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Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Rigel, and I'm a native of Richmond. I'm writing to express my support for the proposed rental housing development at 9000 No. 3 Road.

As someone who has grown up in Steveston, Richmond has always been home. But in recent years, I've been forced to leave and rent elsewhere. Rising housing costs and a lack of affordable rental options have made it incredibly difficult for young adults like me—who want to build a future here—to stay. The proposed development at 9000 No. 3 Road offers a glimmer of hope for people in my position.

Adding more rental housing is essential to help people like me remain in the community where we've built our lives. With home ownership becoming more and more out of reach, purpose-built rental buildings provide critical alternatives for young professionals, newcomers, and families who still want to live and work in Richmond. Without more rental stock, people like me are being pushed out—and that's not the future I want for our city.

I'm also excited about the inclusion of small-scale retail space in this development. Supporting local businesses and integrating services into residential areas helps make neighborhoods more livable, walkable, and connected. Having shops and amenities within walking distance is not only more convenient—it also helps reduce dependence on cars, something I and many of my peers value greatly.

Finally, the fact that this is a mixed-use development makes it even more important. Projects like this help create vibrant, complete communities by bringing homes, businesses, and services together in one place. They encourage interaction, support street-level activity and safety, and make more efficient use of land—all things Richmond needs as it continues to grow.

I urge you to support this proposal. Approving developments like 9000 No. 3 Road is an important step toward building a more inclusive, accessible, and sustainable Richmond—one where people like me can afford to stay and contribute to the community we care about.

Sincerely,
Rigel Pascual

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