of 129 social housing units at Arbutus and 7th. Vancouver is in desperate need of affordable/supportive housing to solve the homelessness crisis. Housing should be a basic right, not a privilege, and this project will get us one step closer to giving people in poverty the dignity they deserve. Some local residents say the project location is inappropriate. I wholeheartedly disagree. The idea that homeless people are dangerous is false and only serves to perpetuate the criminalization of poverty. I believe we should be teaching our children that people facing addiction and poverty are not dangerous, they are people deserving basic rights just like all of us. We need to resist false, stigmatizing narratives and stop treating people in poverty as criminals! I was very excited to see the city and province put forward this proposal and hope to see it move forward. It is desperately needed. Thank you for your consideration, Way Kent	WAY KENT		Riley Park	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	12:27	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I am a neighbour/condo owner at 10th and Yew St. I support this supported housing project to provide much-needed housing for those at risk of homelessness.	Jeff Minuk		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	12:33	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I support these homes. We need this!	Victor		Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	12:37	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I am a Kitsilano resident with two young children who attend daycare a block away from the proposed development at 8th and Arbutus. Our family is wholeheartedly in support of this project and others like it, we look forward to welcoming the residents to our community. Concerns voiced around its proximity to schools and daycares are a non-issue from my perspective as a parent with young children who live, play, and attend school in the immediate surrounding area	Paxton Bach		Kitsilano	No web attachments.

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06/28/2022	12:59	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I support allowing these homes. A 13-storey tower is entirely appropriate so close to Broadway and the new train station. It will fit right in with the rest of the increased density. We need affordable housing all over Vancouver, not just sidelined into the DTES nexus, which is an unsupportive environment for helping people improve their lives, and allows rich people to just turn a blind eye to the disadvantaged.	Chris Seymour		Hastings-Sunrise	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	13:02	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	This is a great project and a badly needed one too. We are currently in a major housing crisis and we need to build as much housing as we can. This includes supportive housing like this project, which will help so many people avoid homelessness. We have an opportunity here to build something with funding from the provincial government and we must take that opportunity. Furthermore it is important that projects like this be built in all neighbourhoods, as people living anywhere can be in need of this kind of housing and they should not be displaced from their existing communities. Council has a moral obligation to approve this project and the necessary rezoning immediately.	Mary Blenk		West End	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	13:06	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Support a lot	Anna Ducros		Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	13:15	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	The following comment is being written in strong support of the rezoning application and proposed social housing development located at 2086-2098 W 7th Ave and 2091 W 8th Ave. This project is a fantastic opportunity to show how Vancouver can be a place for everyone to live. There is a significantly recognized increase in need for safe, accessible, and affordable housing for all people in Vancouver and therefore, this social housing development would greatly impact many lives in a positive way. This building is close to many amenities and resources including schools, stores, green space, recreation space, transit and important services. In my opinion, the proposal fits with the City's goals and priorities in terms of being an inclusive city that aims for its citizens to feel safe and included. It is important to advocate for opportunities for all peoples - not just those of specific backgrounds or economic status. This building also fits the City's goals in regards to both environmental sustainability and social sustainability. For example, the building has been designed to meet Passive House standards working to be highly energy efficient, while still incorporating capacity building, important services, and social programming. The building will be innovative and help to integrate diversity into this community; which is a great initiative in my opinion.	Sierra Leung		Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	13:15	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	t. Kitsilano should to be a liveable neighbourhood for everyone and supportive housing close to an incoming Skytrain station is a wonderful step	Fernando Martin		West End	No web attachments.

