

CD-1 (845) Text Amendment: 728-796 Main Street and 205 Union Street - Support

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2024-11-08	08:18	CD-1 (845) Text Amendment: 728-796 Main Street and 205 Union Street	Support	<p>I strongly support proposed amendments to the rezoning application that will increase the number of social housing units, increase the density and distribute family units across the building. This change reflects a vital commitment to addressing our community's housing needs by providing significantly more affordable housing options. The redistribution and increase of family units within the building further ensure that diverse family structures have accessible, supportive spaces, making this development more inclusive and aligned with the city's social priorities. The increase in height and density will help maximize the potential of the site.</p> <p>It is also important that this is being developed by Hogan's Alley Society. This is a historic project and part of the city honouring and being accountable to its history. Thank you for considering this amendment that will bring long-term benefits to our city and its residents.</p>	Sacha Médiné	Hastings-Sunrise	
2024-11-08	06:36	CD-1 (845) Text Amendment: 728-796 Main Street and 205 Union Street	Support	Strongly support Hogan's Alley Society and the essential work they're doing. I also fundamentally believe that there should not be any zoning restrictions at all on social housing.	Denis Agar	Hastings-Sunrise	
2024-11-08	07:24	CD-1 (845) Text Amendment: 728-796 Main Street and 205 Union Street	Support	This housing project from the Hogan's Alley Society is key piece to providing needed social housing in the area but to also restore a formerly thriving area. Approving this rezoning will help heal some of the wrongs of the past and will serve as proof to the City of Vancouver's commitment to creating an inclusive environment for Vancouver's Black community.	Hardley Constant	Hastings-Sunrise	
2024-11-08	07:34	CD-1 (845) Text Amendment: 728-796 Main Street and 205 Union Street	Support	I support this project!	Toni Lisa Hourston	Grandview-Woodland	
2024-11-08	09:51	CD-1 (845) Text Amendment: 728-796 Main Street and 205 Union Street	Support	The BC Non-Profit Housing Association strongly supports this proposal. Please see the attached letter for further details.	organization BC Non-Profit Housing Association and Co-operative Housing Federation	Grandview-Woodland	Appendix A
2024-11-08	11:33	CD-1 (845) Text Amendment: 728-796 Main Street and 205 Union Street	Support	Social housing should be allowed everywhere by right, and this type of change should just be automatically approved and not need to be subjected to public comment. We are in a housing crisis. The extra height is great because it means more homes. Please support Hogan's Alley Society by approving this!	Michelle Scarr	I do not live in Vancouver	

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2024-11-07	19:07	CD-1 (845) Text Amendment: 728-796 Main Street and 205 Union Street	Support	<p>I can't submit letters or take actions directly, but I can help you draft a strong letter of support that you can submit yourself. Here's a template</p> <p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed text amendments to the rezoning of the Hogan's Alley block. The updated plan, which seeks to change the current zoning from 75 condo/strata units and 19 social housing units to 108 social housing units, presents a significant opportunity for the community to address pressing social and economic needs.</p> <p>The proposed redistribution of family units and the increase in building height and density, allowing for 108 social housing units, reflects a thoughtful approach to accommodating more residents and supporting diverse family structures. This plan not only contributes to tackling the ongoing housing crisis in Vancouver but also aligns with the city's commitment to inclusive and affordable living.</p> <p>It is essential to prioritize projects that enhance community well-being, promote equity, and serve the needs of residents who might otherwise be displaced or marginalized. I am confident that approving these amendments will have long-term positive impacts on both the Hogan's Alley community and the broader city of Vancouver.</p> <p>Thank you for considering these crucial changes, which I believe will enrich our city's social fabric and support sustainable growth.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mr LeVere</p>	Marcus LeVere	Mount Pleasant	



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Appendix A

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of BC Non-Profit Housing Association to express our organizational support for Hogan's Alley Society and the proposed rezoning and text amendments related to the site adjacent to the future Hogan's Alley Block.

The British Columbia Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA) is the umbrella organization for the province's non-profit housing sector and is comprised of nearly 600 members. Our sector stewards more than 70,000 units of affordable housing across BC and we are acutely aware of the desperate need for each of these proposed homes.

BCNPHA is dedicated to increasing affordable housing options in Vancouver, and we believe this project is an important step toward addressing the city's growing need for accessible, secure, and equitable housing. In 2023, there were 2,420 people experiencing homelessness in Vancouver, an increase of 16% between 2020 and 2023. The steady increase of people experiencing homelessness over the past 8 homeless counts demonstrates that homelessness is a persistent, growing experience for many in the city. Hogan's Alley Society's proposal will add urgently needed homes for the city's most vulnerable residents.

The upcoming Public Hearing on November 12th is a crucial opportunity for City Council to approve the following:

- Changing the zoning to allow for 108 social housing units (up from the original 75 condos and 19 social housing units).
- Redistributing family units across the building, including the conversion of 19 current SRO units into new, family-friendly spaces.
- Increasing the building's height and density, enabling the creation of 108 affordable homes.

We recognize that some concerns have been raised regarding the density of social housing in the area. However, I would like to emphasize that increasing the number of affordable units is a vital and necessary action to meet the diverse housing needs of our community. Vancouver is facing an affordability crisis that disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, and social housing is an essential part of the solution.

The proposed project not only provides much-needed affordable housing, but it also enhances the future of the Hogan's Alley Block—an important area that will contribute to the vibrancy and inclusivity of Vancouver. By supporting this rezoning, City Council has an

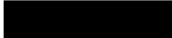
opportunity to create more sustainable, family-oriented housing that will contribute to the long-term social and economic health of the community.

I urge you to approve the proposed changes, and I encourage others in the community to lend their voices of support. This is an excellent opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of those who are most affected by the housing crisis, and it is crucial that City Council acts to ensure these projects continue to move forward.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued efforts to build a more affordable and equitable Vancouver.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Jill Atkey.

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