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From: Kevin Albers [REDACTED]
Sent: June 9, 2020 5:49 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: Carolina Barra
Subject: Letter of Support - Pacifica - The Fairfield June 9^J 2020.pdf
Attachments: Letter of Support - Pacifica - The Fairfield June 9^J 2020.pdf

To Mayor and Councilors,

Please see attached letter of support for Pacifica Housing's request for funding to support the tenants of the Fairfield Hotel during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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Mayor Lisa Helps and Councillors
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Via Email: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca

Re: Support for recommendations - Fairfield Hotel Housing Grant for Pacifica Housing

Dear Mayor Helps and Councillors,

Pacifica Housing provides much-needed housing for low income people in Victoria and southern Vancouver Island. During this time of crisis, we must empower them to sufficiently provide for their tenants, and support those people most at risk.

On behalf of M'akola Housing Society, we are in full support of the recommendations made in the council report delivered May 29, 2020, and we urge you to accept the recommendations so that Pacifica can relocate tenants of the Fairfield Hotel into safe and adequate housing, drastically reducing their risk during the pandemic and a potential second wave, while ensuring they have adequate support to ensure their long term housing security. This action is necessary and time-sensitive, as the risk these tenants face is urgent.

Thank you for your attention to this vitally-important housing matter.

Yours truly,

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Kevin Albers, CPA, CAFM, CIHCM
Chief Executive Officer
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From: Chris Forester [REDACTED]
Sent: June 9, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: Ibarra, Carolina
Subject: In support of one-time extraordinary circumstances grant to support Pacifica Housing in the relocation of Fairfield residents
Attachments: Fairfield Hotel_ Letter to Mayor and Council.docx

Please see the attached letter of support for Pacifica Housing's work to rehouse the tenants of the Fairfield Hotel.

Kind Regards,

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On behalf of Connections Place Society, we are in full support of the recommendations made in the council report delivered May 29, 2020, and we urge you to accept the recommendations so that Pacifica can relocate tenants of the Fairfield Hotel into safe and adequate housing, drastically reducing their risk during the pandemic and a potential second wave, while ensuring they have adequate support to ensure their long term housing security. This action is necessary and time-sensitive, as the risk these tenants face is urgent.

It should be stated, that throughout this period of necessary and intentional re-housing, each and every tenant's individual needs and wellbeing were held at the forefront of the decision making process. This has resulted in extraordinarily successful housing placements for many of the former Fairfield tenants who are not only much safer and more appropriately housed, but who have also been given an opportunity to experience greater wellbeing and better lives through the support of the Pacifica housing team and its partners.

Thank you for your attention to this vitally-important housing matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Forester
Executive Director
Connections Place Society





June 9th, 2020

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Via Email: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca

Dear Mayor Helps and Councillors,

**Re: Support for recommendations from City staff
Fairfield Hotel Housing Grant**

First, on behalf of Pacifica Housing, we would like to extend our gratitude for the hard work you and your staff have done to support the residents of Victoria during the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, we thank you for speaking out for the city's homeless to secure indoor shelter.

We have reviewed the May 29, 2020 council report submitted by Karen Hoesel, Director, Sustainable Planning & Community Development, and we are in full support of the recommendations.

As you are aware, the Fairfield Hotel contains 62 units of single-occupancy subsidized housing, but the building does not offer adequate support for current tenants, in particular those with higher needs. Vulnerabilities have become exacerbated in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The homes to which we have been transferring former Fairfield residents are vastly superior, safer and better support their housing security. Attached to this letter are images of a suite in the Fairfield Hotel for one of our senior residents, who Pacifica helped transition to more suitable housing in another of our buildings (also pictured).

On behalf of Pacifica Housing, we thank you for the City's ongoing support, and urge you to accept the recommendations made in the report so we may continue to help vulnerable members of our community.

Sincerely,

Jaime Hall
President, Board of Directors
Pacifica Housing

Carolina Ibarra
CEO
Pacifica Housing

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From: Ibarra, Carolina [REDACTED]
Sent: June 9, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Subject: Fairfield Hotel - In Support of City Staff Grant Recommendation
Attachments: Scanned from a Xerox Multifunction Printer.pdf; FF Horacio Old Unit-1.jpg; New Unit Kitchen Sample.jpg; FF Horacio Old Unit -2.jpg; H.G - New Unit .jpg

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept the attached letter of support from Pacifica's Board President and myself expressing our support for the City staff report recommendations regarding the one-time extraordinary circumstances grant to assist with the relocation of Fairfield residents who wish to move and its continued operation while we undertake the work.

