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2024-03-18	15:11	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	I write in support of this project. This is a great opportunity to provide housing for seniors in this area who want to downsize and need extra care, but at the same time stay in the community they are living in. There are very few options in this neighborhood for this age group. This project fits in nicely with the projected development of this arterial route running through the Dunbar Bus Loop and out to UBC.	Dustin Klassen	Dunbar-Southlands	
2024-03-19	16:14	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the AMICA building proposed for West 41st Avenue and Blenheim in the general vicinity of Dunbar and Kerrisdale in Vancouver’s Westside. The continuum of care building that is proposed will meet a variety of needs: 1. The area covered includes more seniors (21%) than in Vancouver (15%), making the need for a senior residence in this location essential. 2. The location of the proposed senior care residence will allow family members to easily visit and support residents of the facility. Many seniors live in the area to be near their families; thus, a local residence is paramount for continued family interaction. 3. A local senior care residence will decrease the care burden on family members; this is a factor that is very important to the majority of seniors, who do not wish to be a burden on their children. 4. The number of seniors aged 75+ in the area is growing and there are insufficient senior care residences to serve the existing number of seniors, let alone the expected 25% increase by 2027. 5. A continuum of care facility is needed because dementia is increasing with estimates noting individuals with cognitive decline will triple by 2050 resulting in a huge need for such individuals. Similarly, the need for long-term care is increasing. The proposed facility will provide the ability to move from one section to the next one of care, allowing seniors to stay in one facility for the duration of their lives. This proposed facility is a godsend to the area; I strongly and enthusiastically support it. Please approve this proposal.	Engelberta Thompson	Kerrisdale	
2024-03-27	18:19	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	We badly need housing and seniors as a demographic are growing as a proportion of our population. This project is desperately needed and should be approved. Anything 6-storeys high should not need to go through a rezoning or public hearing process.	Chengyan Boon	West End	
2024-03-27	22:40	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	We have an obvious need for this building type and this typology is necessary to support institutional development. We must allow these to be built across the city, there are many of them and it is critical to support aging in one’s neighbourhood.	Geoff Lister	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	

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2024-03-28	22:07	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	Favourable location for seniors; Close to bus transportation. Nearby facilities e.g. grocery store, drug stores, post office, dentists, physiotherapists - within short walking distance. Amica plans a continuum of care program; would eliminate moving to another location when needs increase due to aging. Family live in area and able to visit often	Helen Fenn	Dunbar-Southlands	
2024-03-30	12:37	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	As a resident of the Kerrisdale community, I support this development for 232 seniors 'aging in place' private pay homes. More privately funded units in the city of Vancouver, creates the opportunity for seniors to age in place in their current neighbourhoods, in familiar surroundings, close to family, friends and services. Many Vancouver seniors requiring funded (LTC), are on a wait list. Several thousand current units of funded LTC have outlived their useful operating life and are in dire need of replacement. This proposal will alleviate the pressure on the public system to enable those seniors needing publicly funded units to have access while staying in their communities. Thank you	Rozanne Kipnef	Kerrisdale	
2024-03-30	21:06	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	I am in full support of the Amica property proposed at 41st and Blenheim. My mother suffers from Alzheimers disease and the care and support Amica has provided has been so valuable to me and my family as we have lived through this illness. To have access to this type of care in our community would allow those in similar situations to have their loved ones close by in a caring and nurturing environment.	Effie Taylor	Dunbar-Southlands	
2024-04-01	13:09	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	As a senior member of the community, I support any future building that offers care and opportunity for a healthy aging situation.	Alma Lee	Fairview	

