

Hi Mayor and Council,

I am emailing in to show my support for the 6storey building at 1042 Richardson. This type of building is exactly what the area needs, it is on a bike route, it is a short 10 min walk to downtown, and most importantly, it has 25% non market affordable rentals! that's amazing!

I have worked closely with the architect on this project in my professional career and it really mistifies me that Staff has recommended turning this building away. Actions like this are why we have a housing crisis. This project should be one that Council is recommending to skip public hearing rather than be turned away before it gets there.

Thank you for your time

David Berry

Good afternoon,

I am the owner of 204 - 1035 McClure Street and I have reviewed the latest proposal by Mr. Bart Johnson for development of the property outside my living room and bedroom. I object in the strongest terms to this proposal. It will render my property unliveable and devalued.

Additionally it is a departure from the community standards and I find it almost impossible to understand that the developer has returned to this proposal.

Yours truly

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Hello COV elected officials!

I am writing in strong support for the proposed apartment building on 1042 Richardson St. The process this has been subjected to is brutal - reducing the number of units, and going from a healthy mix of ownership and rental to pure rental. I denounce staff's recommendation to block this development on the basis of the OCP, a plan that frequently conflicts with our housing goals.

The land is already owned, the previous building has been demolished. **Delay only means more expensive units for the end residents.**

Lastly, I want to extend my support for the architect, Christine Lintott and her excellent design - it incorporates a huge amount of bicycle parking, and both the spaces and elevator are future-proofed for cargo bikes. **These are exactly the kind of buildings we need near the core to support our housing and climate goals.**

Finn

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to provide my support for the 1042-1044 Richardson Street proposed development. I am a graduate student at UVic and currently reside in the Saanich municipality. I am involved in equity work and advocacy across the university and identify as an international, queer, and disabled student.

Low vacancy rates across the Capital Regional District and the cost of living crisis have made renting a significantly more challenging experience for students in the past few years. Projects such as the one suggested for 1042-1044 Richardson Street that would provide 15 market rental units and 5 non-market (affordable) rental units will create more affordable housing options for people in our community, including students. Housing insecurity affects folks of lower socio-economic status and those in marginalised groups disproportionately. Without dealing with these housing issues they will develop into further problems, such as increased food insecurity and increased rates of homelessness. It is important councils must do everything possible to ensure our communities remain safe places to live for everyone. This means due to the nature of the housing affordability crisis, we should aim to maximize the potential supply of rental housing.

This development also considers environmental sustainability in its plans, which is a key value of the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS). The proposal has green features (such as solar panels, LED lighting, and a self-generating elevator) and sustainable transit options (such as car share memberships for units and multiple elements of bike centered infrastructure). Regarding the reduced vehicle parking in this proposal, according to a UVSS internal transit survey, only 18.8% of students use cars as their primary mode of transport, so lack of parking does not make suites inaccessible for most students.

It is our obligation as a community to support the people harmed the most by the restricted housing market on Vancouver Island, and thus to provide increased affordable rental units.

Yours sincerely,
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