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<b>To Public Hearing</b>	
Date:	<u>June 20/16</u>
Item #	<u>5</u>
Re:	<u>R2 13-641554</u>
<u>Amendment</u>	
<u>Bylaw 9557</u>	

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**Survey Response**

Your Name	Regan Hawe
Your Address	11560 Sealord Road, Richmond BC, V7A 3L2
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number	Lingyen Mountain Temple Expansion
Comments	<p>As a longtime Richmond resident, I have seen the diminishing effects of over development on our agricultural lands- any opportunity for more development of agricultural lands is integral to maintaining the rich history of Richmond's farming community and creating a space that will not only physically feed the community but that will also feed it spiritually. There could also be an opportunity through temple expansion and potential partnerships with educational institutions to promote and develop agriculture with a new generation of Richmondites. The temple provides free vegetarian meals to the community at large as a means to not only foster community involvement but to also nurture one's compassion towards living things. Furthermore the temple promotes a healthy lifestyle and by implementing crops, it also promotes self-sufficiency and a solution to reducing our environmental footprint The temple offers</p>



meditation classes to provide a calm environment to reflect on life and vanquish stress. In this crowded, stress filled society; having a place to go which supports inner reflection, calm and quiet is always a benefit to any community. This expansion would allow those at Lingyen Mountain Temple to continue and develop their support of the neighborhood. Having been a neighbor of the temple since its inception, I have seen the professional, efficient manner in which they handle traffic during large events as to minimize the impact on the neighborhood. With this new expansion, the temple will have even more on site parking stalls and through partnerships with local businesses, be more than able to handle parking and traffic during major events. Thank you for taking the time to review my submission.