

**Mayor and Councillors**

Schedule 135 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, May 15, 2017 and

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**Survey Response**

Your Name	Andrew Picard
Your Address	11137 Kingfisher Drive V7E 4P8 Richmond BC
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number	BYLAW 9717
Comments	<p>Dear Mayor and Councillors, I am writing in regards to tonight's Public Hearing (Monday, May 15th) that will consider amendment bylaws that would allow homes up to 1000 square metres (or 10,764 square feet) on parcels in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) located within Richmond and significantly increase farm home plates. The bylaws currently under consideration will allow homes to be built on agricultural land that are nearly twice as large as Ministry of Agriculture maximum guidelines for the city's ALR land, which are set at 500 square metres (or 5,382 square feet). This amendment will weaken Richmond's agricultural land base and our city's commitment to food security, as outlined in the OCP and Food Charter, among other documents. The bylaw currently under consideration will also be precedent setting in neighbouring communities by weakening B.C.'s ALR land base as it will allow more residential development on agricultural lands, thus increasing land speculation and the unaffordability</p>

to purchase ALR properties in the future. While the region certainly faces a housing affordability crisis, the likelihood of attracting new, young farmers to the agricultural sector will decrease even further if we incentivize the encroachment of larger residential development on ALR land. Please remember that the central purpose in creating the Agricultural Land Reserve in 1973 was (and still is) to "preserve agricultural land" and to "encourage farming", NOT residential development. As a Millennial (Gen Y) and life-long Richmond resident, I encourage you to resist development pressure and rather, to follow Ministry of Agriculture guidelines, as set out in the Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas, in order to ensure long term food security for Richmond, the Lower Mainland, and British Columbia. Sincerely, Andrew Picard