

Vancouver ODP Amendment and CD-1 Rezoning: 1683-1691 East Pender Street and 485 Commercial Drive - Support

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2026-07-15	17:16	Vancouver ODP Amendment and CD-1 Rezoning: 1683-1691 East Pender Street and 485 Commercial Drive	Support	My name is Darren Groth. I am the Manager of Player Health and ESG at Parq Casino. I write to express my strong support for The Kettle Society’s rezoning application. In my working role, I’ve had the great privilege of facilitating Parq’s support for, and collaboration with, The Kettle Society since 2021. During that period, I’ve come to view the Kettle as an exemplary organization and a true difference-maker in Vancouver’s most vulnerable, most marginalized sector. Through a wide variety of innovative and successful services — most notably, the remarkable Recovery Cafe — the Kettle occupies a treasured place in Parq’s ‘For Vancouver’ program of community engagement and partnership. I can’t think of an organization better equipped than the Kettle to realize the essential benefits inherent in this application. As operator of the new drop-in centre and social housing units, the Kettle’s passion, agility and acumen will save lives, build community, and deliver social and economic value well beyond that quantified in the application’s appendices. Approval of this rezoning and The Kettle Society’s restorative vision represents a win for the city and a better future for every Vancouver resident. It is my pleasure to provide this note of support. Sincerely, Darren Groth	Darren Groth	I do not live in Vancouver	
2026-07-16	07:46	Vancouver ODP Amendment and CD-1 Rezoning: 1683-1691 East Pender Street and 485 Commercial Drive	Support	I support drop in centres and supportive housing initiatives.	Ashley Reid		
2026-07-16	09:29	Vancouver ODP Amendment and CD-1 Rezoning: 1683-1691 East Pender Street and 485 Commercial Drive	Support	Please approve this vital project and ensure the Kettle Services Society can continue doing the work of supporting our vulnerable neighbours. As noted in the application, this area is going to be developed further in the coming years and this project aligns with the long term vision for the area.	Roberta McDonald	Grandview-Woodland	
2026-07-16	13:06	Vancouver ODP Amendment and CD-1 Rezoning: 1683-1691 East Pender Street and 485 Commercial Drive	Support	As Vancouver continues to face an increasing need for supportive and affordable housing, as well as accessible community spaces, it is more important than ever to create safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for vulnerable members of our community. The Grandview-Woodland and Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhoods continue to see a growing need for these services, and developments like this are an important step toward addressing that need. By providing both social housing and accessible community spaces, this development will help create greater stability for residents while improving access to essential supports. It reflects the kind of thoughtful, community-based investment that helps build healthier, safer, and more connected neighbourhoods for everyone. As an East Vancouver resident and business owner, I strongly support this development and encourage Council to approve the proposal.	Jillian Truscott	Grandview-Woodland	
2026-07-16	14:44	Vancouver ODP Amendment and CD-1 Rezoning: 1683-1691 East Pender Street and 485 Commercial Drive	Support	I support this project	Brittany Mack	Grandview-Woodland	

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2026-07-16	15:40	Vancouver ODP Amendment and CD-1 Rezoning: 1683-1691 East Pender Street and 485 Commercial Drive	Support	The Grandview-Woodland Community Policing Centre (GW CPC) supports this initiative. The Grandview-Woodland Community Policing Centre (GW CPC) is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization that works in partnership with the Vancouver Police Department to promote crime prevention, community safety, and public engagement through a variety of programs. We act as a bridge between residents and service providers, and we are committed to fostering resilience and wellbeing in our neighbourhood. The GW CPC and The Kettle have had a successful working relationship for more than 15 years. We support the work they do. We believe they help make the community a better place. Given the growing demand at their current location, their existing approach is clearly meeting an important need. Expanding their services with a new drop-in centre and additional supportive housing units will further strengthen their ability to support community members in need, particularly those who are most vulnerable. This initiative is vital for our community. It will provide people experiencing homelessness, addiction and mental health challenges with a safe, welcoming place where they can access support, resources and compassionate care. Mike Sauer Executive Director Grandview Woodland Community Policing Centre (GW CPC) and GW CPC Board of Directors	Mike Sauer	Grandview-Woodland	