



City Council Meeting Minutes

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor • Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

June 16, 2025

Workshops: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

The City Council Meeting was held on 6/16/2025 at 4:00 PM in the Vancouver City Hall, Council Chambers 415 West 6th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660.

Workshops were conducted in person in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, or www.facebook.com/VancouverUS.

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Rezone Application Update

(Approximately 30 minutes)

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Community Development Director, bryan.snodgrass@cityofvancouver.us,
rebecca.kennedy@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Rezone Application Update.

Councilmembers Harless and Hansen were absent from the workshop.

Cultural Access Program

(Approximately 45 minutes, to immediately follow the previous workshop)

David Perlick, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services,
david.perlick@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Cultural Access Program.

Councilmember Hansen was absent from the workshop.

Councilmember Harless was late to the workshop.

Citywide Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy

(Approximately 45 minutes, to immediately follow previous workshop)

Stacey Dalgaard, Associate Climate Project Coordinator,
Stacey.Dalgaard@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the Citywide Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy.

Councilmember Hansen was absent from the workshop.

Council Dinner / Executive Session Re: Personnel Matters RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) (30 minutes)

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle announced the Council would be entering into executive session from 5:36-6:06 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters.

Regular Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

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Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, including both in person and remotely over video conference.

Present: Councilmember Harless, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Paulsen, Councilmember Stober, Councilmember Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Absent: Councilmember Perez

Motion by Councilmember Harless, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to excuse Councilmember Perez from the Council meeting. Absent from vote: Councilmember Perez.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - June 2, 2025

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstaining: 1, to approve the June 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Absent from vote: Councilmember Perez. Councilmember Stober Abstained.

Minutes - June 9, 2025

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstaining: 1, to approve the June 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Absent from vote: Councilmember Perez. Councilmember Stober Abstained.

Proclamations

Pollinator Week

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Kyle Roslund, Vancouver Bee Project, proclaiming June 16-22, 2025, as Pollinator Week.

Community Communication

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to Council regarding any matter on the Agenda not already scheduled for Public Hearing. (Separate instructions are provided for offering testimony on Public Hearing when applicable.) This includes the option to testify about Workshops. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio record. Speakers are to limit their testimony to a total of three minutes for all items combined. RCW 42.17A.555 and City Council Policy 100-32 prohibit the use of public facilities to support or oppose any ballot measure, or to support or oppose any candidate for elective office. Any violation of these rules could result in a suspension of speaking privileges during public comment periods at City Council Meetings for 90 days or longer for multiple offenses.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter on the agenda not scheduled for a Public Hearing:

- *Carmen DeLeon, Vancouver*
- *Beth Landy, Vancouver*

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed Community Communication.

Consent Agenda

The following items will be passed by a single motion to approve all listed actions and resolutions. There will be no discussion on these items unless requested by Council. If discussion is requested, the item will be moved from the Consent Agenda and considered separately – after the motion has been made and passed to approve the remaining items.

Council pulled items 3, 4, 8, 12, 13, 16, and 18 for discussion.

Council amended Item 3 to

Council approved to remand Item 4 back to staff.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 3 on the Consent Agenda, as amended. Absent from vote: Councilmember Perez.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to remand Item 4 on the Cosent Agenda back to staff. Absent from vote: Councilmember Perez.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 8 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Perez.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Items 12 and 13 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Perez.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Paulsen, and Yes: 5, No: 1, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 16 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Perez. Councilmember Hansen voted No.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Item 18 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Perez.

Motion by Councilmember Paulsen, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes:

6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Items 1, 2, 5-7, 9-11, 14, 15, 17 and 19 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Councilmember Perez.

1. Construction Acceptance - Southside Interceptor Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) Rehabilitation PH 4 & 5

Staff Report: 119-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, accept the construction of the Southside Interceptor Phase 4 & 5 CIPP project and authorize release of the contractor's retainage, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Sheryl Hale, Engineering Manager, sheryl.hale@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

2. Construction Acceptance - Fircrest Neighborhood Improvements Project for Water, Sewer, and Streets

Staff Report: 120-25

Request: On Monday, June 16th, accept the facilities as constructed by Tapani Incorporated and authorize release of the contractor's retainage, subject to receipt of all documentation required by law.

Reed Crosson, Civil Engineer 1, Reed.Crosson@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

3. Bid Award - NE 184th Avenue Extension - ITB #25-23

Staff Report: 121-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, award a construction contract for the NE 184th Avenue Extension project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Rotschy Inc, Vancouver, Washington, USA at their bid price of \$2,108,478.16, which includes Washington State sales tax, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute the same.

Elaine Huber, Civil Engineer, Ryan Lopossa, Streets and Transportation Manager, elaine.huber@cityofvancouver.us, ryan.lopossa@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request, as amended. The amendment the Council added was to have a safety monitor present at the worksite during the project.

4. Bid Award - Water Station 14 PFAS Treatment - ITB 25-07

Staff Report: 122-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, award a construction contract for the Water Station 14 PFAS Treatment project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Rotschy Inc. of Vancouver, Washington (Rotschy), at their bid price of \$8,758,762.30, which includes Washington State sales tax, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute a contract for the same.

Mehrin Selimgir, Civil Engineer, Mehrin.Selimgir@cityofvancouver.us

Item remanded back to staff.

5. Bid Award - NE 18th Street Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation - ITB 25-27

Staff Report: 123-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, award a contract for the NE 18th Street Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Allied Plumbing & Pumps LLC of Wenatchee, WA at their bid price of \$2,715,625.15, which includes Washington State sales tax, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the contract.

Sheryl Hale, Engineering Manager, sheryl.hale@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

6. Contract Amendment - Motorola Solutions Inc. for Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver Fire Department - C-101017

Staff Report: 124-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to continue purchasing radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc, under Washington State Contract #00318, up to a maximum of \$4,000,000 through December 31, 2026.

Ron Gibson, Financial Analyst, Ron.Gibson@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

7. Contract Amendment - Do Good Multnomah to Increase Budget for Safe Stay Community #4 - C-101254

Staff Report: 125-25

Request: On Monday, June 16th, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract amendment for delivery of supportive services and site management at city-sanctioned Safe Stay Community #4.

