

CD-1 Rezoning: 75 East 8th Avenue - Support

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2026-07-22	13:11	CD-1 Rezoning: 75 East 8th Avenue	Support	As the CEO of the BC Tech Association I speak on behalf of BC's Tech Sector - 271,000 workers and over 12,000 Tech companies, many of whom are based in Vancouver. The industry is a key driver of economic growth in the province and the city - sector GDP has grown 3 times faster than the rest of BC's economy over each of the last 5 years. Over the years, we've seen Vancouver's tech industry thrive and create jobs in the tech sector and greater resilience in every industrial sector. Mount Pleasant has become one of Canada's most important innovation districts because it brings together a variety of different users in one connected neighbourhood. This application recognizes that industrial space today looks different than it did decades ago. Vancouver is a destination for conferences, industry events, entrepreneurs, start-ups. And attracting and retaining talent is important to tech companies of all sizes. That's why an extended-stay hotel makes particular sense here, In addition to net new industrial space in Mount Pleasant, the hotel will provide the opportunity for business travellers to stay (and spend) within the neighbourhood that they're here to visit. It will also provide essential temporary accommodation for incoming workers from elsewhere in BC or other provinces until they find housing to relocate to their new job in Vancouver. Extended stay hotels are designed for people who are here for more than a night or two; whether they're launching a company, collaborating on a project, attending an accelerator, or participating in a conference. Those visitors contribute to the local economy while strengthening Vancouver's reputation as a place to do business. As we continue to grow, this is the kind of project that could really support our members businesses and Vancouver's economy. Thank you for your time and consideration	Jill Tipping	Fairview	