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Koey Ye Owner of 8988 Patterson road Richmond B.C V6X 0R2 July 9, 2023

Subject: Objection to the Rezoning of Patterson Road Property

Hello,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed rezoning of the properties located at 8911, 8931, 8951, and 8991 Patterson Road from the current "Residential Single Family (RS1/F)" zone to the new "Residential/Limited Commercial (ZMU54)" zone and "School and Institutional Use (SI)" zone. Furthermore, I firmly request that you deny any development plans for a mixed-use mid-rise and high-rise project on these properties.

As a concerned resident and stakeholder in this community, I have a vested interest in preserving the quality of life and maintaining the integrity of our neighborhood. The proposed rezoning and subsequent development would have several negative impacts on the community and the surrounding area. I would like to highlight a few of these concerns:

- 1. Overburdened Infrastructure: The addition of a mixed-use mid-rise and high-rise development would put immense pressure on our existing infrastructure, including roads, sewage systems, and utilities. The current infrastructure is designed to accommodate the needs of a residential single-family zone, and this rezoning would exceed its capacity, leading to increased congestion, strain on resources, and potential safety hazards.
- 2. Increased Traffic Congestion: Patterson Road is already heavily congested during peak hours. The introduction of a mixed-use development would significantly exacerbate the traffic congestion in the area, leading to longer commute times, decreased accessibility, and diminished overall road safety. Additionally, the proposed development's close proximity to schools would further intensify traffic-related issues during school pick-up and drop-off times.
- 3. Change in Character: The existing residential single-family zone contributes to the unique character of our neighborhood. Introducing commercial and institutional uses, along with high-rise buildings, would

fundamentally alter the ambiance and charm that attracts residents to this area. It would also have a negative visual impact, overshadowing the neighboring properties and disturbing the natural landscape.

- 4. Strain on Public Services: A development of this scale would place a significant burden on public services such as schools, emergency services, and healthcare facilities. The increase in population density resulting from the proposed rezoning could overwhelm these services, leading to a decline in their quality and availability for current and future residents.
- 5. Environmental Concerns: The proposed development could have adverse effects on the local environment, including increased pollution, loss of green space, and the destruction of wildlife habitats. Preserving the natural surroundings and maintaining a balance between urban development and nature is crucial for the well-being of our community and the sustainability of our ecosystem.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to carefully consider the long-term impact of this rezoning and development proposal. Instead, I request that you prioritize the interests and well-being of the community by preserving the current residential single-family zone and promoting responsible development practices that align with the existing infrastructure and character of our neighborhood.

I kindly request an opportunity for public consultation to voice our concerns and explore alternative solutions that can benefit all stakeholders involved. It is imperative that decisions of such magnitude are made with the utmost care, considering the long-term consequences for the community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will take our objections into serious consideration and act in the best interest of the community. Please feel free to reach out to me if you require any further information or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Yours sincerely,

Koey Ye