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Mr. Edwin Lee,
City of Richmond,
Planning Department
6911 No. 3 Road,
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Dear Mr. Lee:
Re: $\quad 6333$ Mah Bing Street, Richmond, B. C. - Tenant Relocation Plan Current Existing Building's addresses are 6391 and 6491 Minoru Boulevard, Richmond, British Columbia

The Property Manager and Tenant Relocation Co-ordinator from Rhome, sent out a Survey Questionnaire on August $6^{\text {th }}, 2020$, and a Reminder Notice on August 14 $4^{\text {th }}, 2020$, asking all tenants to fill out and return by August $21^{\text {st }}, 2020$, for compilation. Please find, attached, copies of the two letters that were sent out by Rhome, for your information.

In light of the responses below, we are of the view that the Relocation Survey's purpose was fulfilled in a meaningful way, such that the Developer can take steps to accommodate the reasonable expectations and requirements of the Tenants.

As the completed Surveys from the tenants contain personal information, we are advised by our client's lawyers, Stikeman Elliott, that the tenant's privacy rights could be violated if the completed Surveys were disclosed to the City, especially as the personal information could be subject to a "Freedom of Information" request. Accordingly we are providing the City with redacted copies of the completed Surveys, as our client is accountable for the tenants' privacy rights.

Please find attached copies of the Survey with the personal information of the respondents redacted. We confirm that these are true copies of the completed Surveys that were received, that no Surveys have been omitted and that none of the Surveys have been altered, (other than to redact personal information).

The following is a summary of our findings:

- 98 Surveys were received out of a total of 128 units in the two buildings, a high response rate.
- 92 Tenants requested assistance in helping find alternate accommodations.

This is an expected request rate.

- 16 Tenants have asked for accessible units. There are currently no accessible units in the two existing buildings, so this is a request for an amenity that is not currently in place.
- $\quad 34$ Tenants would like some help in moving, due to physical or mobility issues.

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- 32 Tenants have dependents living with them and of these 28 have asked for family units. We note that overall 51 tenants have asked for family units, (larger than I bedroom units), regardless of whether they have dependents living with them or not. This is another example of a request for an increase in an amenity that is not currently available to many of the tenants making this request.

The tenants' budget range, indicated, is quite wide but, of note, is that most tenants are realistic in their expectations and have indicated rent budgets which exceeded, (in some cases, substantially exceeded), what they are currently paying at the existing buildings.

- 83 tenants indicated the budget range that they are comfortable with;
- 15 tenants did not indicate a budget;
- Of those who responded, 6 tenants indicated a budget range which is lower than the current rental rate that they are paying in the existing buildings.

Some respondents have indicated that they would like to live near the Richmond City Centre and near public transit. 96 have indicated that they would like to stay in Richmond with 2 indicating that they would like to move to Vancouver.

We note the following with respect to these responses, with respect to the fact that all tenants have been aware, since 2018, that the buildings would be redeveloped and that all tenancies have been on a month to month rental basis since 2018, due to the Demolition Bond in place and registered on title, as required by the City.

- 39 respondents have been living in the existing buildings for less than 2 years - all these tenants would have been aware when moving into the building that it would be redeveloped and demolished.
- 22 respondents have been living in the existing buildings for between 2 to 5 years.
- 16 respondents have been living in the existing buildings for between 5 to 10 years.
- 13 respondents have been living in the existing buildings for over 10 years.
- 8 respondents did not indicate how long they have been living in the existing buildings.

Please let me know if you require further information on this issue.


September 3, 2020
To the City of Richmond

## RE: 6391 \& 6491 Minoru Boulevard, Richmond,BC

Please be advised that Rhome Property Management is a division of Associa British Columbia, Inc. We have been providing strata and rental management services for over 30 years in the Lower Mainland.

We have been engaged by the developer, Park Residences Phase II Limited Partnership, to assist them with tenant relocation matters. We have the following general experience and perform property management and related services, including assisting owner-developers with tenant relocation matters.

At this time, we manage over 1500 rental units and over 560 strata communities. We have experience in assisting owner developers with tenant relocation matters similar to common practice in the industry. The following are some of the services we provide in assisting tenants to find new rental property:
a. advising tenants of current or upcoming vacancies in buildings that we manage;
b. assisting tenants by providing listings and links to social media websites, both showcasing units available for rent
c. assisting tenants by referring them to other governmental agencies who will provide assistance particular to their needs.
d. assisting tenants by providing a list of moving companies which they can contact for their individual moving arrangement.
e. administering monetary compensation to tenants as outlined in the Tenant Relocation Plan, upon each qualified tenant's preference (i.e. their choice of compensation in terms of either free rent or lump sum payments, or a combination of both, all pursuant to the Tenant Relocation Plan).

Timing is a critical factor in finding new tenancies. We understand that the tenants of the Minoru buildings will not need to vacate for at least six months. As the actual timing is still to be determined, we cannot provide information at this time as to what vacancies will be available in the future. It is each tenant's responsibility to decide on their future accommodation and moving companies based on their budget and preference. However, we will provide assistance to the tenants with the information available at the time they will need to vacate. Arrangements as to any applicable monetary compensation will also be made in due course, at the appropriate time.

Yours truly,
Associa British Columbia, Inc.-Rhome Property Management


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