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To: General Purposes Committee, City of Richmond

Re: May 4, 2020 meeting, Agenda item #4 from Planning & Development Division (GP-61)

“APPLICATION BY YUANHENG SEASIDE DEVELOPMENTS LTD. / YUANHENG SEAVIEW DEVELOPMENTS LTD. FOR A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE “RESIDENTIAL/LIMITED COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY AMENITY (ZMU30)–CAPSTAN VILLAGE (CITY CENTRE)” ZONE AT 3399 CORVETTE WAY AND 3311 AND 3331 NO. 3 ROAD (File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010162; ZT 19-872212) (REDMS No. 6447538)”

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Richmond City Centre Community Association with respect to this City Centre North development, and particularly staff recommendation “(2) That the terms of the voluntary developer community amenity contribution secured through the original rezoning of 3399 Corvette Way and 3311 and 3331 No. 3 Road (RZ 12-603040) be amended to permit the completion of the proposed City Centre North Community Centre, at 3311 No. 3 Road, to be deferred from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2023”.

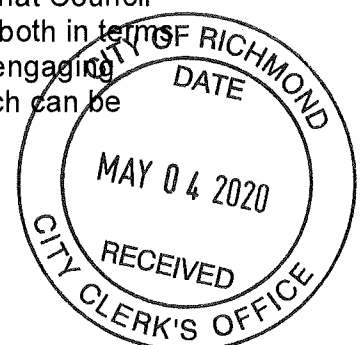
The Board of the City Centre Community Association strongly supports the City of Richmond’s push to build the new City Centre North Community Centre. This Centre will be a major benefit to the growing community in City Centre North. We feel that the deferred completion will enable the new Centre to establish itself more quickly once it is finished, since there will be more residents in the area. The revised design brings significant improvements including an expanded plaza and improved design with more daylight within the building, which will be very positive for local residents. Plus, as taxpayers, we very much appreciate that the developer is funding the construction of the new Centre as well as significant costs for its fit-up.

The new timeline and the presence of local residents when the new Centre opens will enable residents in that neighborhood to form a Board to ensure that local needs are met by the new Centre, in partnership with the City. Our Board requests that Council clearly endorse this governance model since it has been proven effective both in terms of results as well as costs across Richmond’s other Community Centres, engaging local residents and establishing a sense of pride and neighbourhood, which can be particularly challenging in urban settings.

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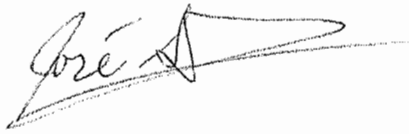
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As our Board wrote in previous correspondence to the Mayor and Council, we are actively interested in helping the new Centre start on a successful path in its urban location and with the partnership opportunities that location brings. We are happy to help the City of Richmond establish the new Centre based on learnings from our experiences in the startup of the existing City Centre Community Centre - both with the new facility as well as setting-up links with the local community.

Sincerely,

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Jose Gonzalez,
President, Richmond City Centre Community Association