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Support for 1045 Haro Street Rezoning

The proposed rezoning at 1045 Haro street will create opportunities for new residents to live within a short walking distance from jobs and businesses in the downtown core.

High density housing development in and around downtown is essential for mitigating traffic congestion and reducing carbon emissions. Further, the recent office development boom will create space for thousands of new jobs and increase the already soaring demand for housing in the area.

An important component of this proposal is the 69 childcare spaces that it will include. Child care is a top priority for Downtown Vancouver, and the most effective way to address the lengthy wait lists is to include child care facilities in new downtown developments such as this one.

Moreover, this development will enhance the public realm at street level with the addition of a public plaza. The 740-square metre plaza will offset any loss of sunlight experienced by shadowing from the tower. In fact, the applicant's shadow analysis concluded that 24 times more sunlight can be experienced by pedestrians at the future site than will be removed by the development's shadows on the 1000 block of Robson Street.

For the reasons noted above we ask that the development be approved for rezoning.

Sincerely,



Charles Gauthier
President and CEO

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