Kimbra Ledbetter, Financial Analyst,
Kimbra.Ledbetter@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

8. Contract Amendment - Live Love Outreach to Increase Budget for Safe Stay Community #2 - C-100821

Staff Report: 126-25

Request: On Monday, June 16th, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract amendment for delivery of supportive services and site management at city-sanctioned Safe Stay Community #2.

Kimbra Ledbetter, Financial Analyst,
Kimbra.Ledbetter@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

9. Cooperative Service Agreement Renewal - United States Department of Agriculture

Staff Report: 127-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute a Cooperative Service Agreement, and related attachments, with the United States Department of Agriculture - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Wildlife Services effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030.

Brian Potter, Operations Superintendent,
brian.potter@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

10. Lease Agreement - City of Vancouver and Shin-Etsu Handotai America, Inc.

Staff Report: 128-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute and implement the Lease Agreement between City of Vancouver and Shin-Etsu Handotai America, Inc. for property located at 4400 NE 122nd Avenue and any ancillary agreements required by the Lease.

Linda Carlson, Property Management Specialist,
linda.carlson@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

11. Memorandum of Agreement - Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership and the City of Vancouver

Staff Report: 129-25

Request: On Monday, June 9, 2025, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to finalize and execute the Memorandum of Agreement between Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership and the City of Vancouver.

Aron Rice, Senior Civil Engineer, Mark Hazuka, Civil Engineer,
aron.rice@cityofvancouver.us, mark.hazuka@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

12. Acceptance of Peace Health Grant to fund Bridge Shelter Commercial Kitchen

Staff Report: 130-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the PeaceHealth grant to fund a bridge shelter commercial kitchen, and to negotiate and execute a final grant agreement.

Kerry Peck, Administrative Assistant, Kerry.Peck@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

13. Acceptance of Grant from Ed & Dollie Lynch Fund to fund HART Outreach

Staff Report: 131-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the grant of funding from the Ed and Dollie Lynch Fund, and to negotiate and execute any necessary grant agreements.

Jamie Spinelli, Homeless Response Manager,
jamie.spinelli@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

14. Affordable Housing Fund Temporary Shelter Awards

A RESOLUTION relating to low-income housing; providing for adoption of 2025 funding awards for the Affordable Housing Fund and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements and other related documents on behalf of the City of Vancouver consistent with Affordable Housing Fund 2025 Council-approved funding awards.

Staff Report: 132-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, adopt a Resolution approving the 2025 Affordable Housing Fund Temporary Shelter Awards and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute agreements to implement the awards.

Samantha Whitley, Housing Programs Manager,
samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4340 to approve the request.

15. Ordinance Removing Parking Minimums Citywide for Affordable and Attainable Housing Developments

AN ORDINANCE relating to zoning for the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Title 20; amending VMC 20.945.070 Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements and VMC 20.670.040 The Heights (HX) Plan District Design and Development Standards to reduce the required off-street parking requirement to zero spaces per unit for housing projects that provide at least 50% of dwelling units at 100% Area Median Income (AMI) or below for a minimum of 10 years, providing for severability and an effective date.

Staff Report: 133-25

Request: On Monday, June 9, 2025, advance the ordinance, setting the date for the second reading and public hearing for June 16, 2025.

Chim Chune Ko, Principal Project Manager, Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, ChimChune.Ko@cityofvancouver.us,
bryan.snodgrass@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

16. Adoption of Rental Registration Program Code

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Vancouver relating to the creation of a rental registration program; adopting a new Chapter 5.08 to the Vancouver Municipal Code; enacting new sections VMC 5.08.010, 5.08.020, 5.08.030, 5.08.040,

5.08.050, 5.08.060, 5.08.070, 5.08.080, 5.08.090, 5.08.100, 5.08.110, and 5.08.120; amending VMC 22.01.030; providing for the implementation of the rental registration program; providing for severability; and setting an effective date.

Staff Report: 111-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, advance the ordinance creating a Residential Rental Registration Program and set the date for the second reading and public hearing for July 14, 2025.

Patrick Quinton, Economic Development Director, Samantha Whitley, Housing Programs Manager, patrick.quinton@cityofvancouver.us, samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

17. Ordinance Correcting Scrivener's Error in Chapter 5.03 of the Vancouver Municipal Code

AN ORDINANCE relating to the correction of scrivener's error in chapter 5.03 of the Vancouver Municipal Code, amending VMC 5.03.030; and providing for savings, severability, and an effective date.

Staff Report: 134-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, advance the ordinance after first reading and on Monday, June 16, 2025, adopt the ordinance following a public hearing.

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer, natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

18. 2025 First Supplemental Budget

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2025-26 Biennial Budget and making supplemental appropriations in various funds needed to meet certain necessary expenditures to be incurred in 2025-26 which were not and could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of adoption of the 2025-26 Budget; declaring an emergency and providing for an immediate effective date.

Staff Report: 135-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, advance the ordinance on first reading, setting the date of second reading and public hearing for Monday, July 7, 2025.

Shannon Olsen, Budget Manager, shannon.olsen@cityofvancouver.us

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion approved the request.

19. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for June 16, 2025.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$2,487,356.25.

Public Hearings

The following item(s) are scheduled for public hearing. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio record. Unless otherwise announced by the Presiding Officer, speakers are to limit their testimony to three minutes for each public hearing.

20. Adoption of 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program

A RESOLUTION adopting the City of Vancouver's Comprehensive Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2026-2031 and the City's Arterial Street System and Classification Map.

Staff Report: 136-25

Request: On Monday, June 16, 2025, adopt a resolution approving the City's 2026–2031 Transportation Improvement Program and the Arterial Street System and Classification Map.

Chris Malone, Public Works Finance and Asset Manager,
chris.malone@cityofvancouver.us

Chris Malone, Public Works Finance and Asset Manager, provided an overview of the Adoption of 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

- *Carmen DeLeon, Vancovuer*

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Resolution M-4341. Absent from vote: Councilmember Perez.

Councilmember Hansen exited the meeting.

Communications

A. From the Council

B. From the Mayor

C. From the City Manager

Homeless Situation Report

Jamie Spinelli, Homeless Response Manager, discussed the Homeless Situation Report.

Community Forum

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to Council regarding any matter. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the record. Speakers are to limit their testimony to a total of three minutes. Up to 90 minutes will be allotted for the Community Forum.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle opened the Community Forum and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter:

- Deken Letinich, Vancouver
- Randall Friesen, Vancouver
- Carmen DeLeon, Vancouver
- Amanda Bloomfeldt, Vancouver

There being no further testimony, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle closed Community Forum.

