

Schedule 150 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, May 15, 2017 and Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

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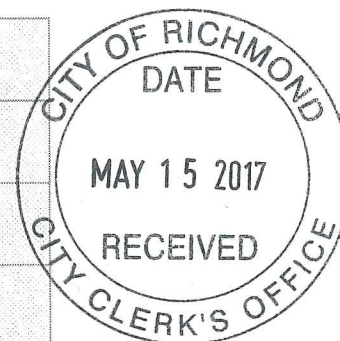
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To Public Hearing
 Date: May 15, 2017
 Item # 7
 Re: Bylaws 9706, 9707, 9712, 9717

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Survey Response

Your Name	Len Kay
Your Address	10511 Springmont Drive, Richmond, BC V7E-1W3
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number	Re: Public Hearing on ALR Home Sizing
Comments	As a human being whose survival, like yours, is dependent upon the consumption of food, I am writing to add my voice in support of those like-minded citizens who are concerned about the misuse/abuse of Richmond's Agricultural Land Reserves vis-a-vis 'mega-homes'. Food security affects each and every one of us, and it will do so for evermore. I want to see Richmond's farmland preserved. I want young farmers to have opportunities to access this nutritiously rich land, for the betterment of all society. It is a natural resource which is being absconded by the egocentricity of the rich and by those in their pockets! If they are genuinely concerned about having their multi-generational, extended family living close to each other, there is nothing stopping the rich from buying-up their required number of homes in existing residential neighbourhoods (with commensurate taxes!). Further, I worry about the impact of climate change on our globe. We each need to do our part to decelerate the decline of the

health of our only earth. We must think 'local, local, local'. And tonight, as you prepare to vote, you must do so with your stomach, not your wallet. As in the oft-quoted words of anthropologist Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.", I implore you, as that small group of citizens - our elected Richmond City Council, to unhesitatingly do the right thing for our community and beyond, in this potentially irretrievable, Faustian-themed decision, by denying further desecration of our Agricultural Land Reserve. You alone may now accept the honour to keep our corner of the world for the better, or, in fact, you must accept the responsibility for the consequences of an ill-fated decision to change our world. I wish you calm wisdom in this vote.