

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

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2023-02-13	23:49	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>The BC Housing proposal for 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South does not have my support, and I hope you will turn it down. I oppose this rezoning.</p> <p>Housing alone, particularly for people who have mental health and addiction issues, is not a complete answer, and warehousing 64 people in a single building in what is a residential neighbourhood makes no sense. It gets even worse when you realize the supports and services aren't included on site, and even if they were, no one is mandated or compelled to sign up for them.</p> <p>The Italian Cultural Centre is a major stakeholder in the neighbourhood. Their voices cannot be ignored. They have children programming for preschool age to grade 7, their safety must be a priority. This is a neighbourhood that includes seniors, families, renters and small businesses, all of which we had seen around the city that have been negatively impacted by supportive housing.</p> <p>BC Housing needs to go back to the drawing board, but include the community. There is a serious lack of housing for single moms and their children, that demographic would fit much better in our mixed residential neighbourhood.</p> <p>Please, do not approve this rezoning.</p>	Ana Cikes	Renfrew-Collingwood	

2023-02-13	23:43	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 have grave concerns for the area surrounding the Italian Cultural Centre. The community consultation for such a significant building has been inadequate. We did not know this Tuesday was going to be the vote yes or no for the project. We thought the public hearing was an opportunity to ask questions and discuss. This was not made clear to me and my family.</p> <p>I know I am not alone when it comes to the growing concerns about public safety, particularly the random attacks and assaults that seem to have multiplied in the past few months. Once safe neighbourhoods no longer feel safe and it worries all of us in Vancouver. There may not be a straight line between these attacks and projects like the one proposed by BC Housing, but it feels as though BC Housing is proposing to export the downtown east side and its failed model to neighbourhoods across our city.</p> <p>The Italian Cultural Centre has plan to build affordable housing for seniors and families. This project that warehouses 64 residents who've been experiencing homelessness, mental health and/or addiction problems in a single building, is a recipe for disaster. The availability of so-called government funded safe supply on-site for residents does not enable success for the residents and neighbourhood. I believe the city can and should do better.</p> <p>One of the reasons my family voted for Ken Sim and ABC was because you value public safety for all residents. This supportive housing does not support these values and we hope that you will vote no to this housing proposal. Thankyou.</p>	Michele Miggs	Renfrew- Collingwood	
2023-02-13	23:37	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>Grandview Highway South. CD1 Rezoning 2518-2530</p> <p>Inappropriate Rezoning for low barrier housing initiatives.</p> <p>Many opportunities for something to go very wrong. Keep it safe and family orientated..</p>	Sandra Pandolfo Ireland	Grandview- Woodland	
				<p>In my view, the public cannot comment on the proposed project, within the meaning or intent of the law, without having additional information. The absence of such information may be a fatal flaw</p>			