Adjournment

8:40 p.m.

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

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Natasha Ramras

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

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From: [Jay Renaud](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Ana From Walnut Grove](#)
Subject: NE 58th Street development proposal
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 7:53:35 AM

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To: Vancouver City Council

The blocks of NE 58th St between 72d and 82d Avenues have increased drastically in densification in recent years, beginning with a large Vancouver Public Housing building and several blocks of close-packed townhomes, followed most recently by 18 rental units at 74th Ct. While we have welcomed all these projects as appropriate, and are in favor of additional projects at the R-22 zoning level, we strongly object to rezoning any of these blocks to R-50.

Jay and Mary Renaud

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From: [CHARLES BRASHER](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Snodgrass, Bryan](#)
Subject: Fwd: Written Testimony for May 13, 2025 Public Hearing on Proposed zoning change for two lots on NE 58th street
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 9:28:38 AM

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I am resending this because I did not see it in the workshop report attachments on the 58th street rezone proposal and City Planning Commission denial. Thank You

----- Original Message -----

From: CHARLES BRASHER
To: "bryan.snodgrass@cityofvancouver.us" ,
"planningcommission@cityofvancouver.us"
Cc: "anak27@uw.edu"
Date: 05/11/2025 2:36 PM PDT
Subject: Written Testimony for May 13, 2025 Public Hearing on Proposed zoning change for two lots on NE 58th street

I am writing in regards to the above proposed zoning change from R-22 to R-50 on 1.6 acres (2 lots) that sit directly north of the city Water Quality Storage and Treatment Facility. Before I retired I worked as an Professional Registered Environmental Engineer in the midwest. At one point in my career I handled planning and construction of Federally Funded Wastewater Treatment Plants in the midwest which included many cities large and small. Most of the treatment systems had combined sewer systems and it was not cost effective to separate them. This meant that all storm and wastewater had to be treated at a wastewater treatment plant.

The City of Vancouver was very forward thinking because the separation of the storm and sanitary sewer systems in Vancouver has been in place since 1890. By contrast, many cities, including Portland, have always allowed combined sewer systems and later found it nearly impossible, financially, to separate them. This has led them to have to capture and treat all wastewater from the combined sewer systems. This is a very costly and difficult engineering challenge, just think about Portland's Big Pipe Project, completed in 2011, cost \$1.4 billion with most of the financing from sewer ratepayers.

Many years ago storm water was mostly clean and was released to rivers and streams untreated with minimal impact. But that is no longer the case, stormwater runoff from our streets contains many petroleum products from our cars as well as other pollutants and cannot be released untreated to our waterways.

Directly south, behind the proposed project, is one of the City of Vancouver's Water Quality Storage and Treatment Facilities. The proposed 77 unit apartment building would add a large amount of

stormwater into the treatment facility and is unacceptable. The Water Quality Storage and Treatment Facility is mainly grass that is kept mowed because of wildfire concerns. In the past it was not mowed and that made it much better for storm retention, control and treatment. It was also very beneficial as wildlife habitat. Now, since it is kept mowed, it has also become a prime place for people to walk their dogs. Not everyone picks up after their dogs which causes a further strain on the treatment capacity of the facility. Another 77 apartments means at least several hundred more people would have access to the Water Quality Storage and Treatment Facility right out their backdoor. This is not acceptable, access to the Facility should be minimized and not encouraged by building such a large apartment building on a small piece of land.

In conclusion, it is my professional opinion, that the proposed zoning change should not be approved because of the unacceptable increased demand that it puts on the City of Vancouver Water Quality Storage and Treatment Facility.

Charles Brasher PE

[REDACTED]

Vancouver 98662

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From: [Charles Brasher](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Fwd: Proposed zoning change at two lots on NE 58th street - Written Testimony
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 9:43:36 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: CHARLES BRASHER
Date: May 13, 2025 at 2:12:24 PM PDT
To: bryan.snodgrass@cityofvancouver.us,
planningcommission@cityofvancouver.us
Subject: Fwd: Proposed zoning change at two lots on NE 58th street -
Written Testimony

----- Original Message -----

From: Charles Brasher

To: bryan.snodgrass@cityofvancouver.us,
planningcommission@cityofvancouver.us

Cc: Anastasiya Kozlovskyy

Date: 05/11/2025 12:16 PM PDT

Subject: Proposed zoning change at two lots on NE 58th street -
Written Testimony

Sent from my iPad

Above are pictures of the beautiful old trees that would be removed for the proposed development of the 1.6 acre site. My wife and I bought our house at [REDACTED] NE 57th Circle in 1997 in the Robins Glen Development. At the time neither 58th street nor Thurston way went all the way through as they do now. Over the years we have seen

many developments in the area. For the most part they have been well thought out and made sense for the area. Even the smaller homes on smaller lot sizes make sense because of the current housing concerns. But this new zoning change from R-22 to R-50 makes no sense at all and we are strongly against it. It will totally change the nature of our area and not for the better.

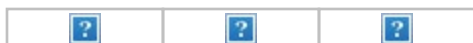
Even though we live in the city and close to the mall, the area still has a nice mix of properties that make it a good neighborhood to live in. The zoning change is totally uncalled for, R-22 is fine for the 1.6 acre site (2 lots). The new Schaffer park sits right across the street from it and a Water Quality Storage and Treatment facility directly behind it. The proposed 77 unit apartment building will totally overload the small property it is located on: not enough parking on property site, 58th street is a narrow street designated for kids and school buses and the increased traffic poses a danger for them, water quality control and treatment facility will be greatly impacted by not only a large amount additional storm water from the large 77 unit apartment building but also by a additional large number of people using it as dog walking park directly behind the property, and the removal of the beautiful old trees pictured above in a designated "Tree City".

Charles Brasher & Betty Lavis

[REDACTED]

Vancouver 98662

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From: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: City Council Meeting Comment Submission 6.2.2025
Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 11:51:27 AM
Attachments: [City Council Meeting 6.2.2025.pdf](#)

6-16 Written testimony.

