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Dear Neighbour,

BC Housing, the District of North Vancouver (DNV) and RainCity Housing are partnering on a proposal to address the crucial need for supportive housing in North Vancouver.

The District of North Vancouver's *2018 Rental and Affordable Housing Strategy* identified that homelessness is on the rise in North Vancouver, and that women and children are increasingly vulnerable.

This urgent community need has led District Council to direct staff to work with partners to pursue the development of a permanent supportive housing project. A district-owned site at the corner of **Lloyd Avenue and West 16th Street** has been earmarked as the location. This project will follow the standard Council rezoning process and will include ample opportunities for public input.

If approved, the proposal is to construct a five storey, 60-unit building that would provide homes for single women and women-led families who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

District staff are leading the rezoning process and BC Housing would fund construction and operations. RainCity Housing would operate the housing. RainCity staff would be on site 24/7 to provide support services including meal programs, life and employment skills training, and health and wellness support services. RainCity Housing is an experienced non-profit charitable organization that has provided programs and services in Vancouver since 1982. Learn more about the organization at <http://www.raincityhousing.org/>.

We will be hosting small group **Neighbourhood Information Sessions** and invite the community to learn more, ask questions and provide feedback. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the information sessions will be held online.

Sessions are scheduled on:

1. Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – 7:00 to 8:00pm
2. Thursday, February 18, 2021 – 7:00 to 8:00pm
3. Thursday, February 25, 2021 – 12:00 to 1:00pm



Please email communityrelations@bchousing.org to register and indicate which session you would like to attend.

You can find more information about the proposal at <https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/north-vancouver-west-16>. You can also send questions and comments to communityrelations@bchousing.org.

For more information about the project and upcoming community engagement, visit
<https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/north-vancouver-west-16>

For information about the District of North Vancouver rezoning process, visit:
<https://www.dnv.org/west16th>