

Schedule 13 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

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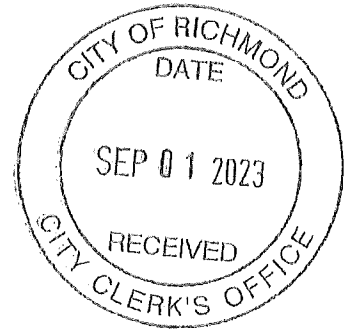
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Good Morning,

Thank you for your email. Please be advised that your comments will be forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors. In addition, your email has been forwarded to Planning staff.

Regards,

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Respected Honorable Mr. Mayor Maclom Brodie together with the respected distingused councillors of The Richmond City Council.

Re: Rezoning of the Land with the address 8520, 8540 and 8560 in to building 58 units of affordable rental housing emplex.

The Creator, The Almighty, has created The Universe and there in the Lands for the benefit of its inhabitants. He, The All Knowing, and The Most Intelligent, has increased the population of such inhabitants by billions, but never created more Lands. Hence, we have to live and grow in this limited Land we have been given, and use it wisely for the benefit of all, especially for the vulnerable ones. Ofcourse, there are other uses of such Lands, e.g. farming etc.

Because of good management, security and other many factors, which comes from the intellectual management, The City of Richmond is growing fast, and so is its population. Richmond, with its good

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management and other factors, it is attracting more people to live in. This also means, it requires more houses to be built for the newcomers. And building new houses requires more Re-Zoned Lands. In addition, Its inhabitants are growing old, and with the high inflation rate, they are getting poorer and poorer day by day.

In such cases, we have to look at affordable housing, and look seriously and with the utmost speed. Such affordable houses are been built by the institutions like Kiwanis' International, a non-profit organization, which provides excellent management, and at an affordable rent to the low income seniors. . There is a saying that the proof is in the pudding. And the biggest proof of their (Kiwanis') management and know-how, will clearly show up in the recent 2 towers buildings, called Kiwanis' Towers, built by them in partnership with The City of Richmond, with a promise that The City will look into other such projects for the benefit of its citizens. The Kiwanis' Towers are a model to be followed by every city in Canada and elsewhere. We, the tenants of these buildings, call them "The Heaven on Earth". Our lives are totally changed. We are happier and healthier than ever before.

One cannot deny that there is no shortage of housing in Richmond, and specially the affordable ones. The vacancy rate is zero, and the waiting period to get into such affordable housing is counted in years. In such an environment, institutions like Kiwanis' or others should be welcomed, and be given every help possible, without any undue delay, and with much appreciation.

In conclusion, I feel blessed and happy that I live in Richmond, The City which provides and creates the best environment to live in, in every aspect of life. And this does not happen accidentally. It is the hard work of good and careful, prudent management, which comes from the top.

With my best regards, and my sincere humble and deep prayers for all of you and your families, who have devoted much of their leisure time, to allow you to serve the citizens of Richmond City. Amen. That our Lord, The Most Blessor, bless you with all the happiness and joy and that the happy smile never diminish from your face throughout your lifetime. Amen.

And how can I forget to thank the very intelligent residents of Richmond, who have, in their wise decision, chosen you to lead and manage this beautiful, healthy and safe City. God bless them too, and also God bless The City of Richmond that it develops in a way that it becomes the envy of the entire World. Amen. Sincerely yours, Abdulrehman Premji.

P.S. I feel sorry that I cannot attend the meeting personally, because of the conflict of timing. At 7 p.m. I will be attending JamatKhana (the praying place) for prayers. By the way, it is always in our mind that this Jamat Khana, which was built some 7 years ago, where we meet for prayers at dawn and evenings, would not have been possible without your kind and thoughtful help. You made it possible by rezoning its land, for which we not only thank you, but you all have our heartfelt, sincere and humble deep prayers that our Lord, The Most Merciful and The Most Kind, bless you all, with every success you wish in your lifetime. Amen.