Sarah Dollar | Executive Assistant to the City Council
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From: Jack Livingston [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 1:55 PM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Cc: Jefferson Manager <[REDACTED]>
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Hello,

I am submitting my comments for the City Council meeting this coming Monday.

Thank you,

Jack Livingston

Property Manager

Commercial | Residential

HSP Properties

Phone: [REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Vancouver, WA 98660

City Council Meeting

Monday, June 2nd, 2025

Good evening Mayor and Council members,

My name is Jack Livingston, and I am the property manager at The Jefferson, a multifamily apartment community located in downtown Vancouver, which participates in the city's affordable housing MFTE program. Prior to this community I managed Block 8 on the Waterfront Vancouver, also known as RiverWest, for the past 5+ years since its inception in the Spring of 2019. I'm here tonight on behalf of our residents—families, seniors, and working individuals—who are trying to live safely, peacefully, and with dignity in the homes they pay for and deserve to enjoy.

Across the street from our community, on Jefferson Street, a growing homeless encampment on city land has become a serious threat to that basic standard of living. In the past two months, my team & residents have documented repeated incidents of open drug use, prostitution, public defecation and urination, piles of refuse and garbage, animal abuse, unleashed aggressive dogs, property damage, fires, and ongoing verbal harassment—including aggressive yelling and obscene gestures directed at both staff and my residents. This isn't conducive to a healthy living or working environment. People should not fear walking outside their homes or taking a coffee break outside their office with the anxiety that they will be threatened or intimidated.

The presence of this camp has created a climate of fear and uncertainty. Residents report being afraid to walk to their cars, to let their kids play outside, to walk their pets & service animals, or even to open their windows. Some are considering breaking their leases to leave. Some have left already. As a housing provider, I am committed to compassion—but I'm also committed to their safety and right to quiet enjoyment of their homes to the best of my abilities. According to HART this is simply a feeling of discomfort and is not a reason to be upset. Yet, the city has no problem removing tents OVERNIGHT when they are visible on Grant Street, which leads to the Waterfront Vancouver. I can only guess that the city's tourism revenue is not to be threatened with "discomfort."

We've reported these issues multiple times through the appropriate channels with the response being less than appeasement, but downright dismissal. What we're asking for tonight is simple: **action**. The Inaction sends the message that the safety of housed residents is negotiable. That message is unacceptable. The criteria shared on the city's website in relation to HART's responsibilities regarding camp removal have been met.

I urge the Council to take meaningful, timely steps to address this camp. Help us ensure that residents of downtown Vancouver—housed or unhoused—can live with dignity and safety. Consider all your residents, as I do, not just those with clout at the new waterfront development when making your decision.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our communities.

Jack Livingston

The Jefferson | Property Manager

From: [City of Vancouver, WA](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Submission: Contact City Council
Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025 6:56:49 AM

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Message
The rental registration program will cause me to increase my rents to my very nice tenants. The city and state talk about affordable housing and they are the very ones that cause rents to go up. I now rent to older retired people and my rents are half of the fair market rents for this area but if the city keeps finding ways to burden me these people may end up homeless. This program is just a money grab and creating a problem where none exists. If this passes I will list all of you as the cause of the next rent increase as the cause. I AM AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL

From: [Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc.](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Whitley, Samantha](#)
Subject: 2025-5-15 Samantha Whitley Email Correspondence
Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:20:24 AM
Attachments: [2025-5-15 Samantha Whitley Email Correspondence.pdf](#)

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Vancouver City Council Members,

I am following up on Samanth's recommendation.

I take care of the property management here at Rotschy's.

I have attached an email correspondence I had with Samantha.

Will this be read at the June 2nd and the June 9th meeting. Or do I need to make an appointment time for the meetings?

Thanks

Jim Lee

Rotschy, Inc.

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Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc.

From: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 3:02 PM
To: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc.
Subject: RE: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

I got bogged down with meeting this afternoon but I wanted to say thank you again! I will share your feedback with Council, and of course, you can reach out to them directly if you want to email: council@cityofvancouver.us or call: [360-487-8629](tel:360-487-8629). 😊

Have a great evening,

Sam

From: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc. [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 12:38 PM
To: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: RE: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

Samantha,

Thank you for your thoughtful and candid response — I genuinely appreciate the dialogue and the effort your team is putting into this initiative.

That said, I still have significant concerns about the rental registration program as currently described, particularly regarding its equity, implementation, and broader implications for housing providers.

While I understand the intent to focus on unregulated private-market rentals and “bad actors,” a blanket registration requirement — even with exemptions — inevitably affects responsible landlords, many of whom already operate on thin margins. The assertion that responsible owners would benefit from “regular communication from the City” may not outweigh the added compliance burden and administrative costs, especially for small-scale landlords who often provide the very affordable housing this program aims to preserve.

Additionally, relying on stakeholder input is commendable, but it's unclear how representative the committee truly was of the broader landlord community — especially the small, local property owners who make up a significant portion of the market. These owners are already under pressure from rising maintenance costs, insurance premiums, and property taxes. New regulations, even well-meaning ones, can lead to unintended consequences such as reduced investment in older units, increased rents, or even landlords exiting the market altogether.

The comparison to a business license is understandable, but housing is not a business in the traditional sense for many providers. Unlike a storefront, rental property is often a family's retirement investment or side income. We should be cautious not to conflate regulatory oversight with productive engagement,

especially if the result is further financial strain without clear evidence of improvement in housing quality.

Finally, while I agree that ensuring habitable housing is in everyone's interest, I'd encourage the City to prioritize enforcement of existing codes and consider a more targeted approach that identifies problem properties based on complaints, history, or condition — rather than requiring universal registration. The goal of addressing substandard housing is valid, but the means should be proportionate and fair.

I'm happy to continue this conversation, and I do appreciate your transparency and willingness to engage.

Thanks

Jim Lee
Rotschy, Inc.
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From: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 12:16 PM
To: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc. <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

Jim, thank you for this conversation, I'm honestly enjoying it and appreciate your dubiousness!

Yes, the registration will primarily exempt government-owned and non-profit affordable housing. These projects are already subject to regular inspections by the funders (HUD, state and City). They also have regular reporting requirements and tenant protections that private landlords aren't required to follow. The City's registration program wants to limit the cost to taxpayers by focusing its limited resources on unregulated private-market rentals, especially older and lower-cost units.

