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To: 'Alex Atkinson'
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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.

Sincerely,

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To the members of the Richmond City Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Polygon re-zoning proposal. As a young adult, I'm keenly aware of the urgent need to elect leaders that recognize the importance of protecting green spaces and promoting biodiversity in cities whenever possible - especially when there is so little of it left. I believe it was this mode of thinking that first encouraged the Councils' endorsement of the Garden City Lands Legacy Landscape Plan in 2014. I earnestly ask you to reflect on the social responsibility you have to continue to preserve this area, and the legacy you will be choosing to be remembered by should you not.

I understand that cities across Canada are grappling with a housing and rental crisis. The need to shift priorities from conservation to using available space to provide better housing options in light of these compounding problems would be acceptable from my view. However, the LEMR units that would be built as is outlined in your "Affordable" Housing Strategy are not affordable for the slew of your constituents who are teetering on, or living below the poverty line. Inflation, economic disruption from the pandemic and rising food prices will continue to push many more Richmondites into this financial reality.

And so, I'm left to wonder who this project benefit. Surely the developers are poised to gain but I struggle to see what that would accomplish for Richmond in the long run. This proposal does not help to meaningfully address any of the challenges the public faces as we move through the 21st century. Going forward with it would signal to me a concerning set of mis-aligned priorities and puts into question the decision making model of the current leadership.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opposition. I hope you consider the concerns being brought to your decision making table.

**Sincerely,
Alex Atkinson**