

Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative - Support

Date Received	Time Created	Subject	Position	Content	Author Name	Neighborhood	Attachment
2025-11-27	05:35	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	I support this initiative. Rezoning is slow, and time is money. Social housing is non-profit, which means every penny of profit gets reinvested in lower rents. Conversely, every extra penny of costs manifest in higher rents. If we want abundant social housing, we need to make it easy to build.	Peter Dowdy	Renfrew-Collingwood	
2025-11-27	08:54	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	City council should be focused on reducing barriers to building ALL sorts of housing. Doing so for social and non-profit housing is just the lowest hanging fruit. This should be a no-brainer. No politician who purports to be pro-housing could vote against this.	Peter Waldkirch	Fairview	
2025-11-27	08:58	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	I support making it easier to build social housing	Jordan Fortney	Mount Pleasant	
2025-11-27	08:59	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	I support making it easier to build social housing.	Erin Brown-John	Riley Park	
2025-11-27	11:53	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	I support this initiative. We need more forms of housing that reflect a diverse set of needs in a neighbourhood.	Matheus De Oliveira	Marpole	

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2025-11-27	12:27	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	<p>Dear Mayor Sim and Council,</p> <p>I am pleased to support this long-awaited initiative.</p> <p>Zoning is supposed to regulate the use and not the user. But, at public hearings for social housing spot rezonings, it is almost as a matter of course that attention immediately and regularly focuses on who the users are rather than the form of the building. It is perhaps worth noting that even after this zoning amendment, Council will retain substantial control over where new social housing, especially highly-subsidized deeply affordable housing, will be located through engagement with BC Housing and control over city-owned lands and city funding, not to mention the development permit process.</p> <p>On the other hand, it is not a secret people in wealthier areas are able to use their political influence to block social housing near them, especially through the public hearing process and the spot rezoning consultation process generally. Unfortunately, I think this is reflected in this proposal already, such as through the glaring exclusion of centrally-located Shaughnessy from the zoning amendments being considered today. Still, this includes areas in the West side and will lead to more fairness and better use of resources than the current dynamic that heavily pushes social housing to the East side and concentrates shelter-rate housing in the Downtown East Side, which ultimately concentrates poverty and disconnects people from the areas in which they are rooted.</p> <p>I am disappointed this does not include my block, although at least something more than a multiplex will finally be allowed across the street from me, less than 100m from a RapidBus stop. While I do not expect this zoning to lead to much redevelopment, since housing non-profits generally cannot afford to buy land in the first place, I do think that this amendment will have a positive impact on my neighbourhood along Hastings and Renfrew and in every other included neighbourhood. Mixed use will allow more shops & services, especially those frequented by those in non-market housing, while providing more customers for these businesses.</p> <p>The main drawback of the proposed amendment is the same drawback of R3-1 low-rise apartment zoning in general: it is not economically viable. Removing the profit motive while increasing affordability requirements does not change this. It would be much more effective for staff and council to spend their time on policies intended to work than policies intended to not work.</p> <p>Finally, there is no good reason that these areas shouldn't be zoned outright for 20 and 6 storeys for all housing types. For the reasons above, I accept that making an exception specifically for social housing is necessary, but make no mistake that pretextual zoning is still costly, inefficient, and leads to permanent sub-optimal outcomes, like duplexes where 6-storey apartments should be.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Owen Brady</p>	Owen Brady	Hastings-Sunrise	
2025-11-27	12:37	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	<p>This council has talked a lot about their focus on finding efficiencies withing the city bureaucracy and the housing crisis. This proposal helps on both of those points by reducing the time and work burden for both social housing proponents and city staff. I expect to see this fully supported by council.</p>	Hannah Mills	Mount Pleasant	

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2025-11-27	12:47	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	in support	Paul Roche	Kitsilano	
2025-11-27	13:28	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	I am in favour of the Social Housing Initiative. Vancouver desperately needs more housing, including social housing.	J. K. McRoberts	Marpole	
2025-11-27	14:03	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	Hello I am writing in support of this amendment to zoning bylaws which would allow more social housing to be built in Vancouver. The housing market and unavailability of affordable rentals in Vancouver is completely out of control. There is construction happening everywhere around me and none of the new units are being listed at affordable rental prices. We need to build more buildings and units that are specifically for social housing and/or below market rental prices. We are losing affordable units in older buildings that get torn down to construct new buildings with units at prices nobody I know can afford. People are fleeing the city because they can't afford to live here. Homelessness can only be addressed by providing homes, affordable homes, social housing units that assist people into having a roof over their head when they have lost everything, government documents and IDs, to violent street sweeps. Housing in a fundamental human right. The city has a responsibility to steward it's citizens health and safety, the provision of appropriate housing is foundational to that responsibility.	Siling Zhang	South Cambie	
2025-11-27	14:19	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	Given that the city is going through a housing crisis, it is logical that the city helps streamline the process to build more social housing across the city. Social housing funding can go much further if each project is not burdened by years long bureaucracy.	Sami Nguyen	Downtown	
2025-11-27	16:32	Vancouver’s Social Housing Initiative	Support	Please see the attached letter on behalf of Women Transforming Cities (WTC) in strong support of this proposal.	Clara Prager	Mount Pleasant	Attachment 1