

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
06/30/2022	14:12	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	As the parents of one of the children who goes to St. Augustine School, we support the interests of the school administration for this hearing.	Nida Bilal	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Unknown	No web attachments.
06/30/2022	14:33	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Absolutely we need more social housing in Kistsilano! We need to balance the spread of affordable housing across the city so that certain areas do not become class-restricted. Vancouver needs more social housing on the West side, we love that this is being proposed, it is a suitable density and design for the area.	Katherine Tobin		Strathcona	No web attachments.
06/30/2022	14:38	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I fully support this development! t is an embarassment to the city that the NIMBY residents of Kitsilano have prevented social housing from being built in the west side so many times. If this development is rejected due to pressure from conceited residents then it will be a real travesty. This development will provide such a benefit to the residents and will no doubt be managed successfully, and the opposing residents will realise that social housing will not bring down the value of their multt-million dollar properties.	Alex Marilant		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/30/2022	14:41	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I would like to add my support to this development. t is about time that social housing for the homeless is built in Kitsilano. I hope that it will be managed suitably, and fears of increased drug use in the area will not be realized.	Dylan Casey		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
06/30/2022	15:01	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I support this development. We have a housing crisis and an homelessness crisis in this city. t would very tragic and stupid to turn down provincial funds and prevent a development for homeless people during this crisis.	Amro Fagir		Kerrisdale	No web attachments.
06/30/2022	22:15	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	For context - I am a lifetime Vancouverite. I was born in St. Pauls's Hospital, grew up in Dunbar, attended Convent of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Church, and UBC. I am very familiar with the Kits neighbourhood having lived and worked there. I have observed the gentrification of Vancouver neighbourhoods - including Kits - and the shocking emergence and rise of homelessness. As a former Catholic, I am outraged at St. Augustine's opposition. Low income people with mental health and addictions challenges are in need of love and caring and housing - they are no more of a threat to children than any other demographic. I tuned in briefly tonight to the Public Hearing and it compelled me to write in. Human beings need homes! The quality of life for everyone in this city is impacted if folks are without stable housing, in survival mode sleeping on the streets or in shelters. This is the current state in Vancouver. There are homeless people across the city. The housing being proposed will provide people with safe supportive homes. MPA is an experienced housing	Aileen Murphy		West End	No web attachments.

