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Greetings City Clerk's office and Mayor & Councillors: Please see, below and attached, a submission from the Richmond Poverty Response Committee (PRC) in favour of the Mosaic purpose-built rental proposal coming before Council on Dec 16, 2019. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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December 11, 2019

City of Richmond  
4911 No. 3 Road,  
Richmond BC

**Sent by email**

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

**Re: Mosaic Market Rental Housing Development  
9900 No. 3 Road and 8031 Williams Road**



This is a submission on behalf of the Richmond Poverty Response Committee (PRC) to confirm its steering committee's support of the above-noted proposal for a market rental development.

The Richmond PRC has long advocated for **purpose-built rental housing**. In the year since the City Council adopted its Market Rental Housing policy, some rental-only proposals have come forward for approval. This is a promising trend that the Richmond PRC hopes will continue. Our collective view is the City needs to prioritize the building of rental housing units that meet the needs of people who live, work, retire and play in Richmond.

Too many people these days cannot afford to come up with a down payment, let alone cover a mortgage for their own homes. Purpose-built rentals are needed by a wide variety of young professionals, new families, immigrants and single parents. Many of these people are either mid-wage workers now traveling into Richmond to provide vital services, or residents who want to move up the housing continuum into new rental units they

can afford. Purpose-built rentals also provide stability for renters, whereas the current supply of individual condo rentals do not.

For these reasons, the Richmond PRC supports this proposal. It will help to increase supply of rental housing and as such, it promises to be a net good for the community. We understand that the developers have offered to provide some accessible units and we hope they will work with the City and with the Richmond Centre for Disability to ensure that those units fully meet the diverse needs of Richmondites.

At the same time, we remain on record as fully supporting **below-market rental housing**. We urge the City to establish a fast-track approval process to give developers an incentive to build more below-market rental housing.

For your interest, members of the Richmond PRC include the Richmond Food Bank Society, Richmond Women's Resource Centre, Richmond Food Security Society, Richmond Family Place, Richmond Centre for Disability, Chimo Community Services, Richmond Health Services, Family Services of Greater Vancouver, Turning Point Rehabilitation Society, Kehila Society, KAIROS, ISS of BC and representatives of various Faith Groups, among others.

Respectfully submitted,

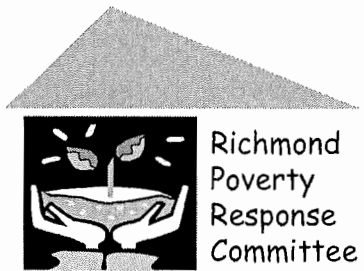
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"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can quietly become a power no government can suppress, a power that can transform the world." Howard Zinn

*"You can't undo the past. You don't have to feel guilty about the past. You don't even have to apologize for the past. All you have to do is say YES. Yes, this happened. We can start there."* Richard Wagamese on Reconciliation.



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