

July 20, 2019

Mayor and Council
City of Surrey
13450 104 Ave
Surrey, BC V3T 1V8

Via email: clerks@surrey.ca

**RE: Surrey Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2013, No. 18020 Amendment to CD
14706 104 Avenue**

Dear Mayor and Council,

As someone who grew up in Surrey, and has since pursued education and a career in urban planning, I understand the importance of including all sides in decisions that effect the community.

However, there is one group who is often unrepresented – the more than 602 individuals who did not have a place of their own in Surrey in 2017.

While the City of Surrey has taken great strides in recent years in addressing homelessness, there are still many more individuals in need of a safe, supportive home of their own. In my work, I have the opportunity to work with providers of shelters and this type of supportive housing across the province, and can tell you firsthand, that projects like these make individuals and their communities healthier, stronger, and safer.

This project would see 60 more individuals have the opportunity to get off the streets or out of shelters, and into homes of their own. The support provided by Lookout Housing and Health Society has been shown to be effective for the residents of other Lookout-operated buildings in Surrey, as well as their business and residential neighbors.

Sincerely,

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