Schedule 43 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, December 17, 2018.

December 14, 2018

Dear Mr. Mayor & City Councillors City Of Richmond

Re: Public Hearing Dec 17, 2018

I am writing to you today as I cannot make it to the public hearing on Dec 17, 2018. My name is, Parin Damji, and I am a Richmond resident and taxpayer for almost 40 years.

I strongly oppose these proposed new bylaws. As there has been no public debate or notice given to us, Richmond citizens. I think lowering the house size on ALR land to 400 m² is too drastic! What's the rush? Why do the Richmond residents have to feel so pressured? Especially at this time of the year? Christmas is only a week away, really is this the appropriate time to place such hardship upon the families of Richmond.

I only came to know about it through a very dear friend of mine, who is deeply affected by this. There has been no campaigning during the recent municipal election. I voted for Mayor Malcolm Brodie and most of the councillors and I believe you need to be accountable to your Richmond Citizens.

I urge you to reconsider and vote against these new proposed bylaws and instead propose new bylaws that would limit home size to 500 m. This would eliminate the extremely large homes, but would be a happy medium for farmers to house their families and workers... Let's face it, most farmers in Richmond are immigrants and tend to have larger families.

Thank you for your consideration,

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