

**CD-1 Rezoning: 648-680 East Broadway and 2505 Fraser Street - Oppose**

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2025-03-12	20:55	CD-1 Rezoning: 648-680 East Broadway and 2505 Fraser Street	Oppose	<p>Urgent Concerns Regarding the Redevelopment of 648-680 E Broadway &amp; 2505 Fraser St</p> <p>To The Council and Developers,</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of Catoro Cat Cafe, a beloved local business and community hub that has been serving East Vancouver for almost six years. It has come to our attention that a redevelopment application has been posted for our location at 648-680 E Broadway &amp; 2505 Fraser St. While we understand the need for urban development and progress, this project presents a significant threat to not only our business but also the vital services we provide to both animals and people in our community.</p> <p>Catoro is not just a business—it is a lifeline for countless rescue cats and an integral part of Vancouver’s animal welfare efforts. Since opening, we have rescued, rehabilitated, and rehomed thousands of cats who would otherwise have nowhere to go. We provide a safe, enriching environment for these animals while also offering an adoption model that helps match them with loving families.</p> <p>Beyond the cats, Catoro has become a sanctuary for people in our neighborhood. We serve as a place of comfort for those struggling with loneliness, mental health challenges, and the stresses of daily life. Our guests often share how visiting Catoro has helped them feel less isolated, providing them with a space of calm and connection. We host local nonprofit groups, including visitors from Coast Mental Health, Vancouver Coastal Health, BC Children’s Hospital, Canuck Place, PCRS, senior’s homes, care facilities and more. We foster a sense of belonging, and for many, our cafe is more than just a place to visit—it’s a part of their emotional well-being.</p> <p>The potential loss of our space would not only displace our business but would also disrupt the critical services we provide to vulnerable animals and our community. Finding a new, suitable location that allows us to continue our mission will be incredibly difficult, and the uncertainty surrounding this redevelopment is devastating.</p> <p>We urge the City of Vancouver and the developers to consider the impact on small businesses and community organizations like ours when making redevelopment decisions.</p> <p>We request open dialogue and the opportunity to discuss possible solutions that allow us to continue our work, whether that means assistance in relocation costs or reconsideration of the current plan.</p>	Anastasia van Eeghen	Mount Pleasant	<a href="#">Attachment 1</a>

We are asking for your support in ensuring that businesses like ours—ones that contribute deeply to the community’s social fabric—are not overlooked in the face of redevelopment. Please consider the people and animals whose lives are directly impacted by these decisions. We would welcome a meeting to further discuss this matter and explore viable options for Catoro’s future.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope to work together to find a way forward that preserves the heart of our community.

Sincerely,

Annah van Eeghen  
Catoro Cat Cafe

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