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Victoria Mayor and City Council
mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca
Victoria City Hall
23 July 2018
Re: 1501 Haultain

Dear Victoria Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express Cities for Everyone's support for proposed mixed use development at 1501 Haultain Street in Fernwood, and the variances required to make it successful.

This is the type of infill the city needs to accommodate more people in multimodal neighborhoods where residents can minimize their automobile ownership and use, and therefore their cost burdens. It is located in Haultain Corners, a very walkable small urban village closed to Royal Jubilee Hospital, Hillside Mall, and Downtown. It is on the city's *all ages and abilities* bike route, and a bus stop is located in front of the building.

The developers will implement a number of actions to support non-auto travel including Modo Carshare membership, plus abundant bicycle parking, including ten that are enclosed. I do not think the request for the developer to provide an electric bicycle for each unit is necessary or useful. Not everybody want or will use an electric bicycle, and the costs of such amenities will ultimately borne by occupants; each dollar of additional costs will require more than a dollar in increased purchase or rent costs. This project's key value is its very accessible location. Cities for Everyone recommends that the City avoid any additional cost burdens.

Sincerely,

Todd Litman
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