

**CD-1 Rezoning: 816-860 West 13th Avenue and 2915-2925 Willow Street - Support**

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2025-04-22	14:20	CD-1 Rezoning: 816-860 West 13th Avenue and 2915-2925 Willow Street	Support	<p>Dear Mayor and Council. I had signed up to speak at the public hearing on Thursday to express my support for the rezoning application at 816-860 West 13th Avenue and 2915-2925 Willow Street. Unfortunately, I am unavailable at the updated time, and wish to instead offer support in writing. I own and operate several CEFA Early Learning Schools with locations in Kitsilano, Langley, and Richmond and have a new centre coming soon to UBC. CEFA Early Learning Schools are focused on the development of a child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs to build a solid and broad foundation for lifelong learning and wellbeing. CEFA childcare programs are designed differently than traditional preschools and childcare centres, with a larger focus and investment in the development of a holistic-quality educational experience for children and parents that sets us apart from other licensed childcare providers and daycares that focus on care alone. Currently, there are 40 CEFA Early Learning Schools across the province, which see growing, ongoing demand for childcare spaces. Demand for our CEFA Schools in Vancouver continues to exceed our enrollment capacity. Our location in Kits currently has a 5+ year waitlist, and our new location in UBC has received over 1000 inquiries. This project, subject to Council approval, would produce hundreds of new homes and a large purpose built childcare, which is needed to meet growing demand for housing and childcare in major urban centres like Vancouver. Through the planning process for this rezoning application, I have been in discussions with PC Urban about the opportunity to operate the childcare in the eastern tower. We have completed an initial assessment and believe that the approximately 11,000 square foot childcare facility could accommodate approximately 100 childcare spaces, which are desperately needed in the City of Vancouver. We are also exploring the potential for flexible, extended hours, which will serve as a significant benefit to the medical and support staff at Vancouver General Hospital who work in shifts, often over night, and other first responders such as police officers, firefighters and paramedics. As an employer in Vancouver, I would also like to share my broad support for expanded access to secured rental and below market housing in transit accessible locations, like the Broadway Corridor, which would be attainable to early childhood educators who earn moderate incomes. I hope you support this project, which will bring positive change to the corridor, through the delivery of secured housing and childcare. Thank you. – Aman Kallu</p>	Aman Kallu		