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From: Bob Friedland <bobfriedland@shaw.ca>
Sent: April 18, 2022 10:22 PM
To: 'Carol Day'
Cc: Jesson, Claudia
Subject: RE: Housing Crisis opportunity to have your say...

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Ms. Jesson,

Please scroll down. Councillor Carol Day has asked me to forward you my comments on affordable housing.

I have highlighted them in yellow, below.

Thank you.

Bob

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Subject: Re: Housing Crisis opportunity to have your say....

Hi Bob

Great comments can you send them to cjesson@richmond.ca??

Thanks very much carol Day

On Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 12:26 PM Bob Friedland <bobfriedland@shaw.ca> wrote:

Hi Carol,

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Thank you, but I won't speak.

Please feel free to share my thoughts, though.

As you may know, I have long been a champion of affordable housing.

The present housing situation is extraordinary. Small, incremental zoning changes won't significantly affect the terrible time so many people have finding affordable housing, either rental or ownership.

In my view, the most effective thing municipalities, and other levels of government can do, is to provide long-term, 99 year leases of surplus public land to developers, with the requirement they build, lease, or sell to persons who satisfy an income test.

As you may know, this was a very successful way in which the City of Vancouver originally developed townhouses on False Creek, many, many years ago.

Thank you, and keep up the great work!

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Hi There

FYI : There is a Public Hearing on April 19th at 7:00 pm This is a Opportunity to speak to the Housing Crisis

https://www.richmond.ca/agendafiles/Public_Hearing_4-19-2022.pdf

Item # 1

4400, 4420, 4440 Smith road in Hamilton, High Density Townhouses This allows for 34 townhouses which I suspect will cost 1.2 to 1.5 million dollars each. This is NOT affordable housing so I voted against it. This location is located in between Hwy 91A and a park on Smith road in Hamilton so it seems to me that this could be higher density . There is another high density development at Gilley Road and Westminster hwy and there is a shopping mall at the same corner, A community centre is less than a block away so in my opinion this site would be ideal for taller buildings with smaller more affordable housing and or rentals. Why not create more affordable units in this *community hub* for new owners and renters???

I feel we need to refer this back for better options and to wait for the revised OCP (Official Community Plan). Orientating the building closer to Smith road would better because it could buffer the condos from the traffic noise from the highway and allow for a mini park or green space.

Item # 2

8740, 8760, 8780, 8800 Spires road 36 Townhouses over a Parking Structure.

The project is located a short distance from City Centre and within walking distance of the Brighthouse Canada Line Station. The townhouses will likely sell for approx 1.5 Million dollars and are geared towards investors and people with a significant amount of wealth. This location in my opinion is ideal for rental tenure zoning and smaller more affordable units, if this project goes ahead that option will vaporize for at least 40 years.

Changing the Official Community Plan is a process and I am more than willing to wait as long as it takes to get the right housing for the people of Richmond.

The Minister for Housing is MLS David Eby and he is quoted as say this in a Vancouver Sun News story:<https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/coordination-among-governments-needed-to-build-more-affordable-housingnational-report-urges-better-coordination-among-governments-to-build-more-affordable-housing>

In a written statement, the minister responsible for housing, David Eby, admits not all municipalities are as committed to the push to create affordable housing.

"We see some great examples of hard work by some municipalities to streamline processes and open housing quickly, like initiatives in Kamloops, Victoria, Richmond, Coquitlam and Burnaby," he said.

"Other municipalities are struggling to approve housing or are simply refusing to acknowledge they have a responsibility to approve badly needed, new multi-family housing for rent and purchase."

Richmond is building housing at a very fast rate but are we building the right housing? I have attached the 2021 Housing needs report but I warn you the statistics are alarming. Your opinion is valuable to me, if you want to participate in the topic....

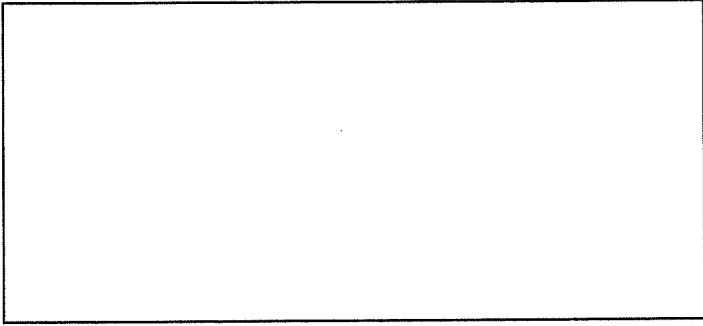
Please write to the City Clerk Claudia Jesson and let her know if you want to send in a letter for the record , Register to speak on ZOOM or come to the meeting in person. Cjesson@richmond.ca

Best regards,

Carol Day

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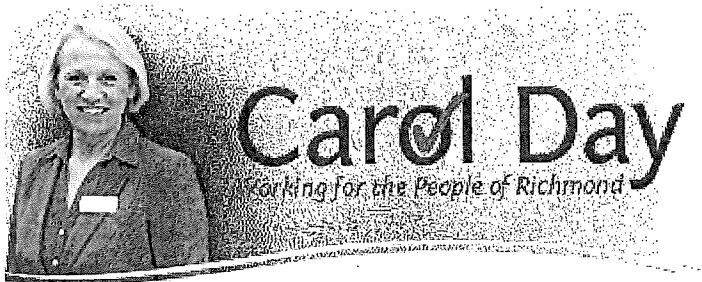
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