

CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive - Support

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2024-07-23	09:33	CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive	Support	MDS is a consulting firm providing development consulting support for affordable housing providers across BC. We operate our offices currently in Gastown.	Kaela Schramm	Downtown	Appendix A
2024-07-23	09:50	CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive	Support	The BC Non-Profit Housing Association supports this application. Our offices are located at 1651 Commercial Drive. Please see attached letter of support.	Marika Albert	Grandview-Woodland	Appendix B
2024-07-23	14:18	CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive	Support	The proposed development at 800 Commercial Drive addresses the critical need for affordable housing in our city. As an immigrant serving organization we see first hand the challenges newcomers, who often fill essential jobs in BC, have in finding affordable housing. ENFHS is an experienced provider who understand the needs of the communities they serve and who works effectively with other non profits to create the wrap around support many in this City need.	Olga Stachova	Grandview-Woodland	Appendix C
2024-07-25	09:47	CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive	Support	Great to see more affordable housing being built in the neighbourhood. Wonderful design which supports social connections!	Francesca Leonzio	Mount Pleasant	
2024-07-25	13:34	CD-1 Rezoning: 800 Commercial Drive	Support	This is new social housing on a vacant parking lot. Zero renter displacement and new homes is excellent. Vancouver needs 1000 more projects like this one. Please approve without delay.	Nathan Hawkins	Killarney	



July 22, 2024

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 Development Services, a non-profit development consultant specializing in supporting the development of affordable and social purpose real estate for non-profits and government. With a longstanding commitment to the development of community servicing spaces and affordable housing, we express our support of Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society (ENFHS) and the proposed development project at 800 Commercial Drive.

ENFHS, a charitable not-for-profit housing organization with nearly 40 years of dedicated service, has been a cornerstone in our community since its inception. Founded by three single mothers, ENFHS has been instrumental in providing affordable housing solutions for families in need, particularly women, single-parent households, and other equity-deserving groups across the Lower Mainland. ENFHS has consistently demonstrated its commitment to creating vibrant communities through its housing initiatives, fostering environments that promote security and inclusivity.

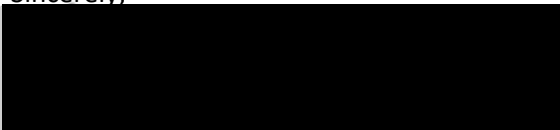
The proposed development at 800 Commercial Drive not only addresses the critical need for affordable housing in our city but also demonstrates a sustainable development approach that places community welfare as a top priority.

As a growing non-profit providing affordable housing across the province, MDS has seen our operations grow in the past few years which has led to the need for dedicated and larger office space in Vancouver. In alignment with our mission and visions, we intend to lease office space on the ground floor of the proposed building to support our operations and further advance affordable housing in Vancouver and across the Province.

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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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of the BC Non-Profit Housing Association to express our support for Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society (ENFHS) and the proposed development project at 800 Commercial Drive. BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA) has been the provincial umbrella organization for the non-profit housing sector for 30 years. BC's non-profit housing societies manage more than 70,000 units of long-term, affordable housing in over 3,000 buildings across the province. ENFS is an active member of BCNPHA.

ENFHS has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to the Grandview-Woodlands neighbourhood and we feel that they are well positioned to successfully develop, and deliver, urgently needed safe, accessible, and affordable housing for families. ENHS is a charitable not-for-profit housing organization with nearly 40 years of dedicated service and has been a cornerstone in our community since its inception. Founded by three single mothers, ENFHS has been instrumental in providing affordable housing solutions for families in need, particularly women, single-parent households, and other equity-deserving groups across the Lower Mainland.

We know from our research, that single-parent led families experience high levels of core housing need in Vancouver: out of all renter households experiencing core housing need (spending more than 30% of their household income on rent and utilities), approximately 50% are single-parent led households, and a further 25% of those households spend more than 50% of their household income on rent and utilities. This is why BCNPHA feels that this development is so vital for the community.

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of MOSAIC, a leading Canadian settlement and employment organization serving newcomers and their families from over 160 different countries as well as supporting resettlement of privately sponsored refugees in Metro Vancouver. With a longstanding commitment to the Grandview-Woodland neighbourhood, we express our support of Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society (ENFHS) and the proposed development project at 800 Commercial Drive. ENFHS, a charitable not-for-profit housing organization with nearly 40 years of dedicated service, has been a cornerstone in our community since its inception. Founded by three single mothers, ENFHS has been instrumental in providing affordable housing solutions for families in need, particularly women, single-parent households, and other equity-deserving groups across the Lower Mainland.

This project aligns with our organization's mission and values. Access to safe, affordable housing is fundamental to the well-being and prosperity of all residents in Vancouver. ENFHS has consistently demonstrated its commitment to creating vibrant communities through its housing initiatives, fostering environments that promote security and inclusivity.

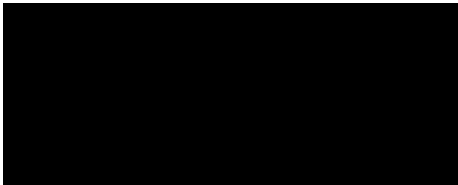
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CEO, MOSAIC

