Schedule 44 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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house size on ALR land

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- TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR / FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As a longtime Richmond resident, I have been concerned for many years about the issue of large mansions on ALR lots. Not only has this been a poor use of prime farmland, but it has also led to unlawful activities which have been widely publicized in the Vancouver Sun, the Richmond News and online. I am disappointed that much of the "news" involving Richmond these days is often about illegal gambling activity, illegal brothels, and corruption.

The issue of "large mansions" continues to be a driving source of skyrocketing land values for agriculturally zoned land. I am requesting that at Monday night's meeting, you will vote for houses to not exceed 400 square metres on properties in the ALR in Richmond. I would like Richmond to be a leader in farmland preservation. For too many years, we have allowed developers and other real estate interests to control what happens on our precious farmland.

Sincerely,

Charlene de Faye Richmond, B.C.

