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 Re: 10440 & 10460 No. 2  
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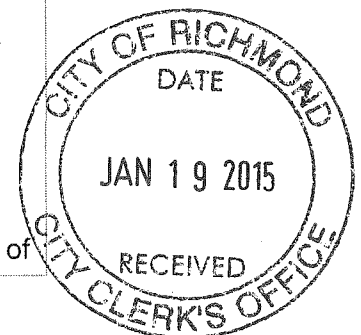
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**Survey Response**

Your Name	Mark Sakai
Your Address	11762 Fentiman Place
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number	10440 and 10460 No. 2 Road
Comments	<p>Mayor Brodie and Members of Council; My family has lived in Steveston for 114 years, and I am obviously heavily invested in our community, and care deeply about the City which we will be leaving to our children and grandchildren. While I cannot attend the Public Hearing in person, I would like to declare my support for the rezoning application by Polygon Homes at the Steveston Secondary School Site. I have been following the progress of this project through its public consultation period and through Planning Committee. As a graduate of the school, I have a sentimental attachment to the site, and would not provide my support lightly. In my opinion, Polygon has done an exemplary job of addressing the reasonable concerns of surrounding residents. It is, of course, difficult for any applicant to respond to some of the fear-mongering which has been presented by some residents. Unfortunately, they do not see the tremendous value provided to the City in the provision of affordable housing, daycare spaces, greenways and park space. As well, the addition of</p>



133 energy-efficient townhouses will improve the opportunities for new home buyers, and existing Richmond residents to age-in-place. As well, the roadway improvements which will be put in place, and the fact that this project is located on a major road and bus route will alleviate many of the concerns regarding traffic. One should also note that the traffic generated by this project is miniscule, in comparison to the high volumes generated by a secondary school, twice per day for 181 instructional days (given the location of my own residence, within sight of a secondary school, I can attest to the traffic). Given the long list of community amenities being provided through this proposal, the addition of much-needed townhouse units (more affordable than single-family houses), and the response of the applicant to concerns from reasonable local residents, I strongly urge Council to support this rezoning application. -Mark Sakai