

To Richmond City Council

I'm here on behalf of VAPOR to say a few words about Blue Dots' declaration of the right to a healthy environment. We support the declaration because it continues your original intentions regarding the opposition of the jet fuel project.

The VAFFC project threatens the Land, Air and Water of our Fraser River Estuary home and we thank you for writing to the government bodies in the past stating your opposition of the project.

This declaration will once again ask the federal and provincial governments to reconsider projects that have a health risk to citizens but will be broader because it is nationwide.

We feel the declaration is forward thinking and will demonstrate the importance of considering the environment early in the selection of proposals and not at the end. We think the declaration is a positive step for a basic change in thinking.

The City of Richmond has opposed the Jet Fuel Tank farm and marine terminal since it was first proposed and thus you have already demonstrated that the City of Richmond does not accept projects that threaten our water, air and land, but this declaration goes a step further because it makes this a right of the citizens.

VAPOR asks you to support the Blue Dot declaration and then put these words into action and we ask you to again state your opposition to jet fuel on the Fraser and support the VAPOR legal review of the project approval. Our judicial review of the BCEAO environmental process on the Jet Fuel project is going to Court Nov 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and a positive word from the City of Richmond will certainly help.

Thanks to the planning committee for unanimously approving the declaration and sending it to council today.

Together we can all make a difference and VAPOR is supportive of the blue dot program. We look forward to the day when smart decisions can be made without putting the grater community through such stressful processes but until then this is a step in the right direction.

Thanks so much,

Carol Day