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Mayor and Council
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, B.C.
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Dear Mayor and Council;

**Re: THE GARDEN CITY LANDS "BLOCK APPLICATION" FOR EXCLUSION
FROM THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE**

We are writing concerning the item on the agenda for Council's General Purposes Committee meeting today pertaining to a staff recommendation to modify the Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the Garden City Lands to extend the date limit for satisfaction of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Release Condition from December 31, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Please be advised that we are both opposed to this modification and the extension of the time limit to appeal to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALR). Overwhelmingly, our constituents have indicated that they do not support the terms of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale and the related Memorandum of Understanding and they wish these lands to remain in the ALR. We reflected this community view in the public position we took in the recent federal election campaign.


Accordingly, with the support of our constituents, it is our intention to work with the Minister responsible for Canada Lands to return the Garden City lands to the Crown so that plans may be made to secure the lands in perpetuity for the benefit of our constituents.

Therefore, we request that you not support this staff recommendation.

Yours truly,

ON BEHALF OF:
(Signature on file)

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