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2026-07-20	17:50	Vancouver ODP Amendment: (i) 500 Dunsmuir Street, 619-655 Richards Street, 501-565 West Georgia Street and (ii) 388 Abbott Street and CD-1 Rezoning: (i) 500 Dunsmuir Street, 619-655 Richards Street, 501-595 West Georgia Street and 620-698 Seymour Street and (ii) 388 Abbott Street	Support	We still have a dire need for hotel rooms in Vancouver. And a new group of visitors, people coming to Vancouver for medical reasons.	A B		
2026-07-21	10:08	Vancouver ODP Amendment: (i) 500 Dunsmuir Street, 619-655 Richards Street, 501-565 West Georgia Street and (ii) 388 Abbott Street and CD-1 Rezoning: (i) 500 Dunsmuir Street, 619-655 Richards Street, 501-595 West Georgia Street and 620-698 Seymour Street and (ii) 388 Abbott Street	Support	Please find enclosed letter in support of this application. Michael A. Goldberg Dean and Herbert R. Fullerton Professor of Urban Land Policy Emeritus The Sauder School of Business, The University of British Columbia	Michael A. Goldberg		Attachment 1
2026-07-21	11:23	Vancouver ODP Amendment: (i) 500 Dunsmuir Street, 619-655 Richards Street, 501-565 West Georgia Street and (ii) 388 Abbott Street and CD-1 Rezoning: (i) 500 Dunsmuir Street, 619-655 Richards Street, 501-595 West Georgia Street and 620-698 Seymour Street and (ii) 388 Abbott Street	Support	See attached file.	Carol Lee		Appendix A

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2026-07-21	17:19	Vancouver ODP Amendment: (i) 500 Dunsmuir Street, 619-655 Richards Street, 501-565 West Georgia Street and (ii) 388 Abbott Street and CD-1 Rezoning: (i) 500 Dunsmuir Street, 619-655 Richards Street, 501-595 West Georgia Street and 620-698 Seymour Street and (ii) 388 Abbott Street	Support	Hello Mayor and Council, please find attached letter of support. Michael Elkan Gastown Resident & Business Owner	Michael Elkan	Downtown	Appendix C



July 20, 2026

Mayor Ken Sim and Members of Council

Vancouver City Hall

453 W 12th Ave, Vancouver, BC

Re: Public Hearing, 501 & 595 W Georgia Street Mixed-Use Proposal

Dear Mayor Sim and Council,

I am writing you today regarding the proposed mixed-use development at 501 and 595 W Georgia Street, which comes before Council for Public Hearing this month.

Chinatown sits at the doorstep of Downtown Vancouver, and the two communities have always been closely linked. What gets built downtown shapes the foot traffic, investment, and vitality that flow into Chinatown, and what happens in Chinatown shapes how downtown is experienced by residents and visitors alike. Given this connection, I am largely supportive of the proposal.

In particular, I understand the proposal includes a turnkey social housing building at 388 Abbott Street, delivered to the City at no cost, immediately adjacent to Chinatown. This kind of tangible, place-based investment is the sort of benefit that can meaningfully strengthen our community.

As Council weighs the full range of considerations before it, I hope this connection between Downtown Vancouver and Chinatown, and the benefit this proposal could bring to our neighbourhood specifically, factor into your deliberations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Carol Lee

Founder & CEO

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July 13, 2026

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Sincerely,

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Jane Talbot
President & CEO
Downtown Van

Statement in Support of the Rezoning Proposal at Dunsmuir Street, Richards Street, West Georgia Streets, and 388 Abbott Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I have lived on Water Street in Gastown for many years and have also built a local business here, steps away from the Abbott Street frontage of Holborn's proposal. Living and working here has given me an appreciation for the importance of thoughtful city-building and the role that well-considered development can play in creating a more active and resilient urban environment. It is from my perspective as a Gastown resident that I offer my support for this proposal.

The proposed mixed-use development in downtown Vancouver represents a transformative opportunity to address critical city needs while delivering world-class architecture and public benefits.

This project will inject vitality into the downtown core by introducing 1,783 new homes, including 237 units of social housing, one of the largest stand-alone social housing contributions in Vancouver's history, alongside 920 hotel rooms, extensive conference space, and vibrant public amenities.

The development strategically replaces under-utilized surface parking with active public space, including a year-round programmed plaza, an Indigenous art gallery, and a publicly accessible observation deck offering panoramic city, mountain and ocean views.

Beyond housing and hospitality, the project will generate thousands of construction and permanent jobs, significantly stimulating the local economy and creating a more vibrant, inviting, and safer downtown.

Architecturally inspired by BC's rare glass sea sponges, the towers embody sustainability and innovation, targeting 50% reduction in embodied carbon and net-zero operational emissions.

With meaningful Indigenous consultation and art integration at its core, this development exemplifies how large-scale urban projects can honour reconciliation while meeting Vancouver's most pressing housing and urban revitalization challenges.

I look forward to seeing this project delivered in my neighbourhood.

Michael Elkan MRAIC RIBA

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