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
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To Public Hearing	
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Re:	CCP Amendment Bylaw 9589/Zoning Amendment Bylaw 9590 ZT16-735335

My wife and I were privileged to be able to call Richmond home from 1987 to 1999. We raised our two children there and enjoyed all the amenities that the thriving city had to offer. It was a very different time and we were able to make ends meet without my wife having to work out-side the home. She was always there for the kids. Our daughter and son-in-law have worked hard and have been fortunate after a number of moves to afford a home in Steveston. Our son and daughter-in-law have also worked very hard and now have their affordable "dream-home" also in Steveston. They love living there because it's a great place to raise our four grand-children. "Making ends meet" today in Richmond requires full time jobs for both parents. I think there are limited ways that the Mayor and Councillors can help young families in Richmond today but it has never been more necessary. Generations, in its Steveston location, has been an integral part of two of our grandchildren's before and after school care. One more will be requiring it next year and our youngest grandchild the year after. I urge Council to find a way that will ensure young parents have reasonably close access to quality childcare services in Richmond.

My understanding is that there is some vocal opposition to spot rezoning of the Imperial Landing space due to increased traffic concerns. I cannot say that I've ever experienced any traffic concerns while picking up or dropping off my grandchildren at the current Generations facility. It's a couple of minutes in the morning and a couple of minutes in the afternoon. The children walk to and from Homma school. Mike Lewis and his staff provide a very high level of quality childcare. It is a small business that Richmond Council should be very proud of and support in any way possible to ensure they are able to stay in Steveston.

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