

Schedule 81 to the Minutes of the  
Public Hearing meeting of  
Richmond City Council held on  
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**Mayor and Councillors**

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To Public Hearing	
Date:	SEPT. 8 2015
Item #	6
Re:	BYLAWS 9280 + 9281

Dear Mayor and Council,

I have been a Richmond resident for twelve years, and have enjoyed living here. In the last few weeks, however, I have become frustrated with the city's unwillingness to listen to and adequately address the concerns of many residents about the issue of the massing of new homes in Richmond.

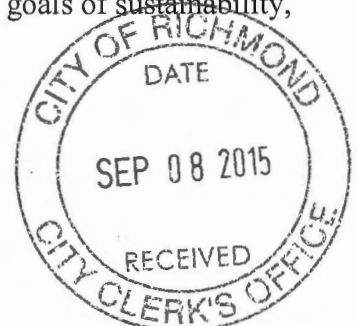
I recognize that there are two sides to this issue. I have seen the argument that demolitions of older homes are replacing them with much larger structures is just "good business sense" and that those who oppose the massing of new homes lack "common business sense." And that construction sustains a "vibrant industry" that contributes to the "cash register of our city."

But there are many problems with this argument. Even if massing makes good business sense for the developers, there are costs that are borne by others. These massive homes are creating tensions between neighbors and this does not promote healthy neighborhoods. They are making housing less affordable. There are well documented negative environmental consequences of these massive homes. In summary, while building massive homes may be just good business for some – it is bad policy for a city that is apparently committed to promoting healthy neighborhoods, affordable housing, and sustainability.

It seems to me that not only is the city ignoring the concerns of many residents, but it is taking a stand that goes against many of the laudable principles outlined in the city's 2041 Official Community Plan.

I urge you to reconsider your position. These massive homes may make good business sense for some now, but well before the year 2041, they will prove to be a massive hurdle to achieving the city's goals of sustainability, affordability and being a community of healthy and connected neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



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