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Please find attached a letter to the city council in regard to Talisman Park by Polygon.

Stuart Nagel

January 12, 2022 Mayor and Council City of Richmond 6911 No.3 Road Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Dear Richmond Mayor and Council,

I would like to voice my opinion in favour of Polygon's Talisman Park project for the following reasons.

My name is Stuart Nagel and I am a 27-year-old who has been living in Richmond my entire life. I grew up in the Steveston neighbourhood and still live relatively close by in the Seafair neighbourhood. I love being close to the water and having some of the best fresh seafood available in my backyard. Growing up I took part in many different sports and played for various different teams all within Richmond. The sports community in Richmond was incredibly important to me as it allowed me to make a ton of friends, many of which I still am close with to this day. I work in Vancouver but prefer living in Richmond as it is more affordable and a less congested.

I like that Richmond is less congested than Vancouver, but there is still a need for more housing in the city as many people I know are trying to purchase their first real estate property and would love to do so in Richmond. I too am always looking to see what is available for purchase and rent within the city, and I think there needs to be more supply to help meet the demands. I believe that Polygon's Talisman Park would be a beneficial project for Richmond's community.

There is definitely an urgent need for more housing and a large-scale master planned community like Talisman Park is a step in the right direction to help solve this problem. The location is great because it is close to the malls, shopping districts, parks, and grocery stores, and yet is close enough to the sky train station as well. I am a big fan of making Richmond a more bike friendly city, so the fact that Talisman Park has a heavy emphasis on bike repair and maintenance facilities, as well as bike-sharing programs sounds great to me. Lastly, a project like Talisman Park allows people like myself who grew up here, to be able to stay within the city they love and remain close enough to their families. My parents still live in Steveston, and I would like to remain in the Richmond community so that I can still see them on a weekly basis without having to commute too far. I know that many of my friends who grew up in Richmond feel the same way.

Thank you for taking the time to read through my opinion.

Sincerely,

Stuart Nagel