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| To Public Hearing |
| Date: <u>June 18, 2012</u> |
| Item # <u>2</u> |
| Re: <u>Bylaw 8169</u> |

June 15, 2012

City of Richmond Planning Department
Mr. Edwin Lee

**Schedule 34 to the Minutes of
the Council Meeting for
Public Hearings held on
Monday, June 18, 2012.**

Ref : RZ-10-516267 (9160 No. 2 Road)



Dear Edwin:

I enclose a ^{*}stack of signed letters in support of our re-zoning application on 9160 No. 2 Road. The summary shows **708** signatures from **479** households. The supporters are from all over Richmond, some live either in the Maple Road neighbourhood or very nearby. A lot of them are residents in a townhouse or condo complex. They are of different ages and various walks of life, a lot of them took the effort to go and see the subject site.

The following is a summary of the typical reaction I and my associates received from the supporters.

1. What is wrong with a townhouse complex on this site?! There are so many of them built or pending construction along No. 2 road and all the main roads of Richmond. The houses near the junction of No.2 Road on Maple are not that fancy. As usual, a house on a small lot, the prominent feature is the big garage. A well-built townhouse complex will look much better.
2. Townhouse dwellers are not second class citizens. The people who are fortunate to live in single family homes have no right to look down on townhouse residents. The way the complaint was voiced sounded that the townhouse dwellers are unruly and unlawful citizens. There is a lot of negative feeling against this point of view.
3. The business people that we talked to are very concerned that the City is putting so much energy and effort on a small group of complainers whose complains were based on unfounded fear, speculation and worries. They are not backed by facts and are going against the popular trend of a growing city. The business people are particularly concerned that the City can go against their own established policy and change the rules without public consultation and due process. It will set a very poor precedent in the minds of all law abiding citizens.

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4. There are a lot of opposing signs among the houses situated on the east side of the centre barricade separating Maple Road from Gilbert Road and No.2 Road. The residents living on the east side of this barricade have bigger and nicer homes. They do not belong to the same neighbourhood where the project is being developed. Voicing the same concerns as the people living on the west side of the barricade is very unreasonable and the City should ask for the real reason of the opposition.

There will be more support letters to come. I will submit them with another summary as soon as I get them. I believe quite a few of these supporters will speak out at the Public Hearing.

Sincerely



Thomas C. Leung
Director

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