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2024-04-01	21:12	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	<p>I have worked part-time since 2020 as a housing and healthcare navigator for older people living in the community. I transitioned to this work after experiencing my own healthcare journey and then my elderly mother's, after which I completed a Master of Science degree in Aging and Health at Queen's University. My research focused on addressing on the issue of isolation in community-dwelling older adults and my bioethics project examined some of the problems arising in the for-profit model of seniors' assisted living. It is through these critical lenses that I help older people and their families examine information about seniors' living and make well-informed decisions when they are considering such a move. I have toured and/or spent time in many of the seniors' residences on the west side of Vancouver. I have found the level of care to range from barely adequate to good, but I would rate the quality of care at Amica residences as excellent. Moreover, the most critical missing piece at most residences is the "campus of care" model that provides the opportunity for individuals and/or couples entering a residence to remain at that residence, no matter how their care needs may change in the future. I personally witnessed the most heartbreaking case of a married couple being separated for months because the residence they entered could not accommodate the changing medical needs of the husband. Due to wait lists in the public system, the wife, by now age 90 and completely blind, was forced to live for many months her suite alone, for the first time in her entire life, until a long-term care solution could be found for the two of them together.</p> <p>If there was one recommendation I would want to make to anyone considering a retirement residence, it would be that they look only at sites offering this "campus of care". However, this is a rarity in the Vancouver area and there desperately needs to be more of these facilities built for the wave of seniors that will be reaching the age of leaving their homes in the coming years. I know that the majority of seniors prefer to "age in place" in their own homes and with support, can do this successfully for some time. But there does usually come a point where this is no longer safe or feasible and a move to residential care is needed. It is only right that seniors have the option to make this move without having to move outside the neighborhoods they have known for decades, so I support a retirement/care home with this progressive care being built in Dunbar, and in particular by Amica, as I believe they have a genuine interest not only in their residents but in community-building. This development permit is for a space that will serve the needs of seniors fortunate enough to live out their lives somewhere as comfortable as an Amica property, but it can also serve as an excellent anchor point for the development of more senior-friendly spaces, including the planned community space, to develop in and around the entire area between Blenheim and Dunbar on 41st. Speaking as a former resident of Dunbar who raised my family there, and now who actively works to support seniors in the Dunbar area, I urge council to approve the application.</p>	Teresa Moller-Hansen	Kerrisdale	

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2024-04-02	09:58	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	Having moved to Vancouver 5 years ago I have been living independently in a condo. I am a senior senior and am now looking at the next step and find the options available now very limited. Since there have been no new seniors residences built on the west side in over 25 years and the numbers of seniors increasing every year it seems that this project is very much needed. Please give your approval!	Ethel Bews	Dunbar-Southlands	
2024-04-02	11:44	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	I am a family physician who has cared for the frail elderly in Vancouver for about 35 years. This facility as described is badly needed to provide multi-level care for an aging population. Frail elderly people in residential care with professional supervision are much less likely to unnecessarily occupy hospital beds. I urge approval of this application. I'm a former resident of the Dunbar area. John Sloan MD.	John Sloan	Dunbar-Southlands	
2024-04-02	20:17	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	There needs to be more dementia care facilities and just more facilities for seniors. So many of us adults are sandwiched between older kids and aging parents. When you can't find the right senior living accommodations for your parents it's super stressful. This location and accommodations are needed.	Margie Boyer	Dunbar-Southlands	
2024-04-03	13:21	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	As someone who has worked in Senior Healthcare for the past 6 years across the province, I've seen and continue to see and hear about the desperate need for additional supportive housing and long-term care housing for our elders. As the baby boomer generation continues to age, this need is going to become more and more desperate. This development and others like it are so desperately needed it's literally a matter of life or death for a growing percentage of our population.	Suzanne Allemeier		

