

Schedule 10 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, January 17, 2022.

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January 16, 2022

Dear Mayor and Councillors

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the current proposal by Polygon which would require rezoning the Cambie, Garden City, Capstan Way, Sexsmith areas.

My concern is that this project continues with the trajectory of densification, offering a great deal more housing, but very limited to no truly affordable housing. Densification will NOT solve the affordable housing crisis in Richmond.

I take encouragement from the City's own document which states:

"While the entire Housing Continuum is referenced in the Affordable Housing Strategy, the strategic directions and associated policies and actions for implementation, specifically focus on transitional and supportive housing, non-market rental housing, and low-end market rental units targeted to the priority groups in need.

The priority groups in need were identified in the Housing Affordability Profile and endorsed by City Council in November 2016:

- Families (including lone-parent families, families with children, and multi-generational families);
- Low and moderate income earners;
- Low and moderate income seniors;
- Persons with disabilities; and
- Vulnerable populations (including households on fixed incomes, persons experiencing homelessness, women and children experiencing family violence, individuals with mental health and addictions issues, and indigenous people)."

This project would see 156 LEMR units added to the city's supply. However, the time has long passed for us to acknowledge that LEMR units at 15% below market level in Richmond are simply not affordable, particularly for the priority groups mentioned above.

We as citizens, and councillors as our representatives, have a duty to advocate for and support the rights of all of our fellow residents of Richmond to have a reasonable chance at decent quality of life. Affordable Housing is the first step in stabilizing an individual's position in society. Please do not move forward with this or any other redevelopment plan until a truly affordable housing provision is in place.

Sincerely,

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Good Morning,

Thank you for your email and letter. Please note that copies will be provided to Council in advance of the Jan 17, 2022 Public Hearing. In addition, your comments will be received by Wayne Craig, Director, Development Approvals.

Sincerely,

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