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Mayor and Council  
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Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association of British Columbia (BOMA), we would like to offer our endorsement for the recent motion put forward by Councillors Lisa Dominato and Sarah Kirby-Yung to direct city staff to create a draft action plan to clear the development permitting and licensing backlog by no later than the end of September 2022.

Permitting delays have been a substantial issue for our members and we have been working with city staff for years on making improvements. While there has been a significant shift to improve the process, timelines, and technology, we still feel there can be more resources put towards implementing solutions.

Permitting lags cause unnecessary delays and considerable costs to tenant improvement projects, which subsequently generate further barriers to re-starting our economy and helping Vancouver's small business community.

We support this motion as a gesture of good will, inspiration, and enthusiasm to ensure we can work together to create a permitting and licensing structure that works for everyone in our city and is the envy of the world. Speeding up permitting processes and turnover timelines will help all of our members, their small business tenants, and the public who live and work in Vancouver.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Stathonikos'.

Damian Stathonikos  
President

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