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06/28/2022	13:20	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I am writing in support of the proposed supportive housing development at 2086-2098 W7th Avenue. I have worked for years in the homelessness services sector and am completing a master's in Public Health at the UBC with a focus on housing as a social determinant of health. According the most recent homeless count in Vancouver, 9% of people experiencing homelessness in Vancouver reside in the city's westside, and yet supportive or affordable housing options remain extremely limited in this region.1 Those in opposition to this project have stated that other groups should be prioritized for this site. While affordable housing is required across the spectrum to address the housing crisis, this rhetoric divides people experiencing housing instability into false categories of either 'deserving' or 'undeserving' of support and is not in line with a rights-based approach to housing.2 This perspective also fails to acknowledge that homelessness is a serious issue in the Kitsilano neighbourhood: the future residents of this site are Kits-based community members who are in need of support. The proposed development, which would include BOTH supportive housing units and affordable housing units would address multiple housing challenges along the housing continuum. MPA, who is the proposed operator of the site, was founded in Kits by people with lived experience of mental illness who had been discharged from Riverview hospital with limited follow-up supports. MPA was founded as a peer-based community resource hub, providing a space for individuals experiencing mental illness to build capacity and community based on values of empowerment, autonomy, and self-determination. Decades of research into housing first models has shown that permanent supportive housing contributes to ontological security for people experiencing homelessness, and results in improved health outcomes.3 Experiencing stability in housing, establishing a sense of community, and being able to exercise control over decision-making all contribute to improved mental and physical health wellbeing for people experiencing homelessness.3,4 Opponents to this development have cited concerns that residents will not be provided with 24-hour clinical supports on-site. However, to suggest that everyone with a diagnosis of mental illness requires in-house clinical supports to maintain their housing is incredibly stigmatizing. The role of the on-site support workers at the proposed site will be to provide individualized case planning and to support residents to navigate community-based resources which are tailored to their individual goals. This may include formal clinical supports such as community mental health teams, but also includes nonclinical psychosocial supports such as peer support groups. This development provides much-needed housing to an underserved group which is currently experiencing homelessness in the Kits neighbourhood. I urge council to vote YES to the proposal.(Citations in appendix)	Annie Sudeyko	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Grandview-Woodland	APPENDIX A
06/28/2022	13:29	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I am writing in support of these homes. Hundreds of people experiencing homelessness are dying every year. This is one small step we can take to help. I am imploring city council to vote in favor of these life saving supportive homes.	Chloe Boisvert		Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	13 54	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	See attached letter from Minister David Eby	Minister David Eby		Unknown	APPENDIX B
06/28/2022	13 57	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Support should not be limited to certain enclaves of the city.	Dan Rothwell		Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	13 57	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	'Out of sight, out of mind' is bad policy.	Dan Rothwell		Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	14 00	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	We need to build affordable and/or supportive housing all over Vancouver, including Kitsilano. We are in the midst of a housing and affordability crisis and no neighbourhood should be exempt from mitigating these issues. I lived in Kits for many years and it's time to diversify the hood :)	Rory Marck		Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.

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06/28/2022	14 03	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Mayor and council, I support this project and urge you to do the same. This will bring 129 much needed homes to the city, the region, and the west side. Before even reaching what is bound to be a frustratingly drawn out public hearing process, this proposal has already reduced the number of homes from 140 to 129. Further reduction - or outright elimination - will not only let down those who desperately need these homes, but will also let down those who voted for you to deliver housing and specifically housing with supports. To quote city staff, as referenced in the referral report, this project "advances the City's supportive and social housing policy goals in Housing Vancouver, and key equity and reconciliation commitments." This project will benefit from significant senior government investment and financing, is located on city-owned land, will promote environmental sustainability via Passive House standards, and displaces 0.00 existing tenants. Put another way, this project seeks to address the following crises: (a) climate change, (b) toxic drug supply, and (c) housing. Nothing is perfect, nothing is a golden ticket, and therefore expecting any one housing project to please everyone or solve anything.....' Fool's errand. We have to start somewhere. The best time to plant a tree is 6 years ago. The second best time is right now. We missed out on starting 6 years ago and it will be deeply disheartening if we refuse to start now.	Tessa Rowland	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Downtown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	14:12	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	This is the location adjacent to where I walked my now-teenaged daughter to preschool everyday, across from the playground I took her to. This is a much needed facility, paid for by government. It's small compared to what will be allowed in the Broadway Plan. This is an area that dearly. needs more affordable housing. I will be happy to see it in our neighbourhood.	Mark Hoening		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	14:13	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Vancouver is in dire need of social housing. Projects like this are an important step towards making Vancouver a liveable city, where everyone is given the dignity of having a safe place to live. In my opinion, this should happen in every neighbourhood in the city. There's a tension in many of the opposing comments where their claim of "Yes, people in need deserve housing and support" is then followed with "but not near me", and the arguments they give both fail to convince me and reveal uncomfortable truths about how Vancouver's residents feel about unhoused and at-risk folks. The people moralizing and hand-wringing over how this would impact the children at the nearby school are masking a distrust and hatred of anyone who they don't believe belongs in the neighbourhood, and it's disappointing to see. As someone who has lived in social housing, I'm personally offended by many of the comments written by people opposing the rezoning. By far the most common arguments being made are characterizing the prospective tenants as dangerous or malignant influences on the neighbourhood. I see some people on the opposition say that while they support social housing, they're concerned that this rezoning doesn't entail "scattered" housing' this particular rezoning does not preclude additional rezoning in the area for scattered-style social housing. Likewise, concerns regarding the "environmental disaster" resulting from the development seem misguided. Have people seen the renderings? Have they looked at the plans? This would not be some gigantic development, and there will be a Skytrain terminus built adjacent to it. We should trust that the city and the developers will do their due diligence in assessing the environmental impact.	Nima Boscarin		Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.

