



## PUBLIC SUBMISSION FORM

CC 968 (R2023-10)

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How do you wish to attend? Remotely

If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please indicate if you require language or translator services. (required - max 75 characters) I do not.

What meeting do you wish to comment on? (If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please select "November 20") (required) Council

Date of meeting (If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please select "November 20") (required) Nov 14, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (If you are providing input on service plans and budget adjustments, please write "budget" below) (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published [here](#).)

(required - max 75 characters) LOC2023-0066

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required) In favour

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

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November 5, 2023

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To Whom it May Concern :

I am writing in support of LOC2023-0066, to redesignate 4330 16 Street SW from Residential - Contextual One Dwelling (RC-1) to Special Purpose - Community Service District (S-CS). I believe the addition of further services and amenities to the community will be purposeful and appreciated by many families in the area.

As of 2021, 1,475 children between the ages of 0 and 14 lived here, making up 20% of the community's population. Providing educational and recreational services to the community will create a safe and monitored space for youth to make an effective use of their time, it will also create a space for them to socialize near their homes. Recreational facilities will assist in providing youth with physical activity, building relationships, learning new things, and developing interests, which are crucial aspects of the childhood most parents desire for their kids. The Rundle Academy has been a part of the community for nearly three decades and has become a trusted educational institution for students with learning disabilities, a new building for the school will provide the necessary growth and new facilities to ensure it can keep up with the growing population of our City. This project will also help a greater number of students gain access to the specialized tools they require in order to achieve their full potential, the benefits of which will be reaped by the entire community as they grow to be adults and contribute to our City.

For a new building to be built and integrated in an existing community, it is often important to residents that the design and scale of the project are in-line with existing buildings. GGA Architecture, who is the firm contracted for this project, has significant experience building educational institutions and various other projects, it is likely that they will take into consideration the above mentioned concerns and create a design that will be well suited to the community. I believe the location selected for this project is also favourable, it creates a designated area in the community for educational institutions rather than scattering them around which would create multiple areas with significant traffic, children crossing, etc. The land has large amounts of green space which are likely used by local children, however, I believe dedicating some of this space for a new building would not have significant negative impacts because the adjacent property also includes vast amounts of green space which will continue to serve the community, additionally, Verna Reid Park is just a 7 minute walk from the development. In regard to the land use redesignation specifically, 38% of the community

is single-detached homes and another 20% are semi-detached homes. With a large portion of Altadore designated for residential use, changing a property to instead be used by groups of people and serve the community will be a more effective use of the land and with minimal downsides.

In conclusion, the proposal to redesignate 4330 16 Street SW holds great promise for the community of Altadore. The addition of educational and recreational services in this area is a meaningful step towards creating a safer and more enriching environment for our youth. These services will not only benefit our children but also enhance the overall well-being of the entire community, allowing residents to grow into capable, educated, and engaged citizens. Furthermore, the choice of GGA Architecture for this project is reassuring, given their experience in constructing educational institutions and their likelihood to address community concerns. This proposal will make efficient and practical use of the land and from my perspective not bring any significant challenges to the community. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support LOC2023-0066, as It is a step in the right direction to ensure the well-being and future prospects of Altadore.

Sincerely,

Angad Sidhu