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Dear Mayor and Council  
City of New Westminster.

As a retired Chair of the Purpose Society and an involved former resident of New Westminster, I continue to be an avid advocate of the innovative initiatives of the Society as it enhances the well being and social infrastructure of the City.

I strongly support the Purpose Society's 422 6th Street Traditional Housing project. The project will predominately house individuals transitioning from homelessness who are wanting to improve their circumstances. They may be coming out of a treatment program or stabilizing their lives after an ongoing mental illness. It is essential that transitioning residents of the City are supported and encouraged as they work toward employability, independent living, and contributing positively to the community through appropriate housing and dedicated programming.

To ensure the success of this initiative, the tenants will be asked to agree to participate in a day program that focuses on employment, education, or occupational therapy. They will also be asked to support the well being of other tenants and to contribute to the safety of the building and occupants. Purpose staff and volunteers will be on site to help with life skills, health and nutrition as well as other supportive activities. The Council is urged to recognize the importance of the housing of, as well as the provision of services to, vulnerable community members who are eager to transform their lives. Engaging these tenants and preparing them for success will not only enhance their personal lives, but also benefit the community as a whole.

Please support and advance this much needed program. It will be a crucial component of the social fabric of the City of New Westminster.

Regards,

R.D. (Bob) Ingram