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Cc: Erceg, Joe; Bob Jackson; Burke, Holger

Subject: Public Hearing NOV. 15, 2010 Bylaw 8609

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held for Public Hearings on Monday November 15, 2010.

To::

Richmond Council

Re: Nov 15, 2010 Public Hearing

The Following list of "PUBLIC HEARINGS" (to date: circa 2010) is for information purposes

JANUARY 2010 PUBLIC HEARING

http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/hearings/2010/011810 minutes.htm

6 items on the agenda

VOTE: All 6 items Carried / Passed 2nd and 3rd reading

MARCH 2010 PUBLIC HEARING

http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/hearings/2010/031510_minutes.htm

4 items on the agenda

VOTE: All 4 items Carried / Passed 2nd and 3rd reading

APRIL 2010 PUBLIC HEARING

http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/hearings/2010/041910_minutes.htm

5 items on the agenda

VOTE All 5 items Carried / Passed 2nd and 3rd reading

MAY 2010 PUBLIC HEARING

http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/hearings/2010/051710_minutes.htm

7 items on the agenda

VOTE: All 7 items Carried / Passed 2nd and 3rd reading

JUNE 2010 PUBLIC HEARING

http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/hearings/2010/062110_m/mtes.htm

5 items on the agenda

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VOTE: All 5 items Carried / Passed 2nd and 3rd reading

JULY 2010 PUBLIC HEARING

http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/hearings/2010/071910_minutes.htm

11 items on the agenda

VOTE: All 11 items Carried / Passed 2nd and 3rd reading

SEPTEMBER 2010 PUBLIC HEARING

http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/hearings/2010/090710 minutes.htm

4 items on the agenda

VOTE: All 4 items Carried / Passed 2nd and 3rd reading

OCTOBER 2010 PUBLIC HEARING

http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/hearings/2010/101810_minutes.htm

6 items on the agenda

VOTE All 6 items Carried / Passed 2nd and 3rd reading

Re the NOVEMBER 15, 2010 PUBLIC HEARING

It will be somewhat predictable that certain special interest groups will be present at the NOV. 15, 2010 PUBLIC HEARING to give submissions against the passing of Bylaw Amendment 8609.

That is their democratic right, in "theory".

However, I think these groups are becoming increasingly discredited via both their rhetoric and hypocrisy, given their certifiable lack of understanding re the Richmond ALR, the ALC Act, and the fact NONE of them appear to own any ALR properties.

While Council voted 7 -2 at the OCT.12 Council Meeting to move Zoning Bylaw Amendment 8609 forward to the NOV. 15 PUBLIC HEARING, the voting record for this years previous PUBLIC HEARINGS shows that it would be UNprecedented for Council to change mid-stream and vote against Bylaw 8609 ...

Re 7 - 2 Vote

I would submit to the 2 Councillors that voted <u>against</u> Bylaw 8609 to perhaps access a Map of Richmondand realize that the people you are elected to represent live in an area spanning from from Sturgeon Banks to Queensborough, North Arm of the Fraser to the South Arm...... ie Richmond does exist EAST of Number 4 Road.

If you are going to vote against us, then please admit that you base your decisons on subjective rhetoric and catering to special interest groups who often number less people than would field a high school football team yet somehow seem to sequester disproportionate amount of influence

(As I stated during my last submisssion before Council, the Richmond ALR needs serious rationalization of its inventory.)

Such subjectivty and weak kneed-ness by a small minority of Council has no place in <u>any</u> democratic context, and perhaps the Nov 2011 Civic Elections in one years time is the most approriate venue to rally those in the currently "silent majority" who are directly affected by such poor decision- making,....... and this silent majority should then perhaps organize in order to clean house of at least 2 current Council positions.

To the rest of Richmond Council: Thank you for your current and future support

Regards:

Roland Hoegler