We convened a stakeholder committee for several months to help us develop this program and it consisted of landlords, property management companies, attorneys and renters. Some of the benefits that they identified were basic health and safety standards for renters who live in poorly maintained units, but can't request repairs or complain to their landlord because of fear of retaliation.

Housing owners and property managers from our committee shared that while they regularly inspected and maintained their units without City regulation, they were often undercut by irresponsible or out of town landlords who didn't maintain their housing. These 'bad actors' also decrease neighborhood stability and decrease property values and livability around them. The registration program would also help landlords by providing regular communication from the City about policies and resources available to them. We are also planning to provide increased education to tenants about how to maintain their units and their other renter responsibilities.

Overall for taxpayers, I see a benefit in preventing costly emergency services, such as fire, emergency housing relocation and code enforcement staff time. There are also costs saved by taxpayers for other public systems (like healthcare or homeless services) when people live in safe and habitable units.

I'm not an attorney nor an accountant, but it's my understanding that cities are allowed to pass fees through council action to support regulatory functions, this would be similar to requiring that businesses maintain an annual business license.

Our goal isn't to punish landlords or raise revenue.. it's to make sure that basic housing standards are met citywide and that we understand the rental housing market and can focus City efforts and investments on housing that needs the most attention.

Thanks,

Sam

From: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc. [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 11:32 AM
To: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: RE: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

Samantha,

Ok, so the only units that would be exempt would-be government owned and non-profit or subsidized properties...correct?

So, in fact you & I are paying for the subsidized housing, then the tenants that make more than 60% of the median income are providing revenue stream to operate the Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program that your advocacy group is promoting for the housing benefit.

I still am not seeing the benefit.

-How is this benefiting you?

-How is this benefiting the taxpayers?

Is not this a "tax" put on the residents without a vote?

Thanks

Jim Lee
Rotschy, Inc.
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From: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 11:16 AM
To: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc. [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

Correct, we are exempting units that are restricted to tenants earning 60% AMI, this means that their rents are also capped at what is affordable to these tenants. Units that do not have restrictions on tenant household income and do not cap their rents at this level, will not be exempted from paying the fee.

The units that are reserved for 60% AMI households are typically housing developments owned by the VHA or nonprofit partners, and have state or federal rental subsidies to ensure affordability. I agree that 60% AMI household cannot afford units that rent for \$2,500 per month.

Thanks!

Sam

From: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 11:10 AM
To: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: RE: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

Samantha, This will help you understand. Thanks much

		Monthly minimum income requirement
Renter income qualification is 2.5 times the income	\$ 2.50	\$ 6,250.00
Rent	\$ 2,500.00	
Median income p/yr	\$ 78,156.00	\$ 6,513.00
60% of median income p/yr	\$ 46,893.60	\$ 3,907.80
Someone that makes less than 60% of the median income would not qualify for \$2500 rental. So how many units would be exempt and how many renters will this "help" This is the Catch-22. All it does is create an agency that requires a revenue stream the tenants would need to pay for.		

Jim Lee
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From: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 10:46 AM
To: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc. [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

I'm sorry, I'm not sure I understand the question to provide an example based on those numbers. The registration fee is \$30 per year, or \$2.50 per month, this would be an increase in cost to the tenant of 0.1% if they are paying \$2,500 per month in rent.

There are some cost projections and additional funding detail in a memo posted on our Be Heard site to review if you'd like: [9a89782152a7960ba42162d1cd4c2656_CMO_Habitability_Update_October_2024.docx](#)

Please let me know if that answers your question!

Thanks,

Sam

From: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 10:08 AM
To: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: RE: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

Samantha,

Thanks for the information,

Can you please provide an example as per requested in my previous email below?

Also provide the beginning (income) to end (expense) of the projected revenue stream.

I appreciate your help.

Thanks much

Jim Lee

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From: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>

Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 10:02 AM

To: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc. [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

Sure, here are the benefits of a rental registration program, as we've explained them in our staff report:

1. Creates a rental housing database to provide a more comprehensive picture of Vancouver's rental housing stock.
2. Improves data collection and transparency for Vancouver's rental stock.
3. Allows for regular communication with, and education for, housing providers.
4. Establishes a platform for future program components, including inspections.
5. Creates a revenue stream to operate registration program, offer relocation assistance for tenants displaced due to unsafe housing conditions and manage an inspection program in the future.

Thanks again!

Sam

From: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc. [REDACTED] >

Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:59 AM

To: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>

Subject: RE: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

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Samantha,

There is no need to be sorry for me. I do believe it is your responsibility to show the public how this does benefit.

I would appreciate if you can provide me an example of how this would help.

For an example, please use a rental unit of \$2500 p/mo. with an applicant income requirement to be at least 2.5 times the rent to qualify.

Vancouver median income, \$78,156 p/yr.

I believe a Catch-22 is created here.

Thanks

Jim Lee

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From: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>

Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:18 AM

To: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc. <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

Hi Jim,

Thanks for reaching out with your feedback. I agree that rental rates are high! In our proposed Rental Registration program, we have exempted units that house tenants earning less than 60% of area median income from paying the fee. I hope that's helpful and I'm sorry that you don't see the benefit.

Thanks,

Sam

Samantha Whitley | Housing Programs Manager

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From: Jim Lee - Rotschy Inc. <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:11 AM

To: Whitley, Samantha <samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us>

Subject: Vancouver Rental Registration/Inspection Program

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Samantha,

They are reporting that rental rates are high in Clark County Washington.

All the cost for this program would need to be passed on to the tenant.

I see no benefit to anyone with this.

Do you personally rent in the City of Vancouver?

Thanks

Jim Lee

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From: [Carter Nelson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Nick Marin](#)
Subject: Washington Multi-Family Housing Association- City Council Item #8
Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 3:32:07 PM
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Good Afternoon Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,
Please find the attached letter from the Washington Multifamily Housing Association regarding agenda item #8 for tonight's meeting: Adoption of Rental Registration Program Code.
WMFHA looks forward to the opportunity to work together on this issue.
Thank you for your consideration,
Carter



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To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Nick Marin](#)
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Good Afternoon Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,
Please find the attached letter from the Washington Multifamily Housing Association regarding agenda item #8 for tonight's meeting: Adoption of Rental Registration Program Code.
WMFHA looks forward to the opportunity to work together on this issue.
Thank you for your consideration,
Carter





Honorable Anne McEnerny-Ogle
City of Vancouver
June 2, 2025

Dear Mayor and Members of the Vancouver City Council,

Thank you for including the Washington Multi-Family Housing Association (WMFHA) and our members in the stakeholder process for Vancouver's proposed Rental Registration Program. We appreciate the City's goal of addressing poorly maintained rental housing and share your commitment to ensuring safe, quality homes for all residents.

