

CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue - Support

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2025-06-18	16:41	CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue	Support	<p>I'm writing in support of this rezoning. This is a location that's close to West 4th, 750 metres from the new SkyTrain station at Broadway and Arbutus.</p> <p>I understand the desire of Kitsilano residents to minimize change to the neighbourhood. But it's like pushing down on a balloon: there's lots of people who want to live here, and when you don't build housing in Kitsilano, they don't vanish into thin air, they end up competing with everyone else for the existing housing, pushing up prices and rents.</p> <p>Because there's existing low-rise rental buildings on the site, it's important to protect the renters who are there now.</p>	Russil Wvong	Riley Park	
2025-06-19	09:15	CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue	Support	<p>Good evening. I've lived in Kitsilano for over 20 years—as a tenant, landlord, and homeowner. My deep connection to this neighbourhood gives me a unique perspective on how it has evolved and what it needs to grow responsibly.</p> <p>Just last night, my family enjoyed opening night at Kits Showboat and walked home along the beach. At Yew and 1st, we passed the Kings Head Pub where Elvis—on a scooter—was serenading the patio crowd. It was a perfect example of what makes Kits so special: a vibrant, quirky charm that remains even as the community evolves.</p> <p>Kits is a neighbourhood of distinct micro-pockets—North of 4th Avenue, West of Burrard, and up to Macdonald—where heritage buildings, low-income housing, and eclectic shops all coexist. But change is coming. Safeway on West 4th is closing this August. The SkyTrain extension is reshaping the area. And Millennium's proposed development is part of a broader shift that will enhance the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Change is often met with fear, but this project offers benefits: improved streetscapes, new commercial spaces, and a diverse mix of rental options. Developers like Millennium—unlike absentee landlords or pension funds investor leaving properties vacant—have a proven track record of community-focused projects in Burnaby, the North Shore, and Olympic Village. They care about their legacy—just like others in the area Bonis, Orr Development, or Low Tide properties.</p> <p>Let's not lump all developers together. Instead, let's recognize those who are helping shape a better Kitsilano—one that keeps its spirit alive, while welcoming the future. I support this project.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Michael Tudorie	Kitsilano	
2025-06-19	10:55	CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue	Support	<p>This project creates stability in a part of the city that often feels like it's only for the lucky few. I support building homes that make Kits more accessible to more people.</p>	Rohen Sarai	West Point Grey	
2025-06-19	10:58	CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue	Support	<p>I've seen many people leave this neighbourhood because they couldn't find a place to stay. This project helps change that, and I strongly support it.</p>	sophia pinter	West Point Grey	
2025-06-19	10:59	CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue	Support	<p>We can't say we support housing and then delay projects like this. It's time to build, and I support moving this forward without hesitation.</p>	Natalie Nastase		
2025-06-19	11:02	CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue	Support	<p>As someone who's worked in housing policy, I rarely see this level of tenant care and community integration. That's worth supporting.</p>	Dario Franco Garousian	West Point Grey	
2025-06-19	11:03	CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue	Support	<p>Even a great neighbourhood needs to evolve to stay relevant and inclusive. This development is a respectful and much-needed step in that direction.</p>	Ryan Le	West Point Grey	

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2025-06-19	11:05	CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue	Support	It's easy to be nostalgic about Kits, but harder to be courageous enough to grow it thoughtfully. This is that kind of courage — and I support it.	Fahimeh Garousian	Kitsilano	
2025-06-19	11:39	CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue	Support	I'm in support of this project. As a new mom, it's extremely difficult to find clean, modern apartments in Kitsilano. Many existing buildings have mold issues, no in-suite laundry, and poor overall livability. Vancouver needs more well-designed, modern housing that reflects the beauty of our city and meets the needs of a growing population. Fighting thoughtful development is not sustainable. Thank you.	Negar Saba	Downtown	
2025-06-19	12:00	CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue	Support	Please see the attached PDF	Organization BIA - West Broadway	Kitsilano	Appendix A
2025-06-19	12:45	CD-1 Rezoning: 2158-2170 West 1st Avenue	Support	<p>Dear Mayor Sim and Council,</p> <p>I strongly support this proposal. This housing is desperately needed, especially in this area so close to many jobs and amenities.</p> <p>I used to walk farther than this to take Skytrain and I didn't even get to live within walking distance of any beach. This will be a particularly great location for many commuters as it is convenient to head West to UBC on the 99 B-Line or East on the subway. I am sure there are lots of people with jobs in the rest of the city and metro who have social and familial connections around Kits that would make them want to stay in the area. "Reverse commuting" from the urban core also makes better use of the transit system. And it is easy cycling distance to any job downtown.</p> <p>This is an entirely appropriate location for a 20-storey building. If you were to insist on setting a limit, I would say this location should allow at least double the tallest building permitted on Kingsway. Renters deserve to have access to quiet residential streets, close to large parks, in above-ground housing. There is nothing wrong with them getting a nice view either!</p> <p>It sounds like the amount of car parking can be reduced through a TDM plan. I hope the applicant pursues this. Perhaps the City could provide basic pre-made TDM requirements as an option instead of requiring yet another report, e.g. perhaps simply requiring a few carshare spots would do the trick and facilitate future removal of subsidized street parking.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Owen Brady</p>	Owen Brady	Hastings-Sunrise	



Mayor Ken Sim and Vancouver City Council
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor Sim and Council,

On behalf of the West Broadway Business Improvement Association, I am writing to express our support for the proposed rental housing project at 2158–2170 West 1st Avenue.

Our BIA represents a vibrant corridor of over 280 small businesses that depend on local foot traffic and a diverse residential base to thrive. The addition of purpose-built rental homes, including below-market units, aligns with our shared goals of supporting inclusive, walkable communities. As our city grows, thoughtful, high-quality rental housing near existing transit infrastructure like the future Arbutus SkyTrain Station, will be essential to supporting both residents and local business vitality.

We greatly appreciate the time the developer has taken to engage the community and receive input from local organizations, residents and businesses. The project's proposed retail spaces will allow for smaller local-serving retail businesses that can help provide local jobs, and contribute to the community.

Projects like this not only address Vancouver's critical housing shortage, but also ensure that neighbourhoods like Kitsilano remain dynamic, economically resilient, and welcoming to all.

Sincerely,
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