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Vancouver City Council
City Hall
453 West 12th Ave
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Cc: Carly Rosenblat, Rezoning Planner
Gil Kelley, General Manager Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability

Re: 1190 Burrard Street Rezoning

The Downtown Vancouver BIA is supportive of the application to rezone 1190 Burrard Street to allow for a 17-storey mixed-use building.

The 139 high quality, affordable housing units will serve the needs of the broader community. We welcome new supportive housing downtown and elsewhere that is built to high standards, is well maintained, and is effectively managed.

This building will create the opportunity for QMUNITY to move from their current location to a larger space where they will be better able to continue their work improving the lives of LGBTQ/2S people.

Passive house design will ensure this building is highly energy efficient and thereby contribute to the City of Vancouver's Greenest City goals.

Commercial retail units at street level have the potential to further serve the growing residential and business community. This important and busy intersection is ideal for a restaurant or an independent retailer. We ask that the street level uses be ones that engages and enhances the pedestrian experience of this corner site.

As you are aware, the area bounded by Nelson, Hornby, Thurlow and Drake streets is in transition and will continue to experience substantial change in the decade ahead especially with the relocation of St. Paul's Hospital's to the False Creek Flats. In closing, we request the City to engage stakeholders in an ongoing discussion about the future of this area, to develop a shared vision, and take steps to ensure that the area is in balance, offering a wide range of housing types for a broad demographic that will result in a strong, safe, healthy and resilient neighbourhood.

Sincerely,



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