

February 23, 2023

Teri Collins, Deputy Minister of Housing
Province of British Columbia
By email: Teri.Collins@gov.bc.ca

Dear Teri:

RE: 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue

The City of Vancouver (the “City”) is currently considering an application to rezone the property at 2086-2098 West 7th Avenue in the City of Vancouver (the “Site”) for a social housing project. The Site is owned by the City and the rezoning is being undertaken by the Vancouver Affordable Housing Agency. Once new zoning is in place it is anticipated that the City will enter into a lease agreement with BC Housing which will enable BC Housing to develop the Site as a social housing project.

As required by the *Vancouver Charter*, on June 28, 29,30 and July 14, 25 and 26, 2022 the City held a public hearing to consider the application to rezone the Site (The “Public Hearing”). On October 17, 2022 a citizens group, the Kitsilano Coalition for Children and Family Safety Society, filed a Petition in BC Supreme Court challenging the validity of the Public Hearing on a number of grounds.

The filing of the Petition creates potential uncertainty and delay for an urgently needed social housing project. In order to resolve this uncertainty and prevent further delay the City of Vancouver formally requests that the Province take whatever legislative steps are necessary to enable the rezoning of the Site for the proposed social housing project.

Yours truly,



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