WMFHA represents owners and operators of more than **350,000 rental homes** across Washington, including over **16,000 units in Vancouver**. Our members care deeply about their communities and already follow robust internal inspection, maintenance, and compliance procedures.

That said, we must express serious concern about the proposed \$30 per-unit registration fee and broad new reporting and compliance requirements. As you know, the 2025 state legislative session introduced a host of new regulations for housing providers, particularly around notice requirements and allowable rent increases, which have created significant confusion and operational burden across the industry. Our members are still working to implement these changes and absorb the associated costs.

Adding local regulations on top of this, particularly with a per-unit fee, will only make matters worse. It will:

- Drive up operational costs at a time of high inflation and economic uncertainty;
- Force providers to increase rents to offset compliance expenses;
- Further discourage new investment in Vancouver's rental housing market.

We understand and support the City's intent but now is not the time to add another layer of cost and regulation. A more targeted, complaint-driven approach would be more effective in addressing problem properties—without penalizing responsible operators or harming renters through higher costs.

We urge the Council to:

- Reevaluate the \$30/unit fee;
- Streamline registration requirements;



- Focus enforcement efforts on properties with substantiated issues;
- Delay implementation until the full impact of recent state legislation is better understood.

Thank you again for engaging with WMFHA. We remain ready to collaborate on solutions that support both residents and responsible housing providers.

Thank you for your consideration,
Carter Nelson
Director of Government Affairs, WMFHA

CC: Councilmember Kim. D Harless
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Councilmember Ty Stober
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From: [Craig Angelo](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: RE: Submission: Contact City Council
Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 12:09:44 PM
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Hi Sarah,
Asking you to distribute copy of attached letter to each Council member, Mayor and City Atty.
I’ve tried to reach them but they have no contact.
Thanks,
Craig E. Angelo

From: City Council
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 11:53 AM
To: Craig Angelo
Subject: RE: Submission: Contact City Council

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Thank you for your email. Your correspondence has been received and will be included in the written comments for the June 2, 2025, City Council meeting.

Sarah Dollar | Executive Assistant to the City Council
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From: City of Vancouver, WA <noreply@cityofvancouver.us>
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 11:50 AM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Submission: Contact City Council

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The Al Angelo Co. is expressing our opposition to the Proposed Rental Registration Program and have submitted our rebuttal to all Council members and Mayor.

Craig E. Angelo

Craig Angelo

From: Craig Angelo
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 11:35 AM
To: council@cityofvancouver.com; vanlaw@cityofvancouver.us
Subject: FW: Update on City's proposed Rental Registration Program

All...please be advised of Notice of Rebuttal. Thanks, Craig E. Angelo

On behalf of The Al Angelo Company we are writing the Vancouver City Council to express our opposition to the Proposed Rental Registration Program. City leadership has expressed concern about the cost and availability of housing. This proposed ordinance will only drive prices up for rental housing and will not be effective in reigning in problematic landlords.

The annual \$30 per unit fee to the City for the program will be expensive for landlords, as will the fees to hire the inspectors to conduct the inspection. Those costs will inevitably be passed on to the Tenants. As for the program itself, The Al Angelo Company prides itself in having well managed and maintained properties. The proposed program will require inspections every 3 or 4 years depending on the age of the units and will only require inspections of a percentage of the units. This will do little to correct the behavior of the few bad actors and will put a burden on the Tenants and responsible landlords.

The City is aware of the landlords who are repeat offenders and there are already processes in place to deal with code and other violations by landlords. It seems that a more effective and less costly approach is to increase vigilance with Tenant complaints and then focus inspections on complexes with repeat problems.

In summary we urge you to not approve the proposed ordinance and to take a more effective and less costly approach

Albert Schlotfeldt
The Schlotfeldt Law Firm

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I've loved Pamela Sue Johnson's loose watercolor and expressive florals workshops and looking forward for more to come on this space.

As an expressive arts therapist I know the importance of creative expression for mental health and well-being.

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From: [Anna Miller](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Arts hub funding
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 3:24:21 PM

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I am writing this as a community member who deeply appreciates the arts hub. I was so excited when I heard about this project because there is nothing else like it in Vancouver. It's a place to build community when so many people are stuck to their phone screens. We need connections in our community, people are so divided right now and art literally brings people together.

The building itself is beautiful and should be preserved for the people.

I personally plan to teach classes at the hub. I had a maker space on 15th and Broadway that was a victim of the pandemic. I can't tell you how many people were so excited to have a place to come and use the space to create and to meet other human beings. Now that we have so many tiny apartments in downtown we need public art spaces more than ever.

I sincerely want my tax dollars going to support the arts.

Thanks for reading.

Anna Miller

From: jennifer.jenniferwilliamsfineart.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Arts Hub Interim Activation Funding Support
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 3:24:25 PM

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Dear City Council Members,

I'm writing to express my strong support for continuing the funding necessary to keep the doors of the Arts Hub open during this critical interim period while we await the start of construction upgrades.

The Arts Hub has quickly become an essential community space — a vibrant, inclusive gathering place for artists and cultural groups across Clark County. It's not just a building; it's a living, breathing example of what a community-rooted arts center can and should be. Each week, the space hosts a diverse range of activities, from Vietnamese lion dance classes to Vancouver Ballet Folklorico rehearsals, from poetry readings to art therapy sessions. These programs bring people together across cultural and generational lines, creating something rare and deeply needed: shared connection through the arts.

On First Fridays, the Hub opens its doors to the public, showcasing the incredible work being done inside. These events are more than exhibitions — they're celebrations of the community's creativity and resilience. It's inspiring to see artists and audiences connect and collaborate in real time, reinforcing how vital this space is.

The City has already invested in feasibility studies and long-term planning for an official arts center. But thanks to Christine's leadership, that vision is already being realized in a tangible, meaningful way. She's transformed a concept into a proof of concept, one that can be backed by real usage numbers, real partnerships, and real experiences from community members like myself.

