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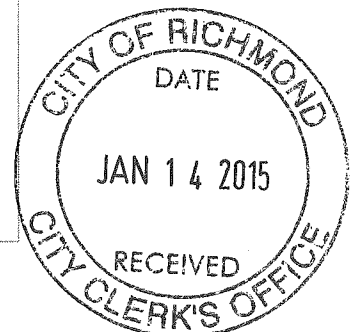
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Survey Response

Your Name	Bob Ransford
Your Address	5071 Steveston Highway
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number	OCP Amendment and Rezoning of 10440 and 10460 Number 2 Road
Comments	<p>Dear Mayor and Council, Re: OCP Amendment and Rezoning of 10440 and 10460 Number 2 Road I am writing concerning the application by Polygon Homes for an OCP amendment and rezoning of the above-captioned property (former Steveston High School site) to permit their "Kingsley Estates" development. I am unable to attend the public hearing but I wish to declare my full support for this proposal and encourage City Council to approve it. I am a fourth generation Steveston resident who has lived all my life in the neighbourhood that is in close proximity to the subject site. I attended and was graduated from the former Steveston Senior Secondary School that was once on this site. Polygon's planning for this site has long acknowledged the importance of retaining a significant portion of the site for public park purposes and I am delighted to see that more than five and a half acres of what was once my high school playing field, almost 45 per cent of the total</p>



site area, is going to be retained and public greenways accessing the open space will be enhanced. You may know that I have long advocated for increasing housing supply in our market, where demand continues to outpace supply, causing affordability issues. The addition of 133 townhomes-- most of them designed with bedrooms on the main floor to make them friendly to aging-in-place-- will help with the supply and demand equation. Moreover, a huge community benefit are the 12 affordable three-bedroom townhouses that will be a part of this project. There is great need in Richmond for non-market homes for lower income families. Polygon has, as usual, reached out extensively to engage the community-- especially the local neighbourhood -- as they planned this new residential community. The product of that collaborative planning is the plan before you-- one that offers multiple community benefits and one that is sensitive to the neighbourhood context, including our heritage and our desire for open space. Finally, Richmond has long strived to ensure that child care resources in Richmond meet community needs. Development projects have often provided this valuable community amenity. I am encouraged to see that this project is providing such an amenity. Please take into account these many benefits that this new development will provide on an important site. After doing so, I am certain you will see fit to approving this application. Respectfully submitted, Bob Ransford 5071 Steveston Highway