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From: Bart Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: January 24, 2021 10:02 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Support for 1224 Richardson St.

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing you today to express my support for the proposed development at 1224 Richardson St. that is going to public hearing on January 28, 2021.

This proposal would add an additional 23 units of net new needed housing to the Rockland neighbourhood, which despite it being a centrally located neighbourhood, has seen relatively little recent development and densification. Additional housing and alternative housing options such as this proposal is needed to assist with meeting demand, and to help keep long-term residents in the area who may be looking to either get in the market or downsize from a single family home. This project would provide a great alternative for those who want to live centrally and sustainably, but avoid high-rise downtown living.

The design of this proposal is very thoughtful, suiting this uniquely deep site, blending in with the existing streetscape which is surrounded by similarly sized residences. With sustainability in mind, through its design and central location (being close to downtown and Cook street), this proposal actively encourages residents to leave the car behind and walk or bike to nearby amenities.

Aligning with key elements of the Official Community Plan and Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan, this project would provide additional affordable sustainable housing in a gentle density manner, projects which we need more of across the City of Victoria. I encourage you to approve this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Hearings](#)
Subject: 1224 Richardson, public hearing Thursday 28 January
Date: January 25, 2021 2:36:07 PM

To the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Victoria,

We live at 632 Harbinger Avenue, the second building down the west side of Harbinger from Richardson St. As near neighbours to the project, we would like to respectfully submit our opinion about this proposal.

Though supportive of increased density in our neighbourhood, and many other aspects of this proposal, we believe the number of units proposed is far too high.

- The very high density proposed is inconsistent with the existing neighbourhood.
- The proposal lacks the diversity common in this neighbourhood: singles, couples and families, occupying everything from bachelor units to units with three and four bedrooms. For example, working families are excluded from this proposal.
- The proposed very limited parking would inevitably lead to spillover onto neighbouring streets.

Yours truly,

Thomas Currier
Mary Addison