

Schedule 20 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, December 17, 2018.

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### MayorandCouncillors

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Mayor Brodie and Councillors,

I wish to add my voice to the Richmondites asking you to ensure that adequate rental supply is part of any new developments that will take place on your watch. In particular, the large redevelopment that is set to take place on the current Richmond Centre lands, should be built with at least 25% of the available units designated for rental.

Richmond has long been an affordable, family oriented suburb, until recent years. It is now morphing into a money dumping, residential housing banking system for the wealthy. Neighbourhoods are plagued with empty mansions, absent families, and an ever diminishing sense of community. This suburb is dying a slow death unless those in power act to prevent it's transition into a ghost town.

We need to attract and retain young families that want to contribute to our community and have a safe and healthy environment in which to raise their children. These young people need a place they can afford, to call home. The stratospheric costs of detached ( and attached) housing in Richmond is, sadly, beyond the reach of the overwhelming majority of average wage earners in the Lower Mainland. It is now incumbent on provincial and local governments to act wisely and make decisions that will serve the populace that resides in our cities.....the people that comprise our communities, whose children fill our school rooms, who shop in and support local businesses, and above all, pay taxes.

I urge you to ensure our city can offer these families an affordable place to live. I implore you to set the rental quota in any new development at minimum, 25%. Many of you received my vote in this past election, as I had faith you would do the "right" thing. Please don't let the people of Richmond down, they deserve so much better than what has transpired in recent history.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Rautio

Sent from my iPad

