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2025-11-25	12:26	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	<p>I support the Social Housing Initiative not only because it provides a path for more social housing specifically — an important model for helping to achieve greater levels of affordability for all Vancouver residents — but also because of its capacity to encourage more density of housing generally.</p> <p>Increasing all forms of housing supply is important for affordability because higher vacancy levels will increase the bargaining power of tenants, placing downward pressure on rents across the board.</p> <p>Dense development helps ensure that this new housing contributes to more livable and environmentally friendly neighbourhoods by lowering the burden on energy-intensive infrastructure like roads and utilities, and making it easier for people to access necessary services and amenities within a shorter distance of where they live.</p>	Jackson Spring	Grandview-Woodland	

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2025-11-26	15:23	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	<p>Dear Mayor and Councillors,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for the Vancouver Social Housing Initiative, which is coming to public hearing on November 27. As a Vancouver resident I believe this is an important and timely step toward expanding access to significantly expand the delivery of non-market affordable homes for our communities across Vancouver and I urge you to approve it.</p> <p>The housing crisis in Vancouver is severe, with an identified 77,000 households living in unaffordable, unsuitable, or inadequate housing (Vancouver 10-Year Housing Target/Housing Needs Report). Many families, seniors, and key workers simply cannot find stable or affordable housing that meets their needs. The Initiative offers a real opportunity to expand social, co-operative, and supportive housing across the city by simplifying zoning regulations for non-profit, co-op, and government owned sites.</p> <p>Key Benefits of the Social Housing Initiative</p> <p>With a professional background working in real estate development with non-profits across Vancouver delivering social housing projects, I know firsthand the extensive benefits that this initiative will provide for our city including the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requiring a full rezoning process for each project often makes social housing delivery costly, unpredictable, and slow. By removing the rezoning requirement for qualifying non-profit/government housing developments, approval timelines will be accelerated and deliver certainty for new social housing developments. This saves time, reduces costs, and reduces financial risk.• In a challenging environment of high construction costs, volatile markets, and limited land within non-profit ownership, all while need is growing, streamlining regulation is essential if we want to see significantly more affordable homes delivered in meaningful numbers and on useful timelines.• Faster and more predictable delivery of social housing means more people will have access to safe, affordable, and stable homes especially those who are vulnerable, low-income, or currently underserved.• Non-profit and co-operative housing providers can plan for development with more certainty when regulatory barriers are reduced. This also brings more assurance to lenders and funders who provide the funding and financing required to deliver non-profit owned long-term affordable housing. <p>By enabling mixed-income developments across many neighbourhoods, the city can support socio-economic diversity, and promote equitable distribution of affordable housing citywide. The Social Housing Initiative is a necessary reform given the housing emergency facing Vancouver. I encourage Council to seize this opportunity, approve the Initiative as proposed, and help deliver the homes that real people so desperately need.</p> <p>Thank you for your leadership and willingness to act boldly on housing.</p> <p>Sincerely, Annelise van der Veen Vancouver resident</p>	Annelise van der Veen	Riley Park	