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06/28/2022	14:13	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I am writing this comment in strong support of the rezoning application and proposed social housing development located at 2086-2098 W 7th Ave and 2091 W 8th Ave. I strongly support this project for a few key reasons. The first being the proven desperate need and demand for safe, secure, affordable and accessible housing for all peoples in Vancouver, in all parts of Vancouver. Our housing crisis affects every neighbourhood of Vancouver. We can no longer pretend that the issue is contained to certain areas in the city, it is a pervasive issue that demands bold decision making. Historically, opposition to supportive and affordable housing is caused by fears associated with increased crime, decreased property values, and denser built forms. Firstly, supportive housing has no documented effect on violent or petty crime. In many instances access to safe and supportive housing lowers crime by providing services to those most in need. Secondly, BC Housing Research Centre has put out their own study concluding that non-market housing has no effect on property values in corresponding surrounding neighbourhoods. Thirdly, this rezoning is allowed to go ahead under the Interim Rezoning Policy. With the inevitable density that will come with the Broadway Plan, this development serves to secure affordability in the area and set the tone for continued mixed-income development along the Broadway corridor. I think this site is a prime spot for this development because there is a need for more diversity in housing form, tenure and affordability in the neighbourhood and surrounding area. In addition, this location is close to schools, shops, services, recreation spaces, transit and ample green spaces - something all future residents will be able to enjoy and benefit from. Lastly, the building form is innovative, sustainable, and cognizant of the climate crisis. The building has been designed to meet Passive House standards, while still incorporating ample service, programming and amenity spaces - which in my opinion, achieves a great balance of social and environmental sustainability. It is difficult to be the first "new" type of development in any neighbourhood - especially when the development increases density, promotes affordability and provides much needed services, but I think this project is a great opportunity to show how Vancouver can grow to be a place for everyone.	Marco Sotres	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	14:25	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	As a young adult, my long-term goals include home ownership and raising a family. However, with each passing year Vancouver becomes increasingly unaffordable, and the less attainable those dreams become. Unless housing supply rapidly increases, there will always be potential for a higher quality of life elsewhere. I am a huge proponent for low and mid-rise developments that increase density and diversify housing options, without sacrificing neighbourhood aesthetic or sense of community. This proposal has accomplished that. It is the "missing middle" that this city desperately needs, particularly near the business core.	Alissa Theobald	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	14:49	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I am writing in support of this project. We have a homeless problem in Vancouver. This is the solution. We need this project and many more like it.	Jamie Lim	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	15:18	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I am in support of this housing plan, we need to have many more projects like this to solve the homelessness crisis we have in Vancouver.	Sasha	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Unknown	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	15:38	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	We need more supportive housing, and we need it outside of the DTES. This is a great location with rapid transit, and lots of amenities.	S. Chilibeck	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Hastings-Sunrise	No web attachments.
06/28/2022	15:44	PH4 - 2. CD-1 Rezoning: 2970 Kingsway	Support	Please approve this secured rental rezoning. Today this is a vacant lot serving no greater use to its neighbours. Replacing knee-high weeds with 100+ rental homes and providing space for new businesses is a win-win for the area. I live a ten minute walk from here and look forward to having more neighbours and vibrancy outside my door.	Zak Bennett	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Renfrew-Collingwood	No web attachments.

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Dear Mayor Stewart and Council:

I am writing to share important information about the project at 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue and 2091 West 8th Avenue, which has a public hearing scheduled for June 28, 2022.