2023-02-13	23:14	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	<p>Oppose</p> <p>in the approval process at least temporarily. My purpose now is to outline why this is so.</p> <p>The Italian Cultural Centre (ICC) is located at 3075 Slocan Street. The ICC is a large site with many functions that draw people daily. These people include the highly vulnerable. In this it is similar to a public park. If any individuals there are harmed by users of the proposed project, including by the users' acquaintances, it is reasonable to foresee litigation against the city and any other public authority which permitted the project to proceed. This is basic tort law.</p> <p>The ICC is located within walking distance of the project, and is used for many purposes by all age groups from the very young to the very old. For example, I am 75 years old and have taken many courses at the ICC. I have visited the museum along with other members of the public. I have visited Dario's restaurant. I have used the patio to eat lunch. I have received vaccinations in the ICC on two occasions. I have eaten at the cafe. There is also a weekly market and a parking lot. All of these are open to the public as they should be. Many who come are young children. They use the library and cafe. Will the very young and the elderly require the ICC to employ security staff if those using the project or their acquaintances (current or former) gather near the ICC during the day? We know nothing about how the project will operate. Assuming a normal bell-shape statistical curve for success/failure, the ICC and its guests must assume a need to take extra care for needles, bottles, and opportunistic theft. We simply don't know enough detail about the project to comment or plan. This does not mean that the project is not useful, but it does require much greater detail before the public can give useful feedback.</p> <p>Further, the ICC is represented by its president and other officers. Yet I'm not aware that these have received any special briefing that would permit them to receive input from ICC members.</p> <p>Allow me to shift orientation slightly. Will project medical and psychological staff have rooms to sleep over at the project if need arises? We know that from time to time such need will arise. We also know that public housing is often poorly heated and maintained regarding water, waste disposal, and utilities in general. The question is whether the project is sufficiently large and well-funded for the intended purpose. If not, project residents may well resort to ICC property for heat, clean air, etc..</p> <p>I am a voting member of the ICC. Based on the absence of</p>	Aaron Rynd	Grandview-Woodland
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				information, I must object to the project. Once you have provided me with more information, I can give you my thoughts. Until then, with respect, the request for public input regarding the project seems somewhat premature. Yours sincerely, Aaron J. Rynd			
2023-02-13	23:11	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This housing initiative should not be in such a location with a senior home	Pasqualina Velenosi		
2023-02-13	23:09	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This low barrier housing initiative should not be anywhere near A senior housing center and a cultural center with lots of events and activity activity	Marcello Velenosi		
2023-02-13	21:54	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	Re: rezoning 2518 - 2540 Grandview Hiway Within less than a block of the proposed rezoning is a school at the Italian Community Centre. Within less than a block of the proposed rezoning is a daycare at the Italian Community Centre. How are the children and their parents in these settings going to feel safe with high risk drug users steps away? You can rethink this placement. Other forms of mixed income housing like a cooperative would be better suited.	Sharon Biggs	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	21:13	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I feel like no public consultation has been done with local residents. There is a great deal of youth activity in the direct vicinity (within one block) including schools, daycares and active sports fields.	Stefano Giulianetti	Renfrew- Collingwood	
2023-02-14	13:21	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	With kids and elderly in the area i don't think this is an appropriate site for the proposed use	Giuseppe Rea	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	21:12	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	Completely inappropriate site/location for such a housing initiative.	Fiorella Heywood	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	12:33	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	Not appropriate for this neighborhood.	Mario Miceli	Renfrew- Collingwood	
2023-02-13	21:10	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I don't think this rezoning is a good idea	Sergio Batistini	I do not live in Vancouver	
2023-02-13	14:06	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	A low barrier housing initiative is proposed 1 block away from il Centro. This will be for those most difficult to house due to their significant mental health and drug addiction issues. This type of housing, close to il Centro which offers childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events is not the area for such a facility.	Lidia Catalano	Grandview- Woodland	

2023-02-13	14:11	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	Too many young children in this area who are playing and learning	Frank Valente	Renfrew- Collingwood	
2023-02-13	14:13	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	Systemically excluding children, women and women-led families from design is NOT in keeping with Vancouvers Equity Strategy. Building more and more buildings that continue to breed unsafe habitats for dwellers is wrong. The ultimate litmus test EVERY building should have is "could a child live here safely, happily, healthily." Design for children for the benefit of all. Design for 7 generations. If you don't design for that, you acknowledge that short term, bandaaid approaches are "good enough" for the most vulnerable and that you don't mind a sore waste of hard earned tax revenue.	Charlene Kettlewell	Arbutus Ridge	
2023-02-13	14:13	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	Too many schools	Silvia scaccia		
2023-02-13	14:23	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	opposed to this	Elisa FABiano	Hastings-Sunrise	
2023-02-14	13:49	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This is not an appropriate location for a low barrier housing project. The planned development is too close to the Italian Cultural Centre. This social and cultural centre offers childcare, elementary school, youth sports and seniors' programs on site.	Filippo Berna	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	15:07	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	We are opposed to the proposed housing initiative 1 block away from the Italian Cultural Centre (the Centre). The type of housing being proposed close to the Centre, which offers childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events is not the appropriate area for such a facility.	Al Botteselle	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	15:22	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This is too close to vulnerable seniors who live at Casa Serena and Villa Carital. Also the Italian Cultural Centre is close by, and parks where young children play. I have personally seen the affect if having these units in my neighbourhood. Crime doubles, parks become full of junk debris. Drug deals and drive by drop off of drugs. I am afraid to go the mailbox or walk in the evening. I feel the east end of Vancouver is being unduly overburden with this. We already had a murder in the neighborhood.	Leonora Perizzolo	Grandview- Woodland	