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07/01/2022	10:45	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	This is an important and necessary development. The question here is not whether group homes are a better support for those who will live in this building than larger developments such as this one - it is likely that those opposing this development would also oppose a group home on their block and would surely oppose the tax increases necessary to purchase group homes on Vancouver's west side. The question is whether people with mental disabilities can live in pleasant neighbourhoods such as Kitsilano or should be confined to the Downtown Eastside. This is building is an appropriate size for the location, just a block away from the future Arbutus station. I strongly support it.	John Fuerst	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential	Unknown	No web attachments.
07/06/2022	11:28	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Mayor and Council: I know your July is slammed, and I appreciate your work to complete your agenda. I was working on a detailed comment with supporting documentation but realized that your staff report and the answers to questions to staff ensure that you are well informed, as I was in my many years at City Hall. Thanks to my experience, I understand the implications and challenging pro formas of projects like this. I understand the need for supportive and subsidized housing across the city. I understand that housing people is always the better option than leaving them unsheltered. I also know that you are hearing many arguments that have been heard over and over at City Hall. Many of those arguments make assumptions that are untrue, and that are based on fear rather than facts. One of those arguments encourages you to let the perfect be the enemy of the good. This is good housing. A very good option. An option that will bring many people to a place where they can rebuild their lives. An option that is available right now. I write to you now as a neighbour. I will be able to see here continues to be more unsheltered residents in Vancouver than there are indoor shelter and housing options. Living outside is difficult and dangerous. I am strongly in favour of this project which will provide people who might otherwise be forced to reside in encampments with a warm, safe, dignified place to live. This project will displace no one, is fully funded by senior levels of government, and provides wrap-around services to residents, such as meals, healthcare services, access and referral to addiction recovery and mental health programs, Indigenous cultural programming, skills building, and connection to volunteer or employment opportunities. This project is appropriately situated next to rapid transit to allow residents to easily access any off-site services. In response to those who are concerned about the impacts this project will have on the social fabric of the Kitsilano neighbourhood - no neighbourhood should be deemed 'unsuitable' for supportive housing. As noted by city-staff 'there are no land use restrictions for low-income or homeless residents in City policies and homelessness occurs across the city.' It is clear that such a policy to the contrary - relegating housing insecure, low-income residents to only certain areas of the city (i.e. the downtown eastside) - is segregation. We cannot allow segregation to be pushed forward informally by allowing projects like these to be drowned out by vocal opposition any time they are proposed in neighbourhoods of wealth and privilege. A number of people who have written in to oppose the project have stated they are not against social housing per se, but instead, are concerned housing large numbers of at-risk individuals together in one space is detrimental to the individuals' health and recovery. This concern is not only unsupported by the experiences shared by supportive housing residents, but fails to account for the much more costly alternative for the well-being of potential	Heather Deal		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
07/06/2022	20:06	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I strongly support the building of additional housing at the 8th Ave site in question. We are in a crisis. We need homes, and we need to support those without them. Building additional supply is a step in that direction. Building homes along a major bike pathway, near an upcoming transit expansion, is also in line with Vancouver's planning goals. I'm deeply troubled that local residents with 3-5 bedroom homes on single family are attempting to deny homes inside what is quickly becoming an immediate offshoot of the downtown core. We cannot be this picky when it comes to housing when we are hundreds of thousands of units behind demand. We cannot be this picky when so many people are living on the street. I live at 14th and Granville, and bike by and use commercial amenities in that area often. This can do nothing but increase the vibrancy of the area. I strongly support this development.	Caitlin Stockwell		Strathcona	No web attachments.
07/08/2022	12:17	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	This city desperately needs to spread out its density, especially westward.	David Knights Cowling		Fairview	No web attachments.
07/08/2022	12:50	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support		Jeanine Longley		Downtown	No web attachments.

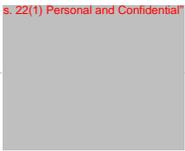
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07/10/2022	01:21	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	All of us, even those of us who live in Kitsilano, need to take every possible step to mitigate the terrible housing situation in this city. I am therefore in support of this rezoning application and the construction of social housing units.	Kasim Husain		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
07/10/2022	11:04	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	See attached letter.	Mihai Marian		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
07/11/2022	08:31	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Arbutus and West 8th. I live a 15 minute walk away from this site at Balsam and West 3, and I would love to see more affordable homes built in our community. As a renter myself who has struggled to find affordable housing, I think new builds such as this are so vital and important. I can only imagine how much more difficult this is for folks experiencing homelessness or insecure housing. The City of Vancouver has a mandate to reduce the affordability gap, as articulated through the 'Housing Vancouver' policy. This includes supporting non-profit and non-market affordable housing options. The proposals for 2086 and 2098 West 7th Avenue and 2091 West 8th Avenue help the city meet this commitment. There are many parents, residents, property owners, businesses and workers in the community who are excited about this project. There are already many individuals experiencing homelessness in Kitsilano who need immediate access to safe housing. Finally, the proposed building height and scale is aligned with nearby units in the Fairview/Arbutus area. These neighbourhoods still very much enjoy a human-scale environment. The proposed location would add critical affordable housing stock without displacing any existing residents. Its proximity to the future Broadway Subway	Morgan Meloche		Unknown	Appendix A
07/11/2022	11:50	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I very much support this much needed project. If you view housing as a human right, then I don't think approval should even be viewed as up for debate.	Avery Milne		Kitsilano	No web attachments.
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07/12/2022	21:06	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I strongly support this project and urge council to not listen to baseless NIMBY fear mongering. Allowing people to continue to be homeless when we have the means to help them is shameful. We have a responsibility to do something. Kitsilano is a great neighborhood and poor people deserve to enjoy it too. Let's set an example to be more inclusive and welcoming.	Jasonda Desmond	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Unknown	No web attachments.
07/12/2022	21:18	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Rezoning to allow for social housing is an important step to encouraging Vancouver's density and helps with affordability. More rezoning projects like these help grow Vancouver, provide opportunities and encourage equity throughout the population.	Nicole Hunter	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
07/12/2022	21:30	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Social and supportive housing is desperately needed in this area despite what NIMBYs say.	Timothy Lighthead	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Renfrew-Collingwood	No web attachments.
07/12/2022	21:32	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	We need more housing everywhere in Vancouver, even Kits/Point Grey. This problem isn't going away nor are the NIMBYs. As density becomes normalized there will be less opposition to it over time. I'd like council to be brave in the face of those arguing for 'community character' if their only idea of what that entails is single family homes and reproduction of the moneyed homeowners classes.	Justin O'Hearn	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
07/12/2022	21:45	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Dear Mayor and Council, Please approve the Arbutus and West 8th supportive housing project. There is such a huge need for these types of projects and this one will save lives. Do the right thing and support it. Too many depend on you.	Ezequiel Perdomo	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Fairview	No web attachments.
07/12/2022	21:47	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	This project just seems sensible. It spreads diversity across the city and adds opportunities for lower income individuals to have a choice in where they live within the city.	Jared Zecchel	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.
07/12/2022	22:15	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	Vancouver needs affordable housing in all areas. Diversification is also strongly required.	Camille Quinton	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Grandview-Woodland	No web attachments.
07/12/2022	22:55	PH4 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue, and 2091 West 8th Avenue	Support	I fully support this proposed project. More supportive housing is desperately needed in Vancouver.	Mark Melnichuk	s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"	Mount Pleasant	No web attachments.