2024-04-03	13:44	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	<p>I recently worked for one of the Province's five health authorities in the area of Long term care (LTC), focusing on LTC capacity and access. During my time in the role, I frequently spoke to families who were struggling to keep their loved ones at home due to a lack of resources in the system to help support them. The current LTC homes in Vancouver (both public and private) are at capacity with waitlists in many homes exceeding three years. In addition, there is very little development underway to add new net capacity to the system. With thousands of individuals currently requiring LTC and the increase that is projected to come (due to increased incidence of cognitive impairment and dementia), the system is woefully under-resourced to support these individuals.</p> <p>With this proposal, we have the opportunity to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Add much needed LTC capacity to Vancouver, to support individuals to live in an environment with the support they need. 2) Add much needed specialized Memory Care resourcing to benefit residents of Greater Vancouver living with cognitive impairment. 3) Reduce wait times for individuals requiring LTC. <p>For these reasons above, and understanding that the significant demand in the market outweighs current & planned supply, I am in strong favor of this development. The residents of Greater Vancouver and their families will benefit greatly from this residence.</p> <p>Thank you for considering.</p>	Angela Mitchell	I do not live in Vancouver	
2024-04-03	14:22	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	<p>To the City of Vancouver,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the development of a long-term care nursing home in Vancouver, particularly emphasizing its significance in catering to the needs of our elderly population, especially those with complex care requirements such as dementia and high frailty.</p> <p>As a physician specializing in geriatric medicine, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by frail elders and their families in accessing appropriate care facilities. Vancouver, like many urban centers, is experiencing a growing aging population, necessitating the expansion and enhancement of long-term care services. The establishment of a nursing home dedicated to providing comprehensive care for individuals with dementia and high frailty will undoubtedly address a critical gap in our healthcare infrastructure.</p> <p>Dementia, in particular, presents unique care challenges that demand specialized resources and expertise. Individuals living with dementia often require tailored support to meet their cognitive, physical, and emotional needs. A dedicated nursing home equipped with trained staff and specialized programs can offer a safe and nurturing environment conducive to the well-</p>	Anthony Tran	Downtown	

				<p>being of residents with dementia. Moreover, such a facility can provide respite and support for family caregivers who shoulder the responsibility of caring for their loved ones.</p> <p>High frailty among the elderly population poses another significant concern, as it often results in complex medical needs and functional limitations. Meeting the healthcare needs of frail elders requires a multidisciplinary approach, involving skilled nursing care, rehabilitative services, and ongoing medical management. A long-term care nursing home equipped with the necessary resources and expertise can provide personalized care plans tailored to the unique needs of each resident, thereby promoting optimal health outcomes and quality of life.</p> <p>Furthermore, the development of a long-term care nursing home in Vancouver aligns with broader healthcare goals aimed at promoting aging in place and enhancing community-based care options. By offering a continuum of care that extends beyond acute hospital settings, we can better support aging individuals in maintaining their independence and dignity while receiving the care and assistance they require.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge the City of Vancouver to prioritize and support the development of a long-term care nursing home dedicated to serving individuals with dementia and high frailty. By investing in such facilities, we not only address the pressing needs of our aging population but also uphold our commitment to providing compassionate and comprehensive care for all members of our community.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this important matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Tran</p>			
2024-04-03	15:21	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	<p>Hello, I am writing to express my support for this project. Vancouver has a critical housing shortage and this hurts seniors who want or need to move out of their existing housing. One reason for a move can be a decline in health. These facilities are crucial to support seniors who no longer are able to maintain their homes.</p>	Peter Dowdy	Renfrew-Collingwood	
2024-04-03	19:45	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	<p>The recent pandemic has brought into sharp focus the dire need for modern residential care facilities that are designed to keep our seniors safe in the face of such health care emergencies. Faced with the demographics of a rapidly aging boomer generation, the need for facilities such as the one proposed for this location is great and urgent.</p>	Dr. Greg Tobert	Dunbar-Southlands	

