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Dear Mayor and Council,

I write in support of the bylaw text amendment allowing a permanent liquor license application at 735 Eighth Ave. (Massey Theatre).

The society is developing their expanded space, Eighth and Eight into a thriving cultural hub, a community gathering space. As a professional musician, I see a great deal of potential to these much needed spaces for creating a more vibrant performing arts community in New Westminster, as an alternative to Vancouver where most such events happen. They have even offered our Ukrainian-Canadian community free and subsidized access to these spaces to help us welcome newly arrived Ukrainians displaced by the war, for which we are really grateful. Adding a food and beverage program can improve the economic viability of the society and enhance the experiences of all who make use of these spaces.

Massey Theatre has successfully and safely held numerous temporary liquor licenses over the years. I feel confident the Massey Theatre Society will be respectful and responsible in their use a permanent liquor license, and use it to make Eighth and Eight an even more engaging destination for residents and visitors alike.

I am happy to add my support to their request.

Sincerely,

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