2023-02-13	15:50	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This is not a good location for this type of housing. Too close to schools, daycare and park. I firmly oppose this idea 200%	Laura Stefanon	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	15:53	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This type of housing, close to il Centro which offers childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events is not the area for such a facility.	Robert Moretto		
2023-02-13	16:02	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	Too close to senior living.	Tino Osellame	Renfrew- Collingwood	
2023-02-13	20:31	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	It's not a good place to build a housing project for people with drug and mental health issues so close to a place like the Italian Centre where it provides childcare, Youth sports facilities. I believe is risky.	Isra Montagner	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	16:04	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	Another city project without residents input! Typical!! This is our precious Italian Center with a lot of different activities going on . Childcare , elementary school, seniors center etc. We don't need your proposed housing near this center. Clean up this city which your party has turned into an unsafe place to live in and visit.	Renata Rossi	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	16:08	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	Lack of transparency regarding this rezoning is most unfortunate. Il Centro Italian Center is a beloved space where you will find childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events is not the area where a low barrier development should be placed.	Anna Tillotson	I do not live in Vancouver	
2023-02-13	16:14	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	Clearly not appropriate to advance this planned facility at the proposed site next to the Italian Cultural Centre.	Jim Canil	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	16:19	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This would be very close to the Italian Centre which offers childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs. The Centre also hosts lots of cultural events so this rezoning should be reviewed for a different area.	Manuela Michielin		
2023-02-13	16:25	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	As active members of the Italian Cultural Center, we don't feel that this housing would be appropriate for the area due to all the parks and recreation nearby that would be exposed to the vulnerable sector .	Candice Visentin	I do not live in Vancouver	
2023-02-13	16:27	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	FOR MANY REASON 1 - YOUTH SPORTS AT PARK 2 - DAYCARE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN 3 - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4 - SENIORS PROGRAMS THIS IS NOT THE AREA FOR THIS HOUSING	FRANCO FALBO	Grandview- Woodland	

2023-02-13	20:25	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I oppose this rezoning for the low barrier housing initiative next to il Centro. The Italian Cultural Centre offers many programs to senior citizens and young children and I feel such a change to the neighbourhood would put them at risk. I would no longer feel comfortable with my parents attending functions at the IC. My mother is there at least twice a week.	Lui Bellini	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	20:16	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This type of facility is not meant for a neighbourhood as this. Schools, parks, daycare old age care centre. This will bring unsafe situations to these schools, parks and other facilities mentioned	Aida Capolongo		
2023-02-13	16:33	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</p>	Mariana Storoni		

				<p>and seniors.</p> <p>Many in our community voted for you last October. We hope you will work with us and oppose this rezoning application; we can and should do better.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Mariana Storoni Vancouver</p>			
2023-02-13	20:15	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	There are 2 senior homes there. Elementary school high school daycare all in this area. To bring a dangerous element to this community does not seem right.	Lui Bellini	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	20:13	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I regularly go to the Italian Centre for many different occasions as well as sending my grandchildren to Italian classes and believe your rezoning 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver, BC V5M 3E4, Grandview Highway South is not the right thing to do in a congested area filled with families with children.	Luisa Bolzonello	I do not live in Vancouver	
2023-02-13	20:05	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	A low barrier housing initiative is proposed 1 block away from il Centro. This will be for those most difficult to house due to their significant mental health and drug addiction issues. This type of housing, close to il Centro which offers childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events is NOT the area for such a facility.	Giovanni Bosco	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-13	19:39	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	We were alerted to this by some friends. As far as I know, I don't believe were given a heads up about this proposal? This is really close to an Seniors Home and Care Facility plus schools. Is this the best place for this type of home?	kenny vannucci	Renfrew- Collingwood	
2023-02-13	18:25	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I do not believe this Location is appropriate for the rezoning and housing of unfortunate people. It is too close to where seniors and children will be in abundance and we all know that the mentally afflicted often do not know what they are doing Or when they are going to become dangerous to other people.	Denise Gazzola		
2023-02-13	16:53	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	no onsite clinical supports and only a common-use drug consumption room. These sites do not help those living within the building to move toward recovery and reintegration into the neighbourhood.	sheila vizi		

