

CD-1 Rezoning: 6486 Chester Street - Support

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2025-11-10	11:52	CD-1 Rezoning: 6486 Chester Street	Support	I am currently a student at UBC. I live on campus and pay roughly \$1100 a month for my residence. As I plan on graduating next year, one of my key concerns is finding an affordable place to live. Living on campus in a rent-stabilized and subsidized apartment has made me understand the value of rental in general and how hard it is to find something suitable. . I have also spent my 4 years living closely with neighbours which has introduced me to friends in a city that has always been hard to socialize in. Living somewhere that's stable is also key, so rental communities are really important.	Aamer Aulakh		
2025-11-10	11:54	CD-1 Rezoning: 6486 Chester Street	Support	I have been tracking the market in Vancouver for some time as a function of my studies and also my personal interest and like everyone else I'm concerned about the strain on supply. We are finally seeing rental prices gradually falling but prices are still very high for new homes. Now we need to make sure that we see rental built every year rather than in waves that are decades apart. A diverse market will address resident needs much better than what we have today - 40+ year old rental or brand new. I believe this is yet another step in the right direction for Vancouver's housing landscape and is in accordance with the wishes of many of us who fear getting priced out of this beautiful city. I urge city council to approve and accept this proposal.	Aaryan Kapur		
2025-11-10	11:57	CD-1 Rezoning: 6486 Chester Street	Support	I support this proposal. I am a resident living on Kingsway. Because of this location, I am able to enjoy decent transit to work, restaurants, activities, and stores nearby. While my apartment is priced as per the market, it is relatively affordable. As a young professional working in Downtown Vancouver, the aspects of mobility and connectivity are something I deeply appreciate. And I believe that every resident of the city should be entitled to housing that is not only affordable but also provides access to facilities nearby. The location at Chester and 49th makes the proposed building well connected to east-west and north-south transit and in walking distance to shopping and services along Fraser Street. That's all key to creating long-term affordable lifestyles and a stable renter community.	Abner Bal		
2025-11-10	12:02	CD-1 Rezoning: 6486 Chester Street	Support	Dear City Council, I am a UBC student with friends at Langara, which is a few blocks from this proposal. Having experienced both housing on and off campus, I have come to develop a deep appreciation for affordable housing projects, and that includes rental housing. Being in stable housing has allowed me to focus on my studies without the added pressure of having to work a full time job just to live. As I leave UBC, one of my top priorities is finding a place to live that I can afford, in a neighbourhood that appeals to me. As I graduate, the new rental might be out of my price range but it's important to look ahead and consider whether this might appeal to me in the future. Future me would like to live here!	Zohane Bal		
2025-11-10	12:07	CD-1 Rezoning: 6486 Chester Street	Support	I am writing this today to express my strong support for this proposal. I love exploring different neighbourhoods across Vancouver - small businesses, cafes, restaurants, etc. . In my opinion, Vancouver is defined by them. I think having high-density housing located near commercial arteries like Fraser St. will support the business community there. This area doesn't have a great diversity of housing and this type of development will bring more options for people who already live there and don't want to leave and to others who might want to relocate there. I, personally, would love to live in a building like this and believe that the city has many other areas where similar projects should be constructed, to add more housing options. . Thank you for your consideration.	Eshaan Ajmani		

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2025-11-10	12:09	CD-1 Rezoning: 6486 Chester Street	Support	I moved to Vancouver in 2022. Having lived in 7 cities across 5 countries, I can say (without a doubt) that Vancouver is the most beautiful city in the world, and it is a privilege to call this place my adopted home. However, a major factor that has inhibited the wonderful experience of being here is the cost of living. Much of this is a function of the rent prices. So much so that this topic has often dominated conversations with friends and with my family. I'm sure many Vancouverites would agree when I say that we need more common-sense housing in the city that is well-located but most-importantly affordable. I am glad to see such projects being proposed in neighbourhoods that have yet to see much change. Neighbourhoods in Vancouver that are 15 minutes from downtown should have density and should not look like the suburbs. Apartment buildings will be able to accommodate more people at lower per capita costs, something that needs to be prioritized. I support this proposal.	Maanya Mehra		
2025-11-10	21:11	CD-1 Rezoning: 6486 Chester Street	Support	See letter attached	Pall Beesla	Sunset	Appendix A



October 25th, 2025

City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Sim and Councillors,

Re: 6486 Chester Street, Vancouver - Letter of Support

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on urban development projects that impact our local community.

On behalf of the **Punjabi Market Collective Society**, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed six-storey rental residential development at 6486 Chester Street.

For over five decades, the Punjabi Market area has been a vital cultural and commercial hub for Punjabi Canadians and for Vancouver as a whole. The businesses that line this part of Main Street—family-owned restaurants, clothing stores, grocers, and cultural service providers—depend on a thriving and diverse local customer base to continue to operate and to keep the area's cultural legacy alive. Their survival and the long-term vibrancy and sustainability of the Punjabi Market has been the goal of the Punjabi Market Collective Society.

As housing affordability and displacement pressures have grown in Vancouver, many long-time customers, employees, and even small business owners themselves have been forced to move further away. This has weakened the economic foundation that local businesses need in order to succeed. Increasing the supply of purpose-built rental housing in our neighbourhood is an essential step to ensuring that Punjabi Market continues to be a living, thriving cultural district.

We believe that the proposed six-storey rental building will:

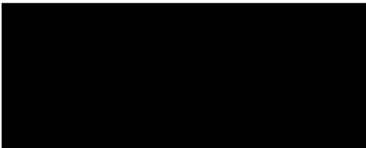
- Help diversify the housing stock in the area with much-needed long-term rental housing for local families, seniors, and workers.

- Help stabilize and expand the local population, ensuring that Punjabi businesses can rely on a consistent customer base.
- Support the City's goals for sustainable, transit-oriented growth while strengthening the cultural and economic life of our historic community.

The Punjabi Market Collective Society is committed to seeing this neighbourhood thrive as a welcoming place for Punjabi Canadians and as a cultural destination for all. We recognize that we live in a growing and evolving city and consider responsible, well-designed rental housing along arterial streets as a positive way to bring new energy into the community. We note that the proposal before you will not displace any existing tenants and does not require the sale of existing single family homes. In this way it is a net positive to our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Pall Beesla
Director of Community Partnerships

