

**3. CD-1 Rezoning: 418-496 Alexander Street - SUPPORT**

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07/01/2022	12:03	PH1 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 418-496 Alexander Street	Support	see attached letter	Greg Richmond	s22(1) Personal and Confidential	Strathcona	Appendix A
07/04/2022	08:30	PH1 - 3. CD-1 Rezoning: 418-496 Alexander Street	Support	I have been living on the s22(1) Personal and Confidential for the past 15.5 years. I also work for the proponent/developer. I write today as a neighbour, not as the developer. I fully support this project, which will bring affordable housing for families to the Downtown Eastside community, on a quieter side street where people are removed from the noise and risk of constant traffic. I also fully believe children/families are a necessary element of a healthy community and support the addition of so many family units to the street/neighbourhood. This will also allow staff who work in the non profit sector as well as in the industrial district to choose to live closer to work, eliminating the need for costly commuting in addition to providing affordable rents. Bottom line, this building will contribute to a vibrant, healthy community.	Janice Abbott		Downtown	No web attachments.

# APPENDIX A

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

City of Vancouver, City Clerk's Office  
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### **RE: 418-496 Alexander Street Proposal**

As Co-Executive Director at RainCity Housing, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Atira Development Society's proposed new affordable housing project on the lands at 418-496 Alexander in Vancouver.

RainCity Housing is based in Vancouver and provides housing and support to 1500 formerly homeless people in 8 communities across the Lower Mainland and the Sunshine Coast. As an organisation, we have worked alongside Atira in the DTES for decades and have the upmost respect for their operations and commitment to vulnerable communities.

The Downtown Eastside (DTES) Local Area Plan (LAP) recognizes that many citizens across Vancouver face significant challenges with affordability and acknowledges that in the DTES, these challenges are felt acutely, citing "residents have far fewer housing choices."

The proposed development will play a significant role in easing these challenges by offering safe, secure, and dignified housing for people including seniors, singles, and women-led families, in a mixed income rental building that includes a day care and social enterprise space.

This housing is a much-needed addition to the DTES, recognizing especially the intergenerational intention which welcomes more seniors, families and children to the neighbourhood.

We support Atira Development Society and their project on Alexander and welcome the addition of, safe, secure, supported and affordable housing in the DTES / Japantown neighbourhood.

If you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact me at s22(1) Personal and Confidential or email me at s22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sincerely,

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Vancouver