Last year, I held an open studios artist meeting at the Hub. 50 artists gathered in the large communal space before breaking out into smaller groups to network and plan strategic marketing in their neighborhoods. Many of those artists were visiting the Hub for the first time — and they left feeling excited, inspired, and connected. Several have since returned to teach classes, offer workshops, and exhibit their work, often in collaboration with The Art Centered. This momentum is only growing.

Most recently, after several years of holding our board meetings in the community room at Umpqua Bank, we were notified that the bank will no longer be offering its space for outside

use. This left Artstra without a meeting space — until now. I'm pleased to share that our board meetings will begin taking place at the Arts Hub starting next month. For our group, the ample parking and accessible location on the quieter side of downtown are a welcome relief, especially for older members and when transporting supplies. The idea of a shared home — a consistent, reliable space — is incredibly meaningful for small nonprofits like ours that often bounce from venue to venue.

While the City finalizes plans to replace the roof and upgrade the sprinkler system, it is essential that the Arts Hub continues to grow in use and value as this necessary construction work is phased in. Continuing the activation throughout the phased construction is key to Christine's plan and will benefit both the city and the community. There are visions for its future that include flexible performance spaces, studios, and galleries. The space will continue to evolve to meet the needs of the community, but the core mission remains the same: to center arts and culture and provide a platform for creative expression.

Please continue to support this essential community asset. Your investment now ensures the success of what's to come—not just in future plans but also in the real work already underway.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Williams

Clark County Open Studios Director

From: [Nha-Hoa Nguyen](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Arts Hub Interim Activation Funding Support
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for continued funding of the interim activation of the Arts Hub building, specifically for programs like the martial arts classes, senior clubs and cultural exhibition and performances offered through TheARTScentered.

This building has become a vital part of our community. My children attend traditional martial arts classes there, and it has provided more than just physical training. It has offered discipline, confidence, belonging, and a space for connection. For us, and many other families, this space is not just a building—it is where our children grow, seniors find support, connection, and culture thrives.

In addition, TheARTScentered has provided an incredible platform for cultural enrichment. The Vietnamese Community of Clark County was fortunate to host several community events in the space, including celebrations of Lunar New Year (Tết). These events gave our youth a chance to showcase traditional Vietnamese costumes, musical instruments, and art forms. It has been a rare and meaningful opportunity to introduce our heritage to a wider community in a welcoming and supportive environment.

The work being done in that space is meaningful and impactful. It would be a disservice to our community to allow these programs to disappear simply because of a gap in short-term funding while the long-term renovations are already in motion.

Please allow the current use of the building to continue through appropriate funding. Let these programs, students, and traditions continue to thrive while the city moves forward with the long-term remodeling project. This support will directly contribute to the vibrancy, health, and well-being of our city.

Thank you for your time and service to Vancouver.

Sincerely,

Hoa Tran

Member of Vietnamese Community of Clark County

From: [Derek Klein](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Arts Hub Interim Activation Funding Support
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 3:24:29 PM

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Derek Klein. I am a poet and film photographer who has been living in Vancouver since 2015. The Arts Hub has quickly become an essential part of the community here, and no doubt it will only become more relevant and needed as the years go on. To slash their funding now would be to take away a critical social, communal, and cultural boon. Memory fades fast; the community needs the Arts Hub to remain open leading up to the big ambitious improvements to the building it lives in so that there are people ready and happy to take advantage of the programs and offerings when the construction is one day complete.

Make the right decision for Vancouver and the greater area at large.

With gratitude,
Derek Klein

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Derek Klein
Poetry Moves Manager, ARTSTRA

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From: [D. Wolf](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Arts Hub Interim Activation Funding Support
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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to you today to share that I support the continued funding for the current activation of the arts hub building. Decades ago I attended the Vancouver Arts Summit to discuss the creation of an arts hub in the Vancouver area. Our dream was to support the creation of all art, give voice to youth, and to create synergy in the art community by having a dynamic central meeting point.

The dream has been realized with the current Art Center/Hub and I ask that you continue to support its development.

I am currently an instructor with Vancouver Ballet Folklórico. I teach my students almost weekly at the Hub. This space has been invaluable in their development. Having a true studio with mirrors and proper flooring has assisted students in gaining experience in a true dance studio rather than dancing in a hallway or kitchen dining area. Students also get exposed to visual art while utilizing the space. I've provided an art walk for them to discuss the rotating displays, something that they may not get exposed to outside of our practice sessions.

Our non profit dance group is culturally centered and serves over 40 Latino families in the Vancouver/Clark County area. The hub offers us a location to share this culture with the general public during proposed community events and performances. The central location on bus and mass transit lines, ample off street parking, and future non profit offices means this space is accessible and a one-stop shopping for the arts opportunity regardless of income and social barriers.

Please help us continue this dream with your ongoing support.

Thank you
Deborah Wolf

From: [suzanne green](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Attention Arts Hub Interim Activation Funding Support
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 3:52:19 PM

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express strong support for allowing arts community members to continue using the Vancouver Arts Center at the old central library building for activities before the renovations and after the upgrades. I believe that stopping or even pausing the progress that has been made would set back the arts community participation and waste the efforts and momentum, increasing the costs in the long run.

I am a member of the Freemodel Drawing Guild, which has been active in the Vancouver area for almost 20 years. The group welcomes all ages and skill levels. from novice to professional. It has become more and more difficult the find venues to accommodate our group, particularly after COVID. The Vancouver area has many arts and cultural groups, but those groups have never had a central meeting place to share our ideas and talents. The Vancouver Arts Center will allow us to do that. After working through obstacles to begin using the center, it will cause our group frustration and disappointment to be searching again for an appropriate venue.

For those new to Vancouver, you would not recall that the art galleries and a few cultural venues like the Academy helped keep the downtown area alive during previous economic downturns. It is hard to imagine now. The Farmers Market, First Fridays, and the yearly artists open studios also bring people to downtown Vancouver.

Prior to the COVID epidemic there were two studio spaces available for artists to use for a reasonable fee. The North Bank closed before COVID and the Loft closed during COVID. I believe the Loft closing was because of COVID. For an area with the population of Vancouver, not having a cultural and arts center is remarkable. Studies show that having a vibrant arts and culture community helps the economy.

