

RE: 800 Griffiths Way

Dear Mayor and Council:

We are writing in support of the rezoning of 800 Griffiths Way on behalf of the False Creek Residents Association, and its member organizations, including the Crosstown Residents Association and the City Gate Inter-tower Group.

This development is part of an overall plan that will bring much needed community benefits:

1. The proposed rink/community space and 69 space childcare planned for the Plaza of Nations property owned by Canadian Metropolitan Properties (CMP) ; and
2. The skybridge to take event related pedestrian traffic from the Skytrain station off of Expo Blvd.

Of importance to our associations is the fact that the developers, Aquilini Developments and CMP have worked cooperatively to ensure that the needs and concerns of the residents are taken into account. This includes not only the two specific benefits noted above, but a general “good neighbour” policy that includes a ‘Respect Your Host Community’ series of public announcements at Rogers Arena and inclusion of neighbouring properties in plaza clean up following major events at the Arena.

We recognize that because the proposal is for rental buildings, the development will not attract the level of Community Amenity Contributions that might have been associated with condominium development. However, we are assured that this will not jeopardize the delivery of the two specific benefits noted above. **Our support for the proposal is contingent on the delivery of the two benefits specified above.**

Although our involvement with the city sponsored Joint Working Group on Northeast False Creek has been less than satisfying, we are pleased that direct dialogue with the developers has resulted in a positive working relationship. We assume that this will continue and we will work together to develop a healthy community where residents, both renters and owners, have good connectedness to the community.

Yours truly,
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