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From: GK A-L [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2022 12:46 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Missing Middle Initiative Support

Hello there,

My partner and I rent an apartment in a converted heritage home in Rockland that has 5 separate units and we absolutely think the area can and should be densified in the coming years, as well as all of Greater Victoria in general. Saanich and Oak Bay specifically must step up their game.

Just wanted to throw in our support of the Missing Middle Initiative - even if it's not perfect, what's the alternative? Doing nothing certainly will not help bring the prices down and we can't afford to wait much longer. The current housing crisis intersects with the impending climate change catastrophe, so this could be an important part of a holistic approach to our woes.

No more suburbs and sprawl that are draining public resources and destroying the environment. No more bending to the will of the select few elitists sitting on their hoarded wealth. Single-family zoning created a dangerous myth and was a huge mistake of the 20th century that we and the future generations are now left to deal with.

Thank you and hopefully the council will be able to make this much needed initiative a reality.

Best,
Gabriel Alenko-Linden

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From: Raphael Beck [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2022 9:49 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: MMI

Hello,

I categorically oppose this bylaw in its current state.

It will result in loss of green spaces and trees, and will hurt renters. It will change the face of our city. It will lead to marked reduction in our quality of life.

If you do pass this bylaw, I will support every effort to get the next council (that hopefully will not include the current members) to repeal it.

Raphael Beck
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Victoria

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From: Charlotte Collens [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 9:44 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Missing Middle Housing

Hello,

I am writing today in favour of the missing middle housing initiative.

I have lived in Victoria for eight years now, at 26 years old that is almost a third of my life. I consider this my home city but I have not had a consistent home here the whole time I've lived here. Due to the housing shortage I have had to move from rental to rental. This has robbed me of a community, of stability and the ability to put down any type of roots. The uncertainty of 'where will I live once my lease runs out?' has been a constant burden to myself and others of my generation. So many people I know in my age group/generation would much rather be paying a mortgage than rent. But the housing crisis has made it unaffordable to almost everyone I know. There are the odd exceptions, like 2 friends who decided to buy a condo together so they would both have a stable place to live and are now stuck with payments and a permanent roommate as they grow their separate lives.

More middle housing would alleviate some of the pressure of the housing crisis. It wouldn't 'wreck the character of the neighbourhood' it would improve it, it would allow my generation to own homes, build community, put down roots, have families if they wanted. Which is everything we're being denied right now because some people don't want duplexes beside them.

So for all the reasons above I am incredibly in favour of more middle housing.

Thank you,
Charlotte Collens

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From: Kate Berniaz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 11:11 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Missing middle public hearing- my support

Dear Mayor and Council,

I fully support the missing middle amendment package. Housing choice and affordability is key to Victoria's economic and social success as a community.

Through this process, I hope that you are thinking of all the people and families who are probably not writing or attending these meetings. That is, the families who are crowded in apartments that they have grown out of but can't move because of the huge increase in rental housing costs. Or the families that are working and raising children while drowning in debt because they had no other choice if they want a 3 bedroom home in Victoria.

We need a huge increase in infill missing middle housing to keep workers and families in the city and meet our climate goals.

Thank you,
Kate Berniaz
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Sent from my iPhone