

PH 3 - 3. Rezoning: 2126 West 34th Avenue and 5025 Arbutus Street and 2109-2129 West 35th Avenue - Support

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2023-04-22	13:44	PH 3 - 3. Rezoning: 2126 West 34th Avenue and 5025 Arbutus Street and 2109-2129 West 35th Avenue	Support	<p>I am writing in support of the 2126 W 34th Ave, 5025 Arbutus St and 2109-2129 W 35th Ave rezoning application. Although I do not live in the immediate vicinity, I previously rented in Kerrisdale, I often use on the Arbutus Greenway and I visit the Kerrisdale Community Centre multiple times each week. I know the Arbutus Ridge area quite well.</p> <p>I have lived in the city since 1989 and I have been fortunate enough to have been a homeowner in Vancouver since 1997 (first living on a “starter property” at 24th and Ontario for seven years and then at 20th and Dunbar for the past nineteen years). Although we love many aspects of the Dunbar area, I ultimately believe that the low population density and lack of local, affordable housing is causing our neighbourhood to ‘slowly die.’ However, our old neighbourhood near King Edward and Main still appears to be thriving and active with many shops and walkable amenities; I think that this is (in part) due to the higher population density of the area. Many environmental studies also show that densification is key to reducing climate impact, as it also increases the population near local shopping and transit.</p> <p>My current location, on the other hand, has mainly single-family lots (like my own!), has shown (necessary) cuts to its transit service and displays many shuttered businesses rather than thriving shops. I believe due to its “NIMBY-ism” and the local objections to densification – Dunbar simply does not have the population necessary to support its businesses. I have also been working in Point Grey since 1996 and I have seen much of the same struggles in the business community on West 10th. The Arbutus Ridge area has shown some recent construction and it seems that this development at 2126 W 34th Ave, 5025 Arbutus St and 2109-2129 W 35th Ave will help provide an essential population base to support those businesses.</p> <p>My wife and I have two adult daughters completing university and we would love to see them settle here in Vancouver; however, home ownership in the city appears to be far beyond their grasp. Having a purpose-built rental building at Arbutus and 34th may provide one small step towards securing their ability to remain here in the city. I truly believe that projects like this are essential to allow access to more affordable housing alternatives. I hope that there are more developments like this to come near my own home in Dunbar as well.</p>	John Pope	Dunbar-Southlands	
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