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**Support for 1059-1075 Nelson Street Rezoning – World’s Tallest Passive House**

Passive house construction sets a high standard for energy efficient building design. The City of Vancouver is the prime location for the world’s tallest passive house, as it signals our commitment to becoming the world’s greenest city.

The Downtown Vancouver BIA supports this rezoning proposal for several reasons. In addition to the environmental sustainability qualities associated with its passive house design, this project will also contribute to three sectors of the housing stock: social housing (113 units), market rental (49 units), and market condominiums (323 units).

High density housing in the downtown peninsula allows a growing number of people to walk or cycle to jobs and services, and contribute to the success of the core area of the city. Therefore, this project has environmental benefits that extend beyond its passive house design.

The DV BIA looks forward to the social and sustainability improvements that this project it will bring to the area, and we ask that Council approve this rezoning proposal.

Sincerely,



Charles Gauthier  
President & CEO

Please note that decisions to support individual projects are made by the DV BIA executive, not the board of directors. Gary Pooni, whose firm is involved in this project, was not involved in the DV BIA decision to support this proposal.

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