

Heather McIntyre

From: Joanne Thibault [REDACTED]
Sent: December 9, 2019 1:26 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: 1301 Hillside Ave - 49 condominiums

Importance: High

Hello Mayor and Council;

I am very glad to see the development proposal for 1301 Hillside coming before you for your decision about the project going forward to public hearing. I hope you will concur with advancing the project forward as it is a solid contribution to housing in Victoria. Not only will the project enhance the look of a currently stark and rough corner, but it will offer housing to a diverse range of incomes. The live/work units are a great feature, as is the Modo car share stall and membership.

Before I decided to send this endorsement to you I looked carefully at how NVision has approached seeking approvals. The work they have put into arriving at an agreeable ideal was good to see. It is what has prompted me to express my support.

Thanks so much, Joanne

(also a strong advocate for FAIR wages for City Councillors - I know how much work you folks do, and I appreciate it entirely)

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From: Ben Clark <[REDACTED]>
Sent: December 10, 2019 8:07 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Feedback: 1301 Hillside

Hello Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed development at 1301 Hillside.

The main reason for my support is that the Hillside corridor seems like one of the best candidates in the City for increased density. The OCP signals increased residential capacity within walking distance of transit service and the services at Hillside/Quadra and Hillside Centre. Ideally I would like to see more height and density on this site, but I recognize that there are not many 6 storey buildings on Hillside yet. It looks like the developer has reduced the height to respond to community concerns.

I recognize that there are likely concerns from residents nearby about the potential increased pressure on parking, but I think the developer has done a good job of mitigating this through bus passes, car share and bike parking. I think it is really important that the City is proactively working with BC Transit and other mobility solutions to build better transit service - especially along corridors like Hillside. Thank you for your leadership in providing the youth bus passes!

Recognizing that this development went from a rental proposal to a condo development, I think it is really important that the affordability component is a firm commitment and not simply a suggestion. I think the City could be doing a much better job at providing a clear framework for developers to work with in this regard - providing certainty about community amenity contributions related to affordability, food assets like planter boxes and edible landscaping, forward-looking energy efficiency standards, and other benefits would be good for all parties.

-Ben Clark
Chair of Oaklands CALUC from 2012-2018

City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
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December 10th 2019

The Jefferson Bates Family
1261 Vista Heights
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Dear Council:

My family and I reside in the Quadra/Hillside area and are in favour of Abstract Development's proposal to build at 1301 Hillside.

Abstract's team has made an insurmountable amount of effort to consider this build from every angle. And, in doing so, has successfully found solutions for numerous potential issues while also taking into consideration how this could impact their neighbours.

Some of these considerations include:

- An affordable housing option
- Offering green alternatives
 - Bus passes
 - Cargo bike parking
 - Car sharing
- Including The Cridge in the planning process (who also endorse this project)

Based on their efforts over the years, I think it goes without saying that this local development company has been working diligently to demonstrate its commitment to establishing a thriving community within the Quadra/Hillside neighbourhood.

We look forward to seeing this project come to life!

Sincerely,



Candace L. Bates

December 5th, 2019

Mayor and Council
The City of Victoria
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Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: 1301 Hillside Proposed Development

As a representative of the Cridge Centre for over 25 years providing care for toddlers and infants, as well as, a long-standing member of the community, I am writing to you in full support of the proposed development located at 1301 Hillside Avenue. I myself have been married for 38 years, with two daughters and two grandchildren and have witnessed how difficult it is to find housing options within Victoria and the CRD.

I currently reside two blocks from Abstract's new downtown building, Black and White. It has been exciting to watch it be built from the ground up, and I feel it is truly a spectacular addition to the downtown core. The proposed project at 1301 Hillside Avenue by Abstract's partner company NVision responds to the need for new housing in our city and helps to complement the Cridge Centre through the provision of new housing intended for a variety of incomes.

I am excited that NVision will be partnering with BC Housing to provide roughly 20% of the proposed units at 10% below market price. This provides opportunities for renters to get into home ownership and it aligns well with Council's current focus on providing more affordable housing options in our city. For this reason, I support the project moving forward, as some of the main goals and values of the Cridge Centre focus on inclusivity and opportunity for all.

Although parking and traffic have been a concern to us and our surrounding neighbours I feel the additional steps taken to provide transit passes and a car share vehicle will greatly reduce any parking concerns.

Nvision and their team have put together an attractive and functional building that is comparable in height to buildings currently along Hillside and I feel the project fits well into the Oaklands neighbourhood. I am excited to see a new building on what has been a vacant site since 2008 and to watch the process of transformation from beginning to end, as I did for Black and White.

NVision has put the time and work in to develop a creative housing project that addresses local demand for housing. I feel the proposal is worth of consideration at public hearing and I encourage Council to move it forward.

Kind Regards,
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