2023-02-14	14:48	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This is yet another example of David Eby's failed BC Housing model. SRO occupancy that excludes couples, families, especially children - what we need the most of in this City. Council should develop recovery oriented housing, not this David Eby's failed housing first model. Follow the science people, not David Eby's poverty industry guidelines, making friends of BC Housing CEO's wealthy while the poor get worse.	Sean Finnan	Kitsilano	
2023-02-13	17:06	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	Project fails to show supports built in on site eg rehab and education, integration of social support such as medical, pyschological therapists nor security supports that community needs. Also extremely close to public high school which should be a concern to those trying to deter early use of hard narcotics	Leslie Disler	Renfrew-Collingwood	
2023-02-14	14:49	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	- Proposed building height (6-storeys) is too tall for the neighborhood - Concern with people who have mental illness/ substance abuse around preschools, elementary schools, high schools, senior living and an event centre for the community	Francesco Cuzzetto	Grandview-Woodland	
2023-02-13	17:34	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I oppose the proposed low barrier housing initiative at 2529-2540 Grandview Hwy. This site is near to IL Centro which offers childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events and is not the area for such a facility.	Mark Piccolo	Grandview-Woodland	
2023-02-13	18:12	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	located close to a multi-cultural centre	Dores Rohla	Grandview-Woodland	
2023-02-14	12:50	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This type of housing, close to IL Centro which offers childcare, elementary school, youth sports, and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events is not the area for such a facility.	IRENA DEMARCO	Grandview-Woodland	
2023-02-14	12:35	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I have been involved with the Italian Cultural Centre Society from 1974 and I was instrumental in the construction of the 2 senior housing homes adjacent to the proposed development. I now strongly oppose this development next to the 2 senior buildings. It would be very dangerous to the population in the nearby seniors homes and community centre located on the east side of Penticton and to the people frequenting the Italian Centre including the children of the daycare and school. I therefore strongly support the position of the Italian Cultural Centre and Casa Serena to oppose this development.	Anna Terrana	Grandview-Woodland	

2023-02-14	12:30	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	I oppose this rezoning application only because it lacks the needed fully funded wrap around support systems needed by the proposed residents. There are no/ few support agencies/ facilities in the neighbourhood. The size of the building is fine. Provide the needed social services alongside the proposed building, not as an afterthought.	anthony Mehnert	Renfrew- Collingwood	
2023-02-14	08:14	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This type of housing, close to il Centro (Italian Cultural Center) which offers childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events is not the area for such a facility.	Lorenzo Sarra	I do not live in Vancouver	
2023-02-14	08:41	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	This type of housing, close to il Centro, Italian Cultural Center, which offers childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events, is not a suitable area for such a facility to be constructed.	TARI COLAROCCHIO	I do not live in Vancouver	
2023-02-14	07:34	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>Grandview Highway Housing Project</p> <p>I am opposed to this project due to the (1) non-legally binding memorandum of understanding with BC Housing and (2) the manner in which the surrounding neighbourhood is cut out of meaningful engagement and development of this housing project.</p> <p>This is a new City Council. You do not have to repeat the mistakes of the previous one. The ABC Party has a mandate for public order with the acquisition of 100 additional police officers and psychiatric nurses. Please go further and demand manageable and safe housing options for those with mental health and addiction issues.</p> <p>Douglas Todd of the Vancouver Sun recently had an excellent article about his father, addled with schizophrenia, could live his life and blend into the neighbourhood by living in a small boarding house (https://vancouversun.com/opinion/columnists/would-my-dad-have-survived-todays-mental-health-system-probably-not).</p> <p>To make a comparison, this is similar to what BC public school teachers achieved by having smaller classroom sizes. A teacher, despite having a dedicated teaching assistant, needs a smaller group size in order to know, understand the needs of and adapt teaching style in order for the students to best learn. Why do we expect adults with significant cognitive disabilities to need less, especially if they have had decades of neglect?</p> <p>Regardless of how good you think a non-profit agency is, they are made up with people with limitations. They need a reasonable</p>	Z Wazywanga		

work load in order to produce good results.

