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Hearts & Soul Foundation
Strengthening Community Through Music

My apologies,
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Dear Honourable Acting Mayors and Council,

We are observing with great interest the proposal for a 6,000-seat entertainment amphitheatre in Richmond.

The City of Richmond has been a leader in working toward becoming an accessible community for all its residents. However, there is a growing waitlist for the resources necessary to support families and individuals living with developmental and/or physical disabilities to live, work and play in our community. Many family members are becoming exhausted because of this lack or resources. The Hearts and Soul Foundation exists to address this need.

We are a non-profit organization with a mission to raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities by producing benefit concerts.

One of our significant challenges has been obtaining appropriate venues within a cost structure to actually allow us to raise funds beyond expenses.

We are excited that this new amphitheatre may offer our community an excellent facility for fundraising as well as musical arts enjoyment. We also consider that it represents a unique opportunity for the promoters to put something significant back into their communities.

We look forward to an opportunity, during the re-zoning public process, to ask if the promoters will commit to making their facility available, to organizations such as ours, a reasonable number of times per year at a cost that will support our fundraising efforts.

Respectfully,

Ken Glaze
President

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