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To City Clerk:

Re My submission to the next Council Meeting May 9, 2011 (below)

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To: City of Richmond Council and Staff

The time has arrived that a voice and a venue come forward to fill the " fair and equitable representation" void that has unfortunately existed since the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) was created.

In fact, this is long overdue.

That void can best be described as a major deficit in active civic representation and advocacyas opposed to discrimination and indifference.

I am sure that, at the ALR's creation, 38 years ago , there was no anticipation that the " vox populi " would exist in venues outside the classical norm . Thankfully, modern technology has solved that problem.

Effectively, a defineable group of BC property owners was discriminated against in cowardly fashion by a rogue " flash -in- the- pan " NDP Gov't in 1972 , in typical ambush fashion, without much warning nor consultationand served up these same property owners on the altar of political ideology.

The general public has been brainwashed , and the ALR property owners concurrently somewhat demonized into a " we -owe- them" mode.
 Neither of the aforementioned should have ever been allowed to occur.

Not only has this discrimination remained, it appears to be entering a new quantum leap aka " ALR Part II " **with the ALR house size restriction** sponsored by Metro Van (23) member Local Gov'ts , who simply have no intestinal fortitude aka " guts " to actually resolve a " NON - issue" in - house, within their own jurisdictions..

Instead, Metro Van's Board of UNElected dictators/directors pander to a vocal minority who fear -monger without any evidence they have any of the facts in their possession to support " the sky is falling." They now wish to defer their admitted incompetence to the " Big Daddy " Province of BC. Pathetic !!!

However, various epiphanies by the disenfranchised " ALR Hostages" have manifested

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themselves to the detriment of those on governance positions at both (i) the elected and (ii) bureaucratic levels

Many have looked at the yellow brick " ALR" road ,..... traversed it to the end....peeled back the curtain,and are ultimately very disappointed once the revelation of what the ALR actually IS..... versus its propogandized brainwashing to the general public.

Thus , to fill this void, I wish to announce the creation of the democratic venue this City Hall so sadly lacks, namely the BLOG site for both

(i) Richmond's and

(ii) BC's ALR property owners in general

ALR ? is a SCAM !

<http://alrscam.wordpress.com/>

I can assure you, Richmond ALR property owners are fed up with the attitude of Richmond Council and Staff with respect to their best and better interests.

Many of us pay FULL Urban property taxes, farming is not even remotely an option.....not even for legal " property tax avoidance" via the " Farm Status"

If I recall, in the US...." Taxation without representation " was a rallying cry by groups tired of being treated as a colony and continually relegated to 2nd and 3rd class citizen status

Your failure and subsequent discrimination to us in the ALR in your elected positions is now our UNencumbered opportunity to take charge and clean up this 38 year old ALR mess to our ultimate satisfaction.

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