

**Schedule 9 to the Minutes of  
the Council Meeting for  
Public Hearing held on  
Monday, March 19, 2012.**

To Public Hearing
Date: <u>MARCH 19, 2012</u>
Item # <u>8</u>
Re: <u>TU - 11-595782</u>

March 15, 2012

PETITION

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Pamela Gervacio, a resident in Richmond BC since 2003, would like to voice my opinion in this community of which I'm so proud of. I am a concerned citizen who wants to thank the City of Richmond for allowing the Richmond Night Market to stay here.

My family and I always look forward to the opening of the Richmond Night Market. We love to go out at night and have all different kinds of asian delicacies, which cannot be easily found anywhere else in Richmond. Every time we go there, the nostalgic aromas, music, and sights remind us of our hometown. We reminisce about good memories and we share it with our children, teaching them more about our country of origin's culture.

I, and many others I'm sure, believe that the Richmond Night Market is not just a flea market nor a commercial exhibition. For me, it is more than that. The Richmond Night Market is a place where we can embrace our diversity that is a huge part of the Canadian multicultural society. It is a place where we can learn about other cultures, and appreciate their uniqueness. It is also a place that gives us happiness, quality time with family and friends, all in one neat, safe place, with security around every corner, reassuring me of my family's safety. Not to mention, the merchandise in the Richmond Night Market is pretty affordable, as well!

The Richmond Night Market is like a tourist spot here in Richmond! My sisters in Surrey, my sister-in-law and her family, they all come here, when they visit Richmond! It is so popular and they provide our community with great merchandise, multicultural cuisine and entertainment. ***What a joy it is that the location is more central and accessible to the public transit. For sure, this will bring more revenue to our Municipality and community.*** Visitors from other cities do not need to drive anymore, saving energy and keeping our Mother Earth that much cleaner. Just imagine, it is now so accessible to the Canada line.

***Placing the Richmond Night Market near River Rock Casino, for me, is a wonderful idea!*** Not only it will generate income for both River Rock Casino and the Richmond Night Market, but it will also create more customer traffic for both. Therefore, more income for our City of Richmond.

The Richmond Night Market, is not just for profitability alone! They have a kind heart that cares for the community as well. They help our local churches, by providing a free tent for us to fund-raise for benevolent causes, like feeding and supporting single moms in BC housing, senior citizens without any more family, and the homeless.

Thank you to the approving committee for taking the time to consider the peoples' opinion. We strongly believe that you'll make the right decision.

Should you have any questions please feel free to call at 604 7229670 or email at [pam@5linx.net](mailto:pam@5linx.net) or [info@achieverscanada.com](mailto:info@achieverscanada.com)

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