Not only is the warehouse approach is wrong, it doesn't build relationships and community within the building and the neighbourhood. An excellent example comes from the Phillipines where multiple Christian groups, including Campus Crusade for Christ and Habitat for Humanity, built homes for people living in slums. They acquired funding to build 50 homes at a time. Before building homes, 12 to 18 months was spent with the future residents to educate them on Christian ideals (you can substitute civil behaviour here) and relationship building. This was key to give people a new beginning. Otherwise, you bring slum behaviour into new housing project and create a new slum. This is the opportunity to bring new neighbours to meet others and find ways to belong to the neighbourhood. This is transformative housing.

At the heart of it, people are fearful of their neighbourhoods being transformed into slums, with crime, violence and open drug use. It's already happened in Vancouver, and from the evasive performances from City staff and BC Housing at the West 8th and Arbutus public hearing, we know that officials don't care, just get the unit numbers and claim success.

Demand a new attitude in transforming lives of the disadvantaged and don't add to the growing distrust that residents of Vancouver have for their local politicians.

2023-02-14	00:02	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>I have real concerns of having my neighbourhood bullied by BC Housing and the provincial government as they push to have their proposed rezoning at 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South pushed through city hall. The simple fact is the model they propose does not work. I am writing to express my opposition to this rezoning proposal.</p> <p>Putting 64 people who have serious addiction and mental health issues, into a building full of single rooms only nearby homes, small businesses and the Italian Cultural Centre makes no sense and worries those of us who already live work and play here.</p> <p>I am also deeply resentful of the lack of serious public engagement or consultation. We only recently found out that the vote will be taking place on Tuesday Feb 14, many were somehow led to believe that this public hearing would allow us to ask further questions and discuss further. We are clearly upset that the process really ignores the community and starts by tuning us out when we disagree with what is being proposed. BC Housing, the province and city staff seem to have their minds made up. So, we are counting on you as our representatives, to stand up and speak out on behalf of Vancouverites. We should not be bullied by BC Housing or the province in our own neighbourhood.</p> <p>Please, turn down this BC Housing application and get everyone, including the neighbours to the table to find a project that will work and be the right fit and scale for this neighbourhood of Renfrew-Collingwood. Thank you!</p>	Jeff Markowski	Renfrew- Collingwood	
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2023-02-14	00:09	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>Re: BC Housing proposal for 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South</p> <p>Of all those experiencing or facing homelessness in Vancouver I believe that women and their children are the most forgotten. In fact, I understand that about 21 per cent of those experiencing homelessness are women, but it seems their needs are silent and seemingly easy to ignore or forget.</p> <p>But that need makes me believe that the proposed BC Housing proposal at 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South should be for them, not a 64 single room occupancy tower for people with serious mental health and addictions, with no supports or programs, making the chaos of a project like this even worse.</p> <p>Women and children have a serious need for housing, and they would, I believe fit well into a residential neighbourhood like ours. The Italian Cultural Centre have full programs for children from preschool age to grade 7. This is a family oriented neighbourhood.</p> <p>Please work with us for a better housing proposal.</p>	Ashley Park	Renfrew- Collingwood	
2023-02-14	12:23	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>I oppose to the this type of housing, close to il Centro which offers many different programs such as childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events and feel that it is not the area for such a facility. I am a senior and do not feel comfortable with this taking place</p> <p>WE ARE TOTALLY AGAINST THIS FOR MANY OTHER REASONS,,,,,</p>	Elena Pettenon	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-14	12:20	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>I oppose to the his type of housing, close to il Centro which offers many different program such as childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events is not the area for such a facility. I am a senior and do not feel comfortable with this taking place</p>	Elena Pettenon	Grandview- Woodland	
2023-02-14	10:59	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>I oppose this development, I'm a Board Member of the Cultural Centre. We have many events there. There is a daycare, a school and many children and adults use our indoor turf field. Plus many seniors use our facilities.</p> <p>This is not an area for this type of facility.</p>	Marinella Michielin		

