

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		

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2025-04-23	10:45	CD-1 Rezoning: 816-860 West 13th Avenue and 2915-2925 Willow Street	Support	<p>Hello Mr. Mayor and City Council,</p> <p>I had signed up as a speaker, but unfortunately had to withdraw due to this meeting being rescheduled. I have included a copy of my talking points below.</p> <p>Best, -----</p> <p>My name is Rebecca Hartley, I am a resident of Vancouver, and I am here tonight to provide my support to 816-860 West 13th Avenue and 2915-2925 Willow Street.</p> <p>There are many reasons for this, but the largest is the daycare that will be included here. Not only will it offer care for 49 children during the day, it also has 16 overnight childcare spaces available as well. It means more shift workers, which help keep our city, and Healthcare system keep running, will have more flexibility and peace of mind when going back to work. Split over two levels, the facility has access to lots of natural light, while the outdoor play area is thoughtfully designed so children can enjoy plenty of direct sunlight as they explore and play with friends.</p> <p>As someone who has called Fairview home for the last 14 years , I'm glad this proposal will allow 354 more secured rental homes, with 20% below market, to become my neighbours. It will mean more people can live a short walk to the existing 17, 9 and 99 bus routes, and the soon to be completed Oak-VGH skytrain station for a quick trip downtown, or to the Broadway business corridor. Given this, and how walkable and bikeable the neighborhood is, I don't have any concerns about the amount of parking provided, except that it may be too much, and will just go unused.</p> <p>In terms of design, the building fits with what I would expect to see under the Broadway Plan. The surrounding context of VGH and its support facilities, along with Heather Place means it really blends into the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Given this, I hope you will join me in support of this application,</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Rebecca Hartley	Fairview	