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To: 'Kerry Starchuk'; MayorandCouncillors
Subject: RE: Public Hearing - Polygon Development

Schedule 19 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, January 17, 2022.

Good Afternoon,

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

Sincerely,

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Date: January 17, 2022

Mayor and council,

I understand there will be a public hearing held tonight on the Polygon 1300-unit development in Richmond. I am writing to say I disapprove of the proposal and don't believe it should be approved. It's been turned down 2 times and can be turned down a third time.

There are ordinary families that are struggling in every way to have a roof over their head. The majority of council members are privileged to have purchased a property in a fair real estate market before 2010 and really should be doing everything in their power to help the rental crisis in Richmond.

When do we say enough is enough!

We don't have an empty tax and investors have come in and have taken advantage of Richmond knowing our council is weak and has allowed greed to take over the city. Thank goodness for Carol Day, Michael Wolfe and Chak Au for seeing the light and saying no. Especially, Carol Day for her taking the issue to social media and bringing awareness to the public on the proposal.

Has anyone on council driven around Richmond and seen all the condo's that have been built since 2010 and are empty? When are you going to open your eyes and stop the madness!


A quote from the Richmond News "The proposed redevelopment has been on council's agenda twice before and Polygon has made changes, for example, agreeing to move a greenspace in order to save several dozen mature trees on the property."

It's long overdue we save what is left of Richmond for affordable housing for local families. Trees are important but so is a safe affordable place to lay one's head down at night.

The Vancouver west end is a good example on what a concentre jungle looks like, and Richmond is starting to look the same. Another example is China and seeing all the stories on the 64 million empty dwellings.

Is this project not a golden opportunity to establish an affordability policy that we can use in the future or do we lose the opportunity to use this as an example as a template for the future for affordability housing.

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