

CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive - Support

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2024-07-12	14:21	CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive	Support	<p>I have lived within 6 blocks of this location since 2006 and I am completely in favour of this proposal.</p> <p>A large body of academic research has consistently found that homelessness in an area is driven by housing costs, whether expressed in terms of rents, rent-to-income ratios, price-to-income ratios, or home prices.</p> <p>In order to bring costs down, and in turn reduce homelessness, we need density.</p>	Bill Higgins	Grandview-Woodland	
2024-07-12	22:55	CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive	Support	This project looks awesome. It's entirely appropriate for the neighbourhood context, it extends the retail on the Drive by a block and it provides visual termination for the northern portion of Commercial looking south. Plus it provides greatly needed social housing. Win-win-win.	Ben Coli	Grandview-Woodland	
2024-07-14	19:41	CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive	Support	I am strongly in support of this rezoning application. We need as much affordable housing as we can get in this city, and providing social housing units to help people regain stability in their housing and lives is essential for the health of our community. Part of what makes Grandview-Woodland and Commercial Drive unique and vibrant is that it has a diversity of housing forms and people, let's keep it that way!	Ruby Dagmar	Grandview-Woodland	

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2024-07-17	08:49	CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive	Support	<p>I support this development. I live half a block away in a housing co-op. This development will impact my view, and I strongly support it.</p> <p>I want to see more social housing units in my neighbourhood. We are living in a time of extreme housing instability for so many people. It drives creative, hard working and community minded people out of the city to more affordable places, or worse, onto the streets which leads to unsafe conditions.</p> <p>Amazing humans who cannot make ends' meet are leaving this city, pushed out by insanely high market rental rates. Housing is a human right. Social housing recognizes this and provides it at an affordable cost to people. I feel incredibly fortunate that as a single mom with 2 kids who has two jobs (a full time secondary school teacher and a part time weekend job running events), I can afford to live in this city. Getting accepted as a member into this co-op 7 years ago allowed me to stay in Vancouver as I could pay all of my bills. I want this for everyone in this city. 93 social housing units will make a difference and create security for 93 families or individuals. I want to live in a city that cares about housing people. Our views out of our windows and "neighbourhood character" are never as important as providing basic human rights to everyone in this city. If we care more about our views than the people living on the streets, then we have become a city that no longer cares about others. I see more and more homeless people living in East Vancouver. I would love for some of them to have homes that give them a shot at creating a stable life.</p>	Nadia Roberts	Hastings-Sunrise	
2024-06-25	13:27	CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive	Support	<p>I support more housing development and density along busy corridors like commercial drive.</p>	Ryan Monsur	Grandview-Woodland	
2024-07-23	09:29	CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive	Support	<p>M'akola is an affordable housing provider operating affordable housing across the province of BC. M'akola has 200 units of housing opening in fall 2024 in the River District are of Vancouver.</p>	Kevin Albers	I do not live in Vancouver	Appendix A



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Mayor and Council
Vancouver City Hall
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Re: Letter of Support for 800 Commercial Drive Development Project

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of M'akola Housing Society. M'akola Housing Society (MHS) is a provider of off-reserve affordable housing in British Columbia. We provide safe, affordable and appropriate homes primarily for Indigenous people and families across British Columbia. With a longstanding commitment to serving members of the community in need of affordable and appropriate housing, we express our support of Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society (ENFHS) and the proposed development project at 800 Commercial Drive.

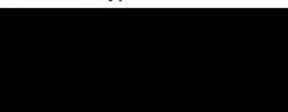
MHS is proud to be working with ENFHS on the development and construction of over 300 rental units in Port Moody. Our shared values and commitment to housing equity-deserving families and individuals has led to a strong relationship. ENFHS has consistently demonstrated its commitment to creating vibrant communities through its housing initiatives, fostering environments that promote security and inclusivity. We are proud to be their partner.

The proposed development at 800 Commercial Drive not only addresses the critical need for affordable housing in our city but also demonstrates a sustainable development approach that places community welfare as a top priority.

We urge Mayor and Council to support the rezoning of 800 Commercial Drive to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development) District, enabling the development of 93 affordable homes. Supporting this initiative will significantly benefit the community by addressing crucial housing needs and enriching residents' lives.

Thank you for your consideration. For more details or to discuss further, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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