

CD-1 Rezoning: 520-590 West 29th Avenue and 4510-4550 Ash Street - Support

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2025-07-08	22:14	CD-1 Rezoning: 520-590 West 29th Avenue and 4510-4550 Ash Street	Support	<p>I strongly support this proposal. This building is in a residential area, where residential buildings SHOULD be, and fits the character of the neighbourhood well.</p> <p>Not only will new rental apartments being added to this largely expensive neighbourhood give folks new options for more affordable housing (than single family homes surrounding the neighbourhood), it will contribute to more supply which will bring down rents in the future. We know pausing immigration was a band-aid to allow the cities to catch up, and we must be ambitious to do that in order to ensure prosperity and affordability.</p> <p>We also need to ensure these projects move forward, even if its not perfect, because even if the rents of a brand new house are at first higher than an older house of the same size, the affordability savings of being able to live car free with easy east west bike and transit access as well as north south SkyTrain access will decrease folks annual transportation expenses by possibly \$10 000.</p> <p>I do agree that we need to invest in better cycling infrastructure and transit priority in this area. Modal filters would be good to address resident concerns about traffic impacts, as well as transit priority efforts for local buses.</p> <p>I also agree the city needs to prioritize affordable housing, especially public and supportive housing, in neighbourhoods like this one and across the city, in order to ensure no one is left behind. the market alone cannot solve this crisis.</p> <p>Largely, the concerns of residents need to be addressed by city investments, not by individual developers. We need more homes for people to live in, and more taxpayers to to mitigate these concerns. For these reasons I ask you approve this project, and frankly end the charade of "consultation" at so called "public hearings" which do not consult with the tenants of this building, or the general public at all, and only serve to make our processes arbitrary and uncertain to residents current and future while wasting staff time and money.</p>	Blair Smith	Kensington-Cedar Cottage	