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PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South - Oppose

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2023-02-14	16:41	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I oppose this rezoning. This type of housing should not be near a school or playground for the safety of the children, or near a care facility which houses vulnerable seniors with dementia and many other medical issues. I am also frustrated and disappointed with the lack of public consultation!	Daniela Derrick	I do not live in Vancouver	

2023-02-14	16:34	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>I am writing to OPPOSE the BC Housing rezoning application for 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South, I hope you will take the concerns of the neighbourhood around the Italian Cultural Centre seriously and turn it down. This is a neighbourhood of families, children, seniors, renters and small businesses. As well, the Italian Cultural Centre provides programming for children from ages preschool to Gr.7. To date the so-called community consultation around this project has been inadequate and lacked transparency. It is frustrating for those of us who live, work or play here to be ignored and sidelined by those conducting the public outreach and consultation.</p> <p>There are several examples of supportive and social housing that actually do work, but there is nothing about this particular BC Housing proposal that inspires any confidence. The housing model proposed here is too dense, too big, and its significant disruption on public safety to the neighbourhood is completely ignored.</p> <p>This type of housing model is the wrong model, does not bring success to the residents, and attracts criminal elements, such as drug dealers into the area. It is not a reason to build this just because funding is being provided.</p> <p>The notion of warehousing 64 residents who've been enduring homelessness, mental health and/or addiction problems in a single building, is a recipe for failure. The availability of government funded addictive drugs on-site for residents does not enable a focus on recovery but instead creates a perpetual cycle of personal trauma and a disaster for the surrounding neighbourhood, as we've seen happen in other neighbourhoods. Pushing these sorts of failed models into our various Vancouver neighbourhoods is not the solution.</p> <p>The Italian Cultural Centre would rather, prefer to collaborate with the City and BC Housing to build affordable housing for families and seniors.</p> <p>We hope you will work with the people in this neighbourhood and oppose this rezoning application; we can and should do better.</p>	Sandra Ho	Kitsilano	
2023-02-14	16:18	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>BECAUSE SCHOOL AND THE ELDERLY FUNCTION PROGRAMS , KINDERGARDEN CENTER,CLUBS,FUNCTIONS FOR CHILDREN UP TO THE ELDERLY. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY FOR THE ABOVE.</p>	ARTURA CUSINATO	I do not live in Vancouver	

2023-02-14	16:15	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I sincerely oppose of this re-zoning application with much concern for children and seniors facilities in the area.	Carlo Piccolo	Grandview-Woodland	
2023-02-14	16:11	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I am very much against the rezoning , with great concern for seniors, and all children schools and child daycare in the area	Carlo Piccolo	Grandview-Woodland	
2023-02-14	16:02	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	My wish is NOT to rezone I have great concern for the young children in the school and in day care as well as the senior home, all in close proximity of the rezoning request.	Dino Piccolo	Grandview-Woodland	
2023-02-14	16:00	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>Congregating of people struggling with mental health and addictions of 60+ units is a failed model. PMSHI is a failed model and should not exist in this community or anywhere in Vancouver. BC Housing and City of Vancouver have not worked with key stakeholders - which is vital for any social housing - let alone supportive housing. Reading the news release from Italian Culture Centre says it all:</p> <p>Italian Cultural Centre Opposes Rezoning at 2518–2540 South Grandview Highway for Supportive Housing</p> <p>February 14, 2023 – Vancouver, BC – The Italian Cultural Centre is speaking against the newest rezoning application before the City of Vancouver as part of the Permanent Modular Supportive Housing Initiative (PMSHI). The Public Hearing for 2518-2540 South Grandview is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14 at 6 PM and is the first rezoning application before the new City of Vancouver Council for PMSHI and following the decriminalization of drugs in BC.</p> <p>“As a key stakeholder in the community, we were unaware the proposed development was low barrier supportive housing with drug use,” states Mario Miceli, Executive Director of the Italian Cultural Centre and adds, “we feel the tactics of BC Housing and the City of Vancouver have been questionable and have not been forthcoming to provide information on this project as requested.”</p> <p>The proposed rezoning is for 64-units of low barrier housing within a few hundred meters of the Italian Cultural Centre as well as Trout Lake Park and Lord Beaconsfield Elementary. The proposed units are for the hardest to house or ‘low barrier’ housing which are primarily for those experiencing homeless or at risk of homelessness including residents with addiction and mental health issues. The Italian Cultural Centre is listed in the City of</p>	C. Grant	Kitsilano	

				<p>Vancouver's Referral Report as the nearest Community Centre / Amenity for the proposed block of housing.</p> <p>"This is a residential area with infrastructure and facilities for children and families including daycares and elementary schools and does not have the supports for people facing addictions or mental health challenges," states Mr. Miceli.</p> <p>The Italian Cultural Centre asks the City of Vancouver Council to oppose the Rezoning on Tuesday, February 14 and reconsider the PMSHI model for Vancouver. It is time for this new Council to hear local communities, end PMSHI in Vancouver and direct City Staff to work collaboratively with stakeholder neighborhoods and BC Housing on inclusive housing for individuals, seniors and families.</p> <p>About the Italian Cultural Centre The Italian Cultural Centre became operation in 1977. The dream of the Italian community to "have a place of their own" to celebrate and share their culture with the broader community has been its mission. Serving the Italian community and those who appreciate all things Italian, we are providing childcare spaces, youth and adult education classes, a library, an elementary school, provide youth and adult sports and service a large population of seniors who attend at the centre for weekly bingo, bocce and cultural events. Our free Museum is accessible to the public and provides opportunity for many artists of marginalized community as well as established artists. Life events are celebrated regularly at il Centro and we are host to tens of thousands of Vancouver residents.</p>			
2023-02-14	15:54	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This would be bad for Casa Serena and the Italian Cultural Centre.	Chelsey Devito	Renfrew- Collingwood	
2023-02-14	15:53	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I am against the low barrier Housing Initiative because the location is very close to the Italian Cultural Centre which offers child care Monday to Friday and has an elementary school operating on its site, plus it own Children's Italian Language School which operates Monday to Saturday. Children are vulnerable. The sports field is used by children every day of the week. Our goal is provide a safe environment for all the children and seniors that come to Il Centro and feel that the Low Barrier Housing initiative could put our Children at risk.	Mary McMullen	Grandview- Woodland	

2023-02-14	15:34	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>This Council promised to do better when it comes to public order and safety, and yet this rezoning is for the same type of congregate, low-barrier housing that we saw pushed on the residents of Kitsilano, with the Arbutus and 8th project. There's no real supports offered in the building, and these non-profits are ineffectual anyways.</p> <p>And why are you continuing with these congregate housing models that exclude couples, women, children, women-led families? This does not align with the City's equity strategy and is not best for occupants which - despite what city staff tell you - do have families and part of their path to recovery would be living with family members.</p>	Fernan Olvera	West End	
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