

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

New Westminster City Council  
Public Hearing and Council Consideration of Approval  
802 & 806 Eighth Street & 809 Eighth Avenue  
511 Royal Avenue  
New Westminster, BC V3L 1H9

Dear Council,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed development project in our neighborhood. This project represents a significant opportunity to bring positive change to our community, particularly in three key areas.

Firstly, the lack of development in our community can have a negative impact, particularly when it comes to housing. I am pleased to see that this project includes an assortment of houses, including affordable studio units. This will be hugely beneficial for both the community and first-time homebuyers, providing them with the opportunity to live in a comfortable and affordable space that suits their needs.

Secondly, I am in favor of the fact that the project seems to only provide one parking stall per unit and no parking stalls for the studio units. As a society, we must do our part to shift away from cars and the negative impact they bring, and to utilize public transport. This site seems to be well-served by public transport, and the project has implemented incentives to encourage homeowners to utilize public transport and car-sharing. This is a positive step forward in terms of sustainability and reducing the community's carbon footprint.

Finally, I understand that there may be concerns from some long-term homeowners in the area who do not want to see their community change. However, I believe that this way of thinking is damaging to the community and future generations. We need to embrace development and ensure that City staff and developers incorporate positive features into their projects to benefit the community. I believe that this project has done an outstanding job in this regard.

In closing, I urge you to support this project and help bring positive change to our neighborhood. The benefits it will bring, including affordable housing, sustainability, and community development, are too great to ignore. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

Cassie Westmorland