

Appendix C: Letters of Support

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December 4, 2021

Mayor and Council City of New Westminster 511 Royal Avenue New Westminster, B.C., V3L 1H9

RE: Support for Azure Group Proposal - Sangster Place Development

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept this letter as support for the Azure Group proposal to develop the six houses on Sangster Place into two six-story condominium buildings, with one of the buildings designated as rental, allocating 25% of the units to affordable housing. Housing is badly needed in the city, and this proposal is timely.

We have lived on Sangster Place for over 35 years and witnessed the transition from the CKNW headquarters to the current fast-food restaurant and gas station. We supported the 3 ½ story apartment building constructed directly across the street from us, and we will support the proposed high rise in the adjacent strip-mall.

With grocery stores across the street at McBride Plaza, and elementary and secondary schools within walking distance, the Azure proposal is a perfect location for families that have one or no vehicle. Having two parks on the east and north of the Sangster homes, the nearby residents on Mott Crescent will have an effective buffer zone. As a case-in-point, immediately after the Brockton apartments were constructed at 808 Sangster Place, we noticed much less traffic noise from McBride Boulevard, and one year after completion, we discovered considerably less dirt on our house that used to accumulate from heavy truck exhaust.

Again, the Azure Group proposal has our support, and we encourage Council to amend the OCP to accommodate it.

From:	<u>Gillian Day</u>
То:	Jonathan Cote; Lisa Spitale; Emilie Adin; Jackie Teed; Athena von Hausen; Chinu Das; Chuck Puchmayr; Chuck
	Puchmayr (Shaw); Jaimie McEvoy; Jaimie McEvoy (2); Mary Trentadue; Nadine Nakagawa; Patrick Johnstone
Cc:	Jacqueline Killawee; Sophie Schreder; Angela Danielisz; Kathryn Beardsley
Subject:	FW: [EXTERNAL] Support for Azure Group Proposal - Sangster Place Development
Date:	Monday, December 6, 2021 9:40:03 AM
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From: External-Clerks

Sent: Monday, December 6, 2021 9:39 AM

To: Personal Information removed

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Support for Azure Group Proposal - Sangster Place Development

Good morning,

I am writing to confirm receipt of your email. It has been forwarded to Mayor Cote and members of Council, the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Development Services.

Please note that if a member of Council raises this matter at a meeting, your email may be included in the agenda package that is posted to the City's website. Prior to posting, your email address, house number and phone number will be redacted.

Yours truly,

Gillian Day (she/her) | Agenda Secretary

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From: Personal Information removed

Sent: Sunday, December 5, 2021 10:28 AM

To: External-Clerks <<u>Clerks@newwestcity.ca</u>>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Azure Group Proposal - Sangster Place Development

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Sincerely,

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December 5, 2021 Mayor and Council City of New Westminster, BC V3L 1H9

RE: Sangster Place Development

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are writing this letter in support of the Azure Group proposal for two six-story condominium buildings on Sangster Place.

We purchased Personal Sangster Place 17 years ago and moved in on our daughters first birthday. We and our children have made many wonderful friends and memories in this home. The main thing that we have come to love about New West is the sense of community. I believe the reason this city has such a wonderful sense of community is that it is built on the foundation of families. Many generations of families have lived and worked here for many years. Many of our friends bought and renovated long time family homes. They continue to live, work, support each other and the community with their strong sense of heritage and history. We would love to see housing that could accommodate these families being able to stay to together in the city that they love.

The amazing walkability of grocery stores, coffee shops, the brand-new recreation facility and the ease of public transit could not be more perfect. Both of our children have enjoyed walking to all levels of school, having this ability is almost unheard of in other communities.

With the development already underway in this neighbourhood with the Brockton apartment building, the possible development of the strip mall behind the McDonalds on McBride, the townhouses being built on 8th above and below Cumberland, we feel that this development fits with the vision of the city and need for more housing. We have supported these developments and would continue to support future developments that are only going to enhance the future of our city.

Again, the Azure Group proposal has our support, and we encourage the Council to amend the OCP to accommodate it.

Sincerely,

December 5, 2021

Mayor Jonathan Cote and Council City of New Westminster 511 Royal Avenue New Westminster, B.C., V3L 1H9

RE: Letter of Support for Azure Group Proposal - Sangster Place Development

Dear Mayor Jonathan Cote and Council,

We are writing to express full support for the Azure Group proposal along Sangster Place. We have reviewed the proposal and like the idea that 25% of the units are allocated to affordable housing. New Westminster can benefit from a variety of housing options and this development addresses those needs, including preserving the environment and green space.

We have been residents of New Westminster since 2010, and envision ourselves living in this City permanently. This proposed development is in a prime location where everything is accessible for people of all ages. Elementary, secondary, and post-secondary institutions such as Justice Institute of BC and Douglas College, where we both worked for many years until our retirement, are either walking distance or accessible by bus. Groceries and the Recreation Centre are also easily walkable.

Please seriously consider this project proposal as it would have a positive social and economic impact in the City of New Westminster.

Sincerely,

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December 5, 2021

Mayor and Council City of New Westminster 511 Royal Avenue New Westminster, B.C., V3L 1H9

RE: Sangster Place Development

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are writing this letter in support of the Azure Group proposal for two six-story condominium buildings in Sangster Place.

We bought ^{Personal} Sangster Place five years ago and have completely renovated the house and property in that time. We made that investment as we have really enjoyed living in this neighborhood with all the convivences the location provides.

Our home was moved to this site in 1966. The house is classified as historic however there was no original character remaining in it, either inside or out, when we purchased it in 2016. We got quotes to renovate the house back to its original state, but the cost would have been prohibitive, and we thought it was inevitable the street would eventually be rezoned as it is in the perfect spot for intensification. Apart from 5 houses most of Sangster Place is already apartment buildings. We expect future redevelopment of the strip mall across the road from us into a high rise and we would support that.

We have looked closely at the Azure Groups proposal and believe it would give many others the opportunity to enjoy this fabulous location and enhance it especially if the street was made into a pedestrian mall which would add real character to the existing convenience.

With so many parks, facilities, schools, and accessible transport options within walking distance this is an ideal spot for low-income people and families to enjoy a good life at an affordable cost and because of the city's support of Evo shared electric vehicles and Azure's plan for electric bikes there is no need for every resident to have a vehicle.

The strip of houses on the North side of Sangster are surrounded by parks and are far enough away from our closest neighbors on Mott Cres to not have a significant impact. The proposed buildings will match the height of the existing Brookton apartments across the road on Sangster and be dwarfed but future high rises on McBride.

I would be surprised if the Council receives many objections to the redevelopment, but I would expect a lot of support from anyone who has looked at the proposal and anyone that stood a chance of living here.

The Azure Group have a great development track record and I think they would be the ideal people for the city to work with to maximize the potential of this wonderful location. We give them full support to processed and wish them the best of luck.

Sincerely,