I saw how the activities of Aspire in Tacoma revitalized that city. I believe that kind of energy is possible in Vancouver. Having a cultural center needs to be part of that. In my opinion, using the old central library building now instead of later, will start us in that direction before we face another economic downturn.

Regards,

Suzanne Green
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [michelle tomblison](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Don't cut funding ! Arts bring the community together
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 1:15:11 PM

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Dear Councilmembers,

Please maintain funding for the current activation of arts hub at the former library. Since theARTScentered took the lead in early 2024, the space has been reactivated as a vital center for creativity, collaboration, and community. It is drawing diverse participants and fostering cultural engagement that Vancouver residents clearly want and need. Christine's community-driven leadership and deep understanding of the arts have made this work both meaningful and efficient. Cutting support now would undo hard-won progress and eliminate a key asset for the city's cultural future.

Michelle Tomblison
Sent from my iPhone

From: orchplayers@wans.net
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Email in support of the Arts Hub at the original FVRL
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 12:33:51 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Vancouver Arts Hub at the site of the previous Fort Vancouver Library is an important addition to all the artists in our community, as well as the general community itself! Because of the extraordinary vision of Christine Richardson, an unused building has become a much-needed space for dance companies, visual artists, musicians, poetry, theater, etc. As the Co-Founder and General Manager of the Junior Symphony of Vancouver, I know how EXTREMELY difficult it can be to find a rehearsal and/or performance venue in SW Washington – and once one is found, affordability is a major issue. The JSV has been in SEVERAL churches since our debut in 1999, and we were actually the first group to get back into the Columbia Arts Center downtown for performances for our 2003 Season through 2007. Having a space in the downtown area was wonderful for us, as well as for the local businesses, as our performances brought people to the area that wouldn't be there normally! Local businesses, especially restaurants, always benefit from having arts events in their proximity, and the old Fort Vancouver Library is placed close enough to downtown to also offer those kinds of benefits.

After decades of people talking about it, Christine has actually created a space where the arts can thrive, but needs support from our city for it to continue. Please assist her in making this formerly 'discarded' building resonate with the sound of music, dancing feet, glorious artwork, and meaningful words of poets and other visionaries.

A short list of some of the groups that have benefited include Cottage Dance Academy, Above and Below Art Studio, Starbird Theatre, Ballet Folklorico; as well as workshops for poetry, fiber arts, writing, etc. Christine and I have also been in contact about having the Junior Symphony of Vancouver perform there at some point, and that is something we hope to have happen!

Musically Yours,

Victoria Racz

<https://www.oregonchamberplayers.org/junior-symphony-of-vancouver>

From: [Pamela Johnson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Arts Hub Interim Activation Funding Support
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 12:04:41 PM

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I am writing to inspire you to continue funding for The Arts Hub project.

As a local artist, I have observed many communities beyond Vancouver enjoy dedicated space for community art and culture. This has been absent in Vancouver, and though there is vibrant creative life in our town and it is growing more and more, there is no central hub that artists and community members can claim as a **true art center**, a place that actively reflects the diversity, vitality, and imagination of our citizens.

The Arts Hub has begun to fill this long-standing gap. It is more than a venue, it is a gathering ground, a creative incubator, and a healing space.

As someone who teaches, I've witnessed firsthand the transformation that happens when people are given space to create, connect, and express themselves. It is intergenerational, inclusive, and accessible.

As a teaching artist, I have had the honor of leading many in our community into meaningful creative experiences in my workshops. Art making is story telling. It is self-expression that helps us reclaim our voice and vision. Just recently a woman attended one of my workshops at The Arts Hub who has not made art since she was in her teens. She glowed with creative joy as we stood in a circle for show and tell, each student showcasing their work, being seen and celebrated.

There is a kind of camaraderie that art of any kind can instantly create bringing people together. Shared creative endeavors collapse the distance that has grown wider in these volatile times.

The Arts Hub has a vital role more than ever in our city. As a teaching artist with no dedicated space to lead, I have been especially grateful for the access to The Arts Hub where I have successfully been attracting new students from Vancouver and Clark county as well as Portland and beyond.

The Arts Hub needs steady uninterrupted support from our city leadership.

I have been in the building leading workshops all month long. I saw a group for Vietnamese people gathered and watched a daughter guide her elderly mother through the door to join the group for the first time. I overheard her say, "My mom would like to meet others her age."

I saw another group gathered together to learn oil painting from a local artist who had been guiding them for nine weeks in a workshop that was priced far lower than they would have had to pay anywhere else, making his workshop highly accessible. This was doable for him

because of the model The Arts Hub is building making plenty of room for creative educators and groups to use the space.

As I taught over the weekend, my students and I were **ENTHRALLED** as a music teacher in a nearby room was giving voice lessons. We enjoyed a background of being serenaded as we made our artworks. Each of us reveled in the creative magic that was tangible making our workshop experience more connection with the local creative community.

The Arts Hub is pulsing with vitality that is growing and steadily flourishing.

Continued funding will help this flourishing to continue.

I want to also say that on a personal note, The Arts Hub has inspired my vision to provide as much in-person art education as I can. As a dedicated teaching artist, I of course teach online and do LIVEstreams which are good, yet nothing can ever replace the need for being together in person. With an epidemic of loneliness plaguing communities around the world, dedicated gathering spaces address a real felt need. And art, has again and again demonstrated its power to help people cope with anxiety, stress, isolation and depression. Art is medicine.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my support for The Arts Hub.

(attached are a few photos of my students making art at The Arts Hub)

Living Inspired,

Pamela Sue Johnson



Vancouver, WA 98660

<https://www.pamelasuejohnson.com/workshops-events>



From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Public record
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 8:09:59 AM

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From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Watch "Dr. Aseem Malhotra: What 1000s of Doctors Are Saying About The COVID Vaccine Safety Data | TUH #173" on YouTube
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 11:49:28 PM

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From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Watch "Doctor reveals undisclosed risks of COVID-19 vaccine" on YouTube
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 12:05:36 AM

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From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Watch "Biden officials knew of deadly COVID vax health risks, did not warn public" on YouTube
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From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [City Council](#); electmichellebelkot@gmail.com; Victorialeeferrer@gmail.com; [Cemal Richards](#); [Harris, Rep. Paul](#)
Subject: Bird flu jabs cancelled
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To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [City Council](#)
Subject: Covid
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