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Mayor Michael Smith and Council  
District of West Vancouver  
750 17th St  
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

***Re: Proposed Marine Drive Local Area Plan (LAP) and Design Guidelines***

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Urban Development Institute (UDI) is pleased that the District has developed a *Local Area Plan* (and *Design Guidelines*) in the Marine Drive Area – a key growth node in West Vancouver.

The Marine Drive area is ideal for sustainable growth because it is the urban centre for West Vancouver. Although the District does not have a rapid transit station, bus service from the Marine Drive area allows quicker access to downtown Vancouver than most communities in the Region. In addition, biking to downtown Vancouver is feasible for many residents in the area. Walking is also promoted in the proposed *LAP*.

We note that the plan also includes many amenities and supportive services for current and future residents and businesses, including:

- Supportive and rental housing;
- A diversity of housing choices;
- Amenities and social benefits including childcare facilities;
- Public realm improvements; and
- Creating and enhancing connections to the natural environment.

UDI has been a strong proponent of increasing the supply of housing in the region through sustainable development and planning to address housing affordability concerns. We believe the best place for growth to occur is in urban centres well served by transit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne McMullin', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Anne McMullin  
President and CEO