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Dear Council Members,

We are writing this letter in support of the zoning bylaw amendment for the proposed mixed-use commercial and residential development at 6525, 6559 and 6585 Sussex Avenue (*Amendment Bylaw No. 38, 2017 - Bylaw No. 13814*).

As in other parts of the Lower Mainland, people in Burnaby have been hard hit by British Columbia's housing crisis. Too many people in our community are struggling to find housing they can afford.

One housing project alone will not resolve the housing crisis in our community, but this proposal is an important step towards making housing affordable for people in Burnaby. We urge Council to support the zoning bylaw amendment.

We are very pleased to see the partnership between B.C. Housing, the City of Burnaby, the New Vista Society and Thind Properties. This is an excellent example of our government's commitment to working in partnership with local governments, First Nations, as well as the co-op, non-profit and private sectors to take action on housing affordability. This type of collaboration is crucial to addressing the housing crisis and moving our community forward.

The project will co-locate a 14-storey apartment building of non-market rentals with a second building of retail stores, commercial office space and residential condos. This mixed-use of land will increase Burnaby's supply of affordable housing by replacing 64 market rate units with 125 non-market rental units and will ensure residents of all income levels have access to nearby public transit and community services. The project is not only good news for building a strong, diverse Burnaby-Deer Lake community, but also for Burnaby as a whole.

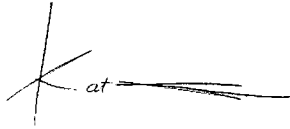
We recognize that this project is one of the first steps in addressing the housing crisis and that there is much more work to be done to provide affordable housing for people in Burnaby. After 16 years of neglect at the provincial level, our New Democrat government has been working hard to make housing more affordable for people, including developing a comprehensive housing strategy, closing the fixed-term lease loophole for renters, and increasing funding for the construction of affordable and supportive housing.

As local MLAs, we look forward to continuing to support the types of partnerships this project represents as our government works to make life more affordable for people in Burnaby.

Yours sincerely,



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Burnaby-Deer Lake



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December 12, 2017

Office of the City Clerk  
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Re: Letter in Support of rezoning to accommodate non-market housing –  
6525,6559,6585 Sussex Avenue

On behalf of the Burnaby Neighbourhood House I am writing this letter in support of the rezoning application of 6525, 6559, 6585 Sussex to make way for a redevelopment which will include 125 units of non-market housing by New Vista, BC Housing, and the City of Burnaby.

The Burnaby Neighbourhood House is very active in addressing the social needs of vulnerable populations living in Burnaby. Our Outreach coordinators and staff members have seen first-hand the stress being experienced by individuals who are being displaced due to new Metrotown developments. This project will have a positive impact on our community as it will increase the number of affordable housing units for low income individual and families. We have witnessed the displacement of so many of our neighbours and feel that this project is a good beginning to addressing the housing crisis that our city currently faces.

Our understanding is that the New Vista Society will work with the tenants being displaced on a relocation plan during the redevelopment. We believe that this is a primary consideration when redeveloping as we want to ensure that Burnaby residents continue to live in the neighbourhoods and City that they know, feel comfortable with, and love.

We look forward to a favorable outcome with this being the beginning of mixed use developments that will include non-market housing in the transformation of our town centres.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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