2023-02-14	00:57	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>I would like to express my opposition to this rezoning application. I have a serious concern with the language used in the Yellow Memorandum, Operator's Operations Plan. Throughout the document the language used, "IF a CAC is required"..., indicates there is no commitment for installing a CAC (community advisory committee). This implies that the CAC is not required from the start. This further reduces the ability for neighbourhood feedback and erodes trust. I am concerned there is no clear commitment on how problems will be dealt with as they arise. This reinforces this supportive housing is set up for failure. How will problems get resolved if there's no accountability for them? BC Housing is not taking neighbourhood concerns seriously if there is no commitment of a CAC to the housing project. This is at best, confusing, at worse misleading. Council please vote No this rezoning project where BC Housing does not have the best interest for our neighbourhood.</p>	Sandra Garcia	Renfrew- Collingwood	
2023-02-14	11:26	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>I have a brother with mental health issues, and I support housing for individuals like him, along with programs to help such individuals integrate into the community, and lead productive or more worthy lives.</p> <p>But this requires consideration and impact on surrounding community as well, as this process takes time, and is not easy to change some of the more dangerous elements of those suffering significant mental health and addiction issues.</p> <p>I have just learned of an initiative which raises serious flags and concerns re proposed location of a low barrier housing initiative within a new rezoning plan, one block away from il Centro.</p> <p>As I understand, this will be for those most difficult to house due to their significant mental health and drug addiction issues. This type of housing, close to il Centro which offers childcare, elementary school, youth sports and senior's programs as well as hosting many cultural events is not the area for such a facility.</p> <p>Furthermore, no consultation with the community or Il Centro has even been conducted as to impact and concerns.</p> <p>For these reasons I oppose the initiative.</p>	Brunella Gaudio	Renfrew- Collingwood	

2023-02-14	00:33	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>A single room occupancy building for 64 people with very real mental health and addiction issues does not work in a community that is frequented by other vulnerable groups such as seniors and children. Even more when there are no committed on-site clinical services or supports for the people in the building. That said, I understand that even if programs were available no one would be obliged to take part or sign up for help. Instead, I feel that this development only acts to enable the causes of their pain to continue. At the same time, once BC Housing has built and left, the neighbourhood will be left to try and cope with the inevitable problems that come from this sort of housing concentration.</p> <p>I am urging you to rethink the BC Housing proposal and work with us to find a project that better fits this neighbourhood.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	Lauren Federico	Renfrew- Collingwood	
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2023-02-14	00:27	PH 1 - 5. CD-1 Rezoning: 2518-2540 Grandview Highway South	Oppose	<p>Dear Mayor Sim and Councillors,</p> <p>I am writing to oppose this supportive housing rezoning application.</p> <p>I know I am not alone when it comes to the growing concerns about public safety, particularly the random attacks and assaults that seem to have multiplied in the past few weeks and months. Once safe neighbourhoods no longer feel safe and it worries all of us in Vancouver. There may not be a straight line between these attacks and projects like the one proposed by BC Housing, but it feels as though BC Housing is proposing to export the downtown east side and its failed model to neighbourhoods across our city.</p> <p>Please turn down the BC Housing proposal and get all of us at the table to find the right social or supportive housing model for this property. Like so many others here, I know we can do better if the province and BC Housing will listen to the people who already live here and who want to do their part in helping alleviate the suffering caused by homelessness. Other supportive and social housing around the City works, because at the end of the day they are the right scale and fit. The current proposal here does not. Instead, without the proper on-site supports or programs, it forces people to fend for themselves, while it forces our neighbourhood to try and pick up the pieces when things go wrong.</p> <p>I would like to ask each of you to vote against this rezoning and find something for families and seniors that works on this site.</p> <p>Thanks for listening, I appreciate your consideration.</p>	Peter Saquino	Renfrew- Collingwood	
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