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2024-04-04	11:31	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	• I work with seniors and their families daily and understand the many benefits a care residence can provide. An important point to know is that a residence also provides peace of mind for families, who are often busy with work and supporting their own children. Families feel good knowing that their elderly loved ones are keeping well and are receiving the care when needed. Dunbar families deserve some peace of mind by having a residence with long term care available to their loved ones. I support this proposed residence at W 41st and Blenheim.	Kellie Besseling	I do not live in Vancouver	
2024-04-04	11:51	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	There is a great need for more Long Term Care beds in the city. Aging populations and increasing care needs requires a proactive approach to ensure that those who need a bed will be able to access one.	Brendan Ab		
2024-04-04	14:17	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	With the shortage of homes for the seniors in BC this is an absolute must! Having been part of the sector for years and the shortages we need to move on building so we have safe and new spaces.	Suzanne Fox	I do not live in Vancouver	
2024-04-04	16:00	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	I support this application and would welcome the new residents to our neighbourhood. I live nearby. Requests: 1. staff work with developer to facilitate interaction between the residents and the neighbourhood - move a patio close to the sidewalk for example. Put a cafe into one end of building. 2. Permit the tree at 41st and Blenheim to be replaced to allow for the construction of a mini-park.	Suzanne Anton	Kerrisdale	
2024-04-04	17:04	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	We need more housing and this would be a lovely quite spot for retirees. I doubt too much traffic will be generated with staff as it's on the new R4 bus line which is well connected.	Peter Christiansen	Downtown	

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2024-04-05	08:02	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	It is important to have a residence for seniors to be safe and have support that they need. Our population is aging and a residence like this and more like them can help moving forward making seniors and their families feel safe.	Joe Silva	I do not live in Vancouver	
2024-04-05	09:01	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	I am sending you a letter from Ms. Aselstine attached	Pamela Boles	Dunbar-Southlands	Appendix A
2024-04-05	09:05	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	I wish to address the meeting and have a series of photos and submissions to make in support of this development . That I will send by separate communication	Pamela Boles	Dunbar-Southlands	
2024-04-02	17:17	PH 1 - 6. CD-1 Rezoning: 3329-3429 West 41st Avenue and 5649-5683 Blenheim Street	Support	It is good to see a proposal for secured rental units in the neighborhood.	Lindsey Jerke	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	

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March 25, 2024

Attention: City of Vancouver

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames:

Re: Development of 3329-3349 West 41st Ave & 5649-5685 Blenheim Street

I wish to voice my strongest support for the "Amica" project referenced above.

I am 85 years of age.

My husband and I moved to Vancouver from Belleville, Ontario as my daughter and her family live in the Dunbar area. My husband passed away and I am now living alone. I enjoy my independence but see the development proposed as very favourable to me, once it is constructed and for those living in circumstances similar to my own.

At present I am renting an apartment on Dunbar Street. At times, being behind a door at the end of a corridor is not the most comfortable place to be living. The proposed development has many advantages for me and others known by me to be living in a similar situation at present. I am considering a move to the development once completed.

I have investigated various of the few seniors residences in the Dunbar/Southlands area. There are virtually none.

This Amica project offers a continuum of care element that no, or few others offer. This is important to me so that if and when my health declines I will be able to remain in my neighbourhood at the same residence — instead of being forced to move elsewhere- away from that critical emotional and physical comfort and support that family offers in a way that nothing else can. The related aspect to the support is that no senior wishes to be a burden to their family members by imposing upon them for residence, meals, transportation, care or the like. I should say as an aside that in these days "personal care" of any sort is hard to come by and difficult to arrange - but incorporated into the Amica model for the proposed development.

A critical benefit to be offered by the proposed project is the "social" aspect offered by communal residence. This cannot be understated. Lasting friendships and companionship with ready access to activities to keep both mind and body exercised is pivotal to seniors' health and wellbeing - too many of us are "shut ins" with consequent deterioration as the

result and development of a loneliness which cannot be offset by the occasional visit to the community centre or a grocery store.

There are, at present, inadequate options and there is, as with any limited resource an upward pressure on prices as a result. It is unquestionable with the " Baby Boomers" aging in great numbers that the demand for seniors housing of the type to be offered in this project will only increase.

Seniors voices have for too long been quieted by those which are louder. Our views are too often ignored or silenced. We know what is best for us.

I thank you for this opportunity for input to what will become, if allowed, a significant contribution to the health and well-being of seniors in the Dunbar area.

Yours truly,

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