

Schedule 7 to the Minutes of the Council Meeting for Public Hearings held on Monday, May 21, 2013.

To Public Hearing
Date: <u>May 21, 2013</u>
Item # <u>5</u>
Re: <u>Zoning Amendment</u>
<u>Bylaw 9015</u>
<u>7400, 7420, 7440</u>

April 5, 2013  
Railway Ave

RE: File No. RZ 12-619835 to rezone 7400, 7420, 7440 Railway Avenue from single detached to low density townhouses to construct 15 townhouses

Dear Mr. Edwin Lee and City Councilors,

We are owners and residents of 7508 Railway Ave, Richmond and we are close neighbors of this rezoning proposal site. We wish to make you aware our whole families objections with regard to the rezoning application RZ12-619835 on Railway Ave and why this application should be denied.

First of all, Railway Avenue has only one lane for both directions, and there is frequent traffic congestion during rush hours already. If the townhouses were built, there would be even more congestion and create for air pollution since the cars are stuck in traffic for a longer time. Not only that, the rezoning site is not located at a corner, meaning that cars will be blocking traffic when they try to turn left or right into the townhouse complex.

Secondly, Railway Avenue does not have any roadside parking. If the townhouses were built, there would not be enough parking spaces and problems, such as unlawful parking on roadside or even parking in neighbor's home, can occur.

Lastly, the entire Railway Avenue consists of single family homes and has no townhouses except for the townhouses at the intersection of Granville and Railway. Putting the townhouses in the middle of Railway will ruin the character of the avenue. These townhouses will also decrease the value of the single family homes around it, including our own home. We purchased our home because it is in the single family area and it's safe for our young children.

In conclusion we would like to suggest building a series of small family houses compared to townhouses. Railway Avenue is a single family home residential area, and it should remain so.

We would be grateful if you and the council would take our objections into consideration when deciding this application.

Sincerely,



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Owners and residents of 7508 Railway Ave, Richmond BC