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To Public Hearing
Date: NOV 21, 2016
Item # 3, 4, 5+6
Amendment Bylaw
9623 (R216-737446)

Attn: Director
City Clerk's Office
City of Richmond,
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond B.C.
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Schedule 5 to the Minutes of the
Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Monday, November 21, 2016.

Dear Sir:

Re: Public Hearing
Bylaws 8500, 9601, 9618, 9621 and 9623 – as applicable

It is submitted that the reduction of the backyard setback to 4.5m from 6m is against the public interest for the following reasons. Not only is the 4.5 m. setback insufficient to provide a safe, private, secure play space for youth or outdoor for adult activities, but is also contrary to the Federal Government Policy to encourage young children and youth to participate in physical outdoor activities.

An adequate size backyard is vital to family growth and children's health. A 9m. width is even better than 6m. Public playgrounds in today's society are not suitable for unsupervised children's play. Unsupervised play contributes to the creative process.

If necessary, either the building foot print or the front yard should be reduced in size to provide an adequate size back yard along arterial roads. Additionally, the planting of 2-3 meter height hedges would also provide a screen to cut down the incidence of traffic noise. Furthermore, foot paths should be provided in all development applications to allow passage to bus stops along arterial roads by people living in neighbouring properties to prevent trespassing situations from occurring..

Respectfully submitted



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