

June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Schedule 19 to the Minutes of  
the Council Meeting for  
Public Hearings held on  
Monday, July 16, 2012.

The City Clerk, Respected Mayor and the councillors: God bless you all for working hard to make our Richmond THE BEST. Amen.

Re: Rezoning of the site of 6251-6271-6291 called Kiwani's Senior Court.

I understand there will be a public hearing on the zoning of above site some time in future, date and time unknown at this particular time. Because I am not sure if I will be available to attend such meeting, I am requesting the enclosed letter be as good as my personal attendance.

My name is Abdulrehman Premji (Tf. 604 272 5757), and I am one of the proud residence of Kiwani's Court for quite a few years, and even though I wish to continue to live at this well located and with good management in place, I am in full agreement that looking at the crumbling structure of the buildings, they need to be replaced sooner than later. In the matter of fact, I am surprised to see why it was not done earlier. Clinging to the current structure is like a dying person clinging to its life. Why not then put a new life into to it, and make the site very presentable in the eyes of public and outside visitors, who come in thousands in our beautiful City, which is also named as International Gateway. The current buildings do look messy in the area were the largest mall (Richmond Centre and its eye pleasing surrounding) is located. In another words, these buildings, which are located in the heart of our very beautiful City, look ugly. It looks as if a tall heavy person with a small tiny head standing right besides the beautiful people. Please do not let this continue while we have God given opportunity to change.

The very best part in allowing the rezoning is, because the management has agreed to build two new apartment buildings with the capacity of close to 300 units, all income assisted units for seniors, which is twice the current capacity. In allowing the rezoning sooner, 150 more low income senior families will find the place for themselves, and the current seniors (over 100 families) will return back in the newer buildings.

Coming to the current tenants, who are elderly proud seniors (few of them are close to in their 90's), physically and financially weak (and I am one of them) living below the poverty level set by our Government, have been ~~treated and taken good care by both Kiwanis and Polygon~~ "the management"

In my 40 years of experience in real estate, I have never seen any landlord taking such a personal interest and care in the welfare of its tenants. It (the management) has gone so far as to inform all the tenants right from the end of 2010 until now, keeping us on their intention and progress made on the property. It has also offered us financial assistance to those who need it and taken care of our moving to the place of our choice, and believe me, back to our new place in few years time. I believe it is a wonderful care and help unheard of. It has been in touch with all the tenants on daily basis in case any of the tenants need more information or help in this matter. It has been marvellous experience for us. The only thing so far it has overlooked in my opinion is that, it is difficult for most of the current tenants, who are retired and live on Old Age Security or OAS, to get a rented place on their own, in such a close to zero occupancy rate environment and were the rent is averaging at around \$900. No landlord in his/her right mind will agree to rent the place, without asking the guarantee on the rental payment. The landlord will prefer a solid back ground of the would be tenant, especially when it has a back to back offers to its rental property. The package given to us by the management does not ensure such a guarantee.

However, the management has further schedule the meeting with every individual, who has any further difficulty in this case, and I am sure, it has been very fair to us so far, will not ignore such a concern. Polygon in partnership with Kiwani's is very well reputable firm and it would not wish to see any of its tenants, especially financially strapped seniors, be out on the road.

Therefore, if any of my fellow Richmond residents in this public hearing is concern of us, and I do appreciate their good feeling and concern of our well being, please feel at ease. We are in a very good hands and are been taken more than good care. God bless the management.

To summarise the whole story in one sentence, I would say to my fellow Richmond residents, please do not kill the project or even delay it. Let it go sooner than later. Thank you.

A very proud residence of this beautiful, marvellous and enviable City of Richmond, and a citizen of this great country Canada, which is heaven on this earth, I remain yours Abdulrehman Premji at 104 - 6271 Minoru Blvd. Richmond, British Columbia CANADA V6Y 1Y5.