I have also attached for your reference photographs of one of the seniors we recently relocated (Horacio) in the living-room of his new unit, as well as photos of his old unit at the Fairfield. His new unit is in a building with an elevator which will support his long-term mobility through the building, in-suite kitchen and washroom and is more secure with fob access. I have also included a photo of a kitchen in the same building, where another Fairfield resident has accepted to move.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Carolina

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From: David Hutniak [REDACTED]
Sent: June 9, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: David Hutniak
Subject: Support for recommendations - Fairfield Hotel Housing Grant for Pacifica Housing
Attachments: City of Victoria Pacific Housing June 9 2020.pdf

Dear Mayor Helps and Councillors.

We respectfully submit the attached letter in support for recommendations related to the Fairfield Hotel Housing Grant for Pacifica Housing.

Thank you for your serious consideration.

David Hutniak
Chief Executive Officer
LandlordBC - BC's top resource for owners and managers of rental housing



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On behalf of LandlordBC, we are in full support of the recommendations made in the council report delivered May 29, 2020, and we urge you to accept the recommendations so that Pacifica can relocate tenants of the Fairfield Hotel into safe and adequate housing, drastically reducing their risk during the pandemic and a potential second wave, while ensuring they have adequate support to ensure their long term housing security. This action is necessary and time-sensitive, as the risk these tenants face is urgent.

Thank you for your attention to this vitally important housing matter.

Sincerely,



David Hutniak
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From: Kathy Stinson [REDACTED]
Sent: June 9, 2020 1:18 PM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: In Support of Grant Recommendation for Pacifica Housing
Attachments: Victoria Mayor and Council Fairfield Hotel Housing Grant for Pacifica Housing.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept the attached letter from Victoria Cool Aid Society expressing our support for the City to provide Pacifica with a one-time extraordinary circumstances grant to assist with the relocation of Fairfield residents who wish to move to appropriate, self-contained housing. Thank you, Kathy

Kathy Stinson CPA, CMA, CIHCM
Chief Executive Officer



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Together we will end homelessness.

Victoria Cool Aid Society acknowledges the Lekwungen and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, on whose traditional territories we build homes, lives, and community. HÍSW̱ḴE.



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Dear Mayor Helps and Councillors,

Pacifica Housing provides much-needed housing for low income people in Victoria and southern Vancouver Island. During this time of multiple crises – homelessness, opioid and pandemic – it is imperative that organizations like Pacifica, who serve some of the most vulnerable members in our community are themselves supported to adequately meet the needs of their tenants.

The Fairfield Hotel building is not sufficient to meet the needs of its existing residents, and Pacifica recently announced their intention to end their operation of the building. Pacifica has been very clear that the building is unsuitable to appropriately house an at-risk population, a situation that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pacifica is seeking support from the City to retain the grant money received to support the operation of the Hotel as affordable housing, to now assist them in transitioning the tenants from the Hotel to more suitable accommodations.

As an organization also dedicated to serving the most vulnerable in our community, Victoria Cool Aid Society is in full support of the recommendations made in the council report delivered May 29, 2020. We urge you to accept the recommendations so that Pacifica can relocate tenants of the Fairfield Hotel into safe and adequate housing, drastically reducing their risk during the pandemic and a potential second wave, while ensuring they have adequate support to ensure their long term housing security. This action is necessary and time-sensitive, as the risk these tenants face is urgent.

Thank you for your attention to this vitally-important housing matter.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Stinson, CEO CPA, CMA, CIHCM

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Dear Mayor Helps and Councillors,

Pacifica Housing provides much-needed housing for low income people in Victoria and southern Vancouver Island. The pandemic has put a spotlight on the urgent need to provide safe, healthy, and secure housing for our most vulnerable community members. During this time of crisis, it is vital that non-profit housing providers like Pacifica have the resources they need to provide appropriate supports for their tenants to ensure their health and well-being.

On behalf of the BC Non-Profit Housing Association, I submit this letter in support of the recommendations made in the council report delivered May 29, 2020, and urge you to accept the recommendations so that Pacifica can relocate tenants of the Fairfield Hotel into safe and adequate housing. Relocating vulnerable tenants will drastically reduce the risk to their health and well-being during the current wave of the pandemic and a potential second wave, while ensuring they have adequate support to ensure their long-term housing security. This action is necessary and time-sensitive, as the risk these tenants face is urgent.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial housing matter.

Sincerely,



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