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

February 14, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Rapid Deployment of Affordable Housing

I write on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association in relation to the City's Rapid Deployment of Affordable Housing through Regulatory & Policy Amendments and Process Revisions initiative.

We have heard from a number of members of FGCA who were concerned about FGCA having signed the VCAN letter of June 2021 addressing this topic.

FGCA wishes to clarify our position. We support the acceleration of affordable housing, conditional on ensuring that there remain effective avenues for public engagement and input into those decisions if Council delegates decision-making to staff.

Support for affordable housing generally is consistent with:

- FGCA's values of inclusion and equity
- FGCA's vision of an "inclusive, welcoming" community
- FGCA's Strategic Priorities: "improve life for people in our community" and "create and support vibrant, livable, beautiful, warm, safe spaces in the ... community."

Further to the above point about inclusion and equity, we note the additional need for affordable housing among persons with disabilities, and are encouraged to see this acknowledged in City affordable housing policy.

Thus we ask the City to advise what avenues for public engagement and input would accompany such a change.

Yours truly,

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