

June 29, 2004

City Of Richmond Councillors

*Submission to June 29/04
Council Meeting
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DL 7722 & 7723

Re: Senior Citizens' Housing Development on No. 2 Rd.

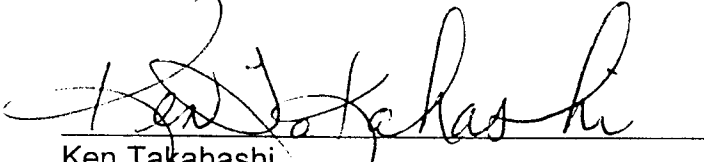
We, the families living along Moncton St. just north of the proposed Seniors' complex, object to the development. We are concerned about several issues.


- 1) Height – We believe that a 3-storey structure plus a parking facility underneath will be too overpowering in our backyards. It will intrude on our privacy and confine our view. Besides creating an atmosphere of cramped quarters, the structure will cast a shadowing effect that will limit the amount of sunlight our homes receive all year round.
- 2) Density – We are concerned about the number of seniors who will live in the complex (at least 110 units are proposed), as well as the visitors they will receive. The complex will certainly increase the amount of people and traffic that use Moncton Street. We understand that the seniors will probably ride buses rather than drive themselves, but this does not take away from the fact that the neighbourhood we live in will become very crowded.
- 3) Devaluation of Property – We are worried that a huge structure such as the proposed senior citizens' home will make our own homes less desirable and limit our chances of selling our property in the future. How many people would want to live next door to a 3 or 4-storey building? There definitely would be many, if not a majority of, people who would not consider such an idea.

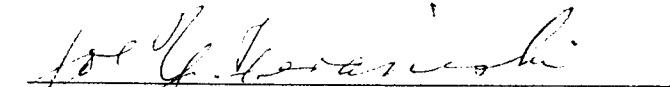
We understand that a senior citizens home would benefit the community but the current proposal will greatly affect our quality of life. We are not opposed to change, but we are opposed to a looming massive structure in our backyards. We are willing to look at other options, but we feel the proposal as it stands is not acceptable. Our home and property are our biggest investment. We don't want to lose our investment simply to satisfy the developers' need for profit.

We would like the council to consider our feelings and concerns. We have the most to lose in this situation. Some of us have lived in this neighborhood for over 40 years, and our voices need to be heard, not ignored. Thank you.

Sincerely,

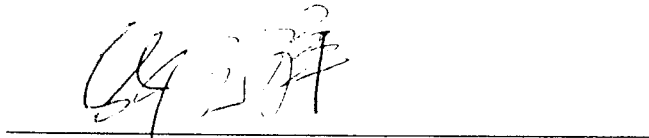

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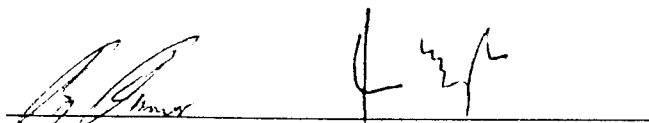

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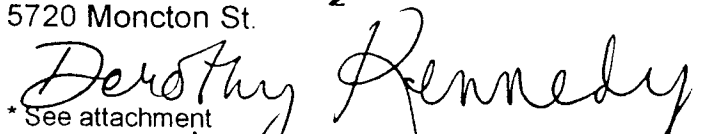

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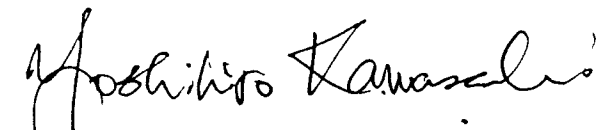
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Council Members:

In addition to the earlier points mentioned, I would like to add that my husband and I interviewed several people who live on Corless Road, Corless Place, and Blundell Road, adjacent to Gilmore Gardens. They had been adamant in opposing that senior citizens housing development. In spite of their opposition, the plans for the development went through. The residents are still upset about the development and are unhappy to be living next to a huge structure.

I do not want this to happen to me or to anyone else. My husband and I have lived in our home for 27 years, and we both grew up on Moncton Street. My 90-year old father lives with us, too, and he loves it here. He does not want to move. We do not want a 3 or 4-storey structure in our backyard. That would greatly upset him. We would like to see my dad live out his life enjoying his surroundings.

Sincerely,


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