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To City of Richmond Clerk's Office:

I've lived in the city of Richmond for 16 years. I've watched it grow and change over the years as more and more people are attracted to the area. Development is inevitable, so our job as current residents of the city is to ensure that development happens in a manner that is sustainable, supports community, and balances affordability.

A sustainable future for our city if we continue to grow at our current pace will require more people to live in a smaller footprint, and fewer cars on the roads to reduce congestion and greenhouse gases. Richmond Centre is located on the Canada line and is the perfect place to put a dense development. The proposed mobility hubs will further reduce the need for single occupancy vehicles, and access to the shopping and amenity that the mall provides means residents will have very little need for a car.

The proposed design creates, not just homes, but a community. I have a great interest in Richmond Centre. It's where I shop and spend time with my family. This design elevates the enclosed mall surrounded by fields of parking from suburban sprawl to a city centre. The outdoor shopping and central plaza create spaces for community events, while the outdoor amenity roof gardens create spaces where neighbours can connect.

Affordability is a challenge in this city and owning a home is getting further out of reach for my children who have lived here their entire lives. Bringing a variety of products to the market including small and medium sized apartments, townhouses, and affordable rental housing gives me hope that my children may someday be able to have property here.

If there's to be development in this city, which there most certainly must be, then Richmond Centre is the place for it. It will be an accessible destination and community gathering place and I hope that the application gets passed so that we can benefit from all it has to offer as soon as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of support and for facilitating a process to ensure all concerned parties and points of view are considered.

Sincerely,


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