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I have been a resident of Richmond since 1985 and moved to this municipality because of the suburban nature of the area and during the time since then, I have seen our city change to one that is becoming increasingly densified to the point that it has become so much less liveable and enjoyable. I understand that we cannot stand in the way of the changing times and progress is inevitable but it seems that we have grown in a way that is so much more skewed toward massive developments and loss of greenspace. The other side of development in as much as I grudgingly believe is part of progress, is that there are often promises made to make parts of the developments accessible to low income families but invariably the definition of affordable housing is only something to gain development approvals as the end result is that the so called affordable units which are usually end up in smaller numbers than the original proposal are still way out of the reach of those that need this housing the most. It is difficult to rationalize that this is the cost of progress as we are making this city unaffordable to so many long time residents.

In addition I feel that we are changing the whole ambience of the city and its liveability by eliminating so many of the wetlands and greenspaces that made this place so attractive to come and live. Also the erosion of farmland with extravagant mansions popping up all over the ALR land is not just a breach of trust but are also an eyesor to most.

While this is just the opinion of one Richmond resident, I am sure if more people are brought into the decision making process or at least given the opportunity of being heard, we might see a Richmond that we can all be proud of and enjoy to the fullest.

Respectfully

Ken Takeuchi  
concerned resident

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