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From: Morgan Meloche

Date: July 9, 2022 at 6:10:09 PM PDT

To: "Swanson, Jean"

Subject: [EXT] Please vote YES to supportive housing

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Dear Councillor Swanson,

I am writing in support of the proposed supportive housing building at West 7th/West 8th and Arbutus. I am a frontline social worker; resident of Vancouver; and someone who believes that housing is a human right. I am also someone who has never had their right to housing or desire to live in a specific neighbourhood be debated or voted on.

I know that you have received hundreds of letters about this housing proposal. Before you vote, I urge you to ask yourself: Am I prepared to sit down with the next person I encounter who is experiencing homelessness, look them in the eye, and tell them that I had the opportunity to give them a home but chose not to, chose to delay, chose to wait for a “better time”, a “better location”? If not, then your decision is clear – you must vote yes.

When new low-income or supportive housing is being considered, it is often talked about in terms of voting on whether a project will be approved, land will be rezoned, or housing will be built. But that is not what you are voting on. Such language obscures the human faces and lives behind these decisions. You are not voting whether land should be rezoned to build this housing – you are voting on whether vulnerable members of this community should have to continue sleeping outside, in unsafe conditions, where their lives are at risk. You are voting on whether people have the right to a home, in any part of this city, just as you and I do.

Working as a frontline social worker with people who are experiencing homelessness, mental health struggles, and substance use, I have seen first-hand the incredible impact that having a home has on a person’s life. I have also seen the backlash, fearmongering, and stigmatization that comes alongside any proposed supportive housing. When Temporary Modular Housing was first proposed in Richmond, where I work, many people opposed to it spoke of feeling scared of the people who would live there. I remember how scared I felt during those discussions. Scared that discrimination would win. Scared that the housing

would not be built and people would have to continue waiting years for housing. Scared that people would be forced to remain on the streets. Scared that they wouldn't make it through another winter. I can only imagine how scared my clients must have felt as they waited while their human rights and basic human dignity were voted upon.

It was a relief when that housing was approved and 40 people moved from sleeping on the street to sleeping in their own beds. The fears of those who were opposed did not come true and soon, another supportive housing building will open and 40 more people will have a home. But my fears persist with the proposal before you now as I worry that people in the city where I live will not have access and opportunity to safe housing. I fear for the lives that will be lost as a result.

I urge you to approve this application without delay and make it clear that this is a city where everyone's lives are valued.

Sincerely,

Morgan Meloche

s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential"

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