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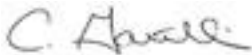
Support for 2538 Birch Street Rezoning

Access to housing near employment areas continues to be an urgent priority in the City of Vancouver. The 58 designated MIRHP units in this proposal will address an important affordability need, and the other 200 secured rental units will be a welcome boost to the rental housing supply.

As the City faces the economic realities of the COVID-19 pandemic and prepares resiliency plans for the future, secure housing supply will be as important as ever. The recovering economy will be closely tied to an affordable supply of transit-oriented housing in dense employment zones. The residents of the proposed building at 2538 Birch Street will have easy transit access to key employment areas along the Broadway corridor and the downtown core.

On behalf of the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association, I urge Council to approve this rezoning.

Sincerely,



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