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To: Council Secretary
Subject: <no subject>

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10 May 2017

Mayor and Council
City of Victoria
#1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Re: Rezoning Proposal: 848 Yates Street & 845 Johnson Street

Your Worship and Members of Council:

We are writing to express our full support for the above-noted rezoning application. As owners of the property located at the corner of Johnson & Quadra Streets - adjacent to 844 Johnson (Portland Hotel Society Residential Outreach) - we have been closely following this proposal with much interest through the design stage and feel that the planning of this significant downtown site is quite appropriate and inline with the precedent established by existing urban design typologies of the Downtown Core Area Plan.

The harsh reality is that there is a stigma attached to this long-neglected part of our city with its abundance of social issues that have spilled into the street. Now our challenge, as responsible corporate citizens, is try to create a amore vibrant and animated neighbourhood together were residents can find a secure, safe and welcoming environment. Of course, this is not the only solution, however, it is a step in the right direction!

I, therefore, humbly recommend that the Council approve this rezoning proposal.

Sincerely yours,
Alpha Project Developments Ltd.

Bijan Neyestani, President

May 9, 2016

Mayor Lisa Helps and Victoria City Council
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6
mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am pleased to be writing this letter in support for the new proposed mixed-use project currently being proposed by Chard Development at 848 Yates Street. This exciting project has, in my opinion, the potential to re-shape the 800 blocks of Yates and Johnson streets – an area that is in very desperate need of re-shaping. By providing over 200 new housing alternatives, enhanced streetscape, retail opportunities, public parking, increased tax base and new jobs, this development is poised to facilitate and accelerate long awaited urban enhancement and renewal of downtown Victoria.

As all of you know, this neighborhood has become home to a plethora of social service organizations which serve the most vulnerable of populations in Victoria, the most notable being 844 Johnson Street and Our Place on Pandora Avenue. Unfortunately, the Victoria Conservatory of Music (home to over 4,500 music students, music therapy clients and 40,000 audience members) has found itself sandwiched between the two and has had to endure the impact that these services have had on our organization and surrounding neighborhood.

It is exciting to think that this area could be home to a new Chard Development which will fill a real and existing gap in this area and attract a long awaited vibrancy to this transitioning neighbourhood. It has been our dream to exist in a vital and thriving community which provides increased economic and lifestyle opportunities that actually bring people to the area, as opposed to driving them away.

Quite honestly, I think it is extremely courageous of Chard Developments to be willing to take a risk and to make a substantial investment in this challenging neighborhood and I stand up and applaud them for their vision and the long term commitment they are prepared to make to revitalize this area. In return, I believe that the City of Victoria has a fundamental responsibility to support their application and, in the process, help this community achieve a shared vision for an active, engaging and prosperous downtown community.

We strongly support this application and look forward to attending the public hearing this coming Thursday evening, May 11th 2017.

Sincerely,



Jane Butler McGregor
CEO
Victoria Conservatory of Music

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From: v earle [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Development Permit with Variance Application No.00025

I'm a resident of 834 Johnson Street, I opposed for the increased of storeys from 10 storeys to 21 storeys. I believe that buildings in downtown Victoria should not be higher. Our City is beautiful because we don't have skyscraper buildings. And we have to maintain that identity. Hoping that my input stands.

Thank you,
Venus Earle
Suite 1107
834 Johnson Street.

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