The 129 homes proposed to be built at Arbutus will provide a much-needed mix of supportive and affordable rental housing to meet a broad range of housing needs in the community. This project proposes to deliver critical affordable homes for those who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness or facing displacement from low-income housing, as well as for residents who may be working and earning very low incomes.

Approximately half of the units would be operated as supportive housing, with on-site support services for residents 24/7, and the other half would be very affordable rental housing for residents who are ready and able to live independently. Most of the concerns from neighbourhood residents have been around the supportive housing aspect, which is perhaps not surprising given that there are few units of this kind in the neighborhood.

Supportive housing is a distinct form of housing that provides each resident with a unique and individualized combination of medical care, life skills, and other programs and services to support their health and wellbeing. For many supportive housing residents, homes with health, medical and life skills support is an important step towards a safe, secure and positive future. This proposal also supports the Province's and City of Vancouver's commitment to reconciliation, as Indigenous Peoples are disproportionately overrepresented in homelessness counts.

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While I am sympathetic to the questions and concerns from some members of the neighbourhood, many of whom are constituents in my electoral riding, I have every confidence that the project will succeed if approved by council. As with all such permanent supportive housing projects in recent years, our respective governments work closely together with partners to ensure that residents moving in are matched with the services they need and, if necessary, to adjust the services to address any gaps.

As you may be aware, MPA Society has been selected as the non-profit operator for the proposed affordable and supportive housing. MPA has significant experience in the operation of similar housing, including with the Sanford Apartments in Kitsilano, which is well integrated into the neighbourhood and whose residents are important and valued members of the community. Despite concerns raised before the Sanford opened, the local neighbourhood has responded positively to the building, and its Community Advisory Committee was discontinued in 2016 as there was no longer need for it due to the successful operation of the building.

One of the questions we regularly get relates to the proximity of the proposed Arbutus project to St. Augustine School. It may be useful context to know that currently, province-wide, there are more than 210 provincially funded supportive housing sites operating within 500 metres of a school, 57 per cent of which have been operating for over 10 years. Many of these buildings are located immediately next to elementary schools, including the Reiderman supportive housing in Marpole. BC Housing has found that residents of supportive housing quickly form positive, healthy relationships with neighbouring school communities, and many even partner with the schools on programming and activities.

There have also been some questions around community engagement for this project. I want to reassure you that BC Housing and the City of Vancouver have invested significant time and resources into the engagement process. This level of engagement is aligned with BC Housing's best practices for community engagement and exceeds the public consultation requirements of the City of Vancouver's rezoning process. The engagement process has been even more resource intensive for the Arbutus project than for the East King Edward supportive housing project recently passed by council, which is very similar.

For example, there is a dedicated Community Liaison available at BC Housing who can be reached throughout the development process and, if approved, through the construction phase. Also, throughout the rezoning and development approval process, residents have the opportunity to share their feedback and ask questions with both BC Housing and the City. During early engagement, BC Housing held four virtual meetings with community groups and organizations, held four 90-minute in-depth Neighbourhood Dialogues with 52 neighbours, and provided a four-week public comment period with proposal materials on the website. BC Housing continues to receive and respond to questions and comments through the dedicated Community Liaison.

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An extensive number of meetings were also held with stakeholders, including ones that I personally attended. Consistent with City of Vancouver rezoning policies, additional regulatory consultation took place once the City had received the rezoning application for this site. This consultation was led by City of Vancouver staff and included a Virtual Open House and the upcoming Public Hearing.

If this proposal is approved, BC Housing and MPA will set up a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) that will include project partners and neighbourhood representatives. The purpose of the CAC would be to identify, build and maintain positive relationships with the community, the building operators and program partners, and to identify and resolve any issues, opportunities or concerns related to building operations.

As you know, the City of Vancouver is in a housing crisis and there is an urgent need for both affordable and supportive housing. The latest homeless count puts the number of people experiencing homelessness in Vancouver at over 2,000, and vacancy rates for units renting between \$750-\$1,249 per month is under 1 per cent. This proposed project is ready to provide low-income affordable housing and homes with supports for Vancouver residents, in partnership between municipal, provincial and federal governments, as outlined in the MOU signed by the three partners.

If you have any questions about this project, please reach out to my office so that we can help prior to the hearing.

Yours truly,

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Minister Responsible for Housing