

PUBLIC HEARING

March 11, 2008

Supplementary CORRESPONDENCE PACKAGE No. 4

*Includes correspondence received on
Wednesday, March 12, 2008:*

- In favour – 6
- In opposition – 32
- General comments – 1

To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
Re: Garden City Lands ALR
Exclusion Application

By Fax: 604.278.5139

Attention: City Clerk

Re: The Future of Garden City Lands

I, Amin Alidina support the Garden City Lands development partners
(Name)
application to the Agricultural Land Commission to have the Garden City Lands removed
from the Agricultural Land Reserve in order to proceed with their vision for the land
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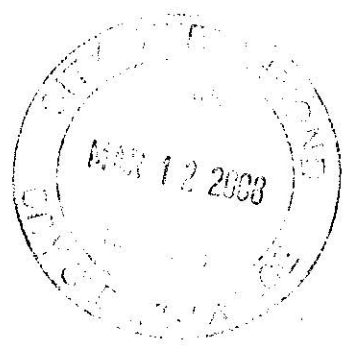
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- Social Housing
- A new downtown community with mixed-use residential development for families of all ages and income levels on development lands

Thank you,

Amin Alidina
(Signature)

MARCH 8/08
(Date)

5340 Granville Ave
(Address)
Quilley
(City)
V7C1E7
(Postal Code)



To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
Re: Garden City Lands ALR
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By Fax: 604.278.5139

Attention: City Clerk

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I, Alycia Ann Jordina support the Garden City Lands development partners
(Name)

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Thank you.

Alycia Ann Jordina

(Signature)

March 11, 2008

(Date)

5340 Granville Ave.

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Richmond

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By Fax: 604.278.5139

Attention: City Clerk

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I, Amil Aridina support the Garden City Lands development partners
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Thank you,

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(Signature)

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To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
Re: Garden City Lands ALR
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By Fax: 604. 278.5139

Attention: City Clerk

Re: The Future of Garden City Lands

I, ANNA ALDINA support the Garden City Lands development partners
(Name)

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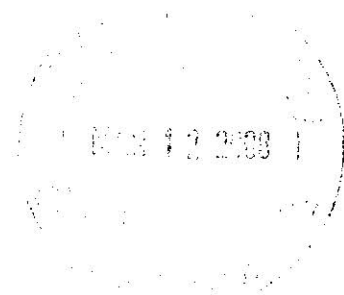
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(Date)

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By Fax: 604.278.5139

Attention: City Clerk

Re: The Future of Garden City Lands

Alyssa Alidina
(Name) support the Garden City Lands development partners

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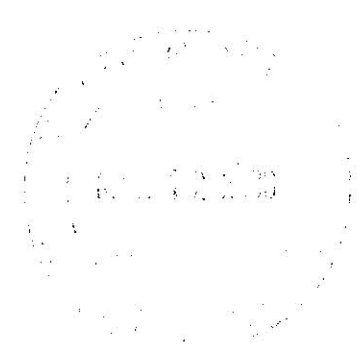
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Thank you,

Alyssa Alidina
(Signature)

March 8/08
(Date)

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By Fax: 604.278.5139

Attention: City Clerk

Re: The Future of Garden City Lands

I, Ramzan Bawa support the Garden City Lands development partners
(Name)
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Thank you,

Ramzan Bawa
(Signature)

March 8/08
(Date)

7570 Montana Rd
(Address)

Richmond
(City)

(Postal Code)



MayorandCouncillors

To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #318)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 02:47
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #318)



Your Name:	Nicole Kay
Your Address:	11771 Daniels Road, #215
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	Garden City Lands, 5555 No. 4 Road
	<p>Mayor and Council: I have great respect for the Musqueam and Chief Ernie Campbell and applaud their stand for recognition of ownership and fair treatment. I think they are genuine and honest and need to be respected and treated fairly. Is there not some way to give them what they need without endangering the land that supports us all? If we are forced to accept development on these lands, it will be like putting a worm into an apple with respect to the social health of this community. If the community doesn't want development on this land, whatever else is done with it will be poisoned and will not result in healthy community. The Musqueam have stated that they want only the best for the community of Richmond but we don't want development there. I am totally sympathetic to their economic needs but I feel there has to be another way to achieve satisfaction for all concerned. I sure don't envy Council their job in this matter. I oppose removing the Garden City Lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve for these reasons: 1. It is prudent to retain some limited ability to be self-supporting in growing food for our city's population should it be needed. The current available agricultural land within our city is sufficient to supply no more than five percent of our population's food needs. To further diminish this meagre quantity is</p>

Comments:

irresponsible toward present and future generations. We all want growth, but it must be sustainable growth. The mounting concern about global warming, climate change, and rising transportation costs should make us cautious in assuming that California and Mexico will continue to supply our food needs in an affordable and sustainable manner. Already we see a steep increase in the price of corn and wheat due to demand for crops for bio-fuels. These trends should be a warning. They should not be ignored. 2. The provincial government has recently adopted stringent proposals designed to make our province a leader in treating the earth's limited resources in a more sustainable manner. To meet those goals, reducing the transportation requirements to supply our food needs is imperative. The city's policies related to land use should aim to complement, not detract from, the provincial efforts. Both levels of government serve the same public. 3. The Town Centre, by your own admission is short of green space, as is. Adding at least ten thousand residents (and probably many more) on land contiguous to the Town Centre is not Smart Growth. It is the opposite. Twenty-five years ago I was honoured to serve on Council with the late Bob McMath. During his long career on Council, Bob never stopped pointing out that green spaces are lungs to a city. Therefore, he fought valiantly to secure the Brighthouse Estates for public use. You have filled all of that acreage with concrete and pavement at an unprecedented rate, without making sufficient allowance for green space. And now you want to pursue the same policies for the ALR. Stop! Remember those who went before you. Don't destroy our city's lungs. 4. Some say the land is unsuitable for agriculture. Only a tiny percentage of British Columbia's land is arable land, and this land in question is among the best. 5. Some say this land will never be cultivated because of its proximity to the Town Centre. Food can be grown in rooftop gardens, but we can't grow food on the Garden City lands? It is nonsense! 6. Elected representatives who worked hard for so long want to see their project succeed. But times have

changed. The needs of the city today are not the same as ten or fifteen years ago. Think about the future, not the past. As Joni Mitchell sang way back in the 60's and is so relevant to this situation, 'They paved Paradise, and put up a parking lot'. Aaaaaaaaaaacccchhhhhhhh!!!! I trust you will do your best to resolve this situation and find a satisfactory resolution, but please do not accept that what is visible on the surface is the only solution available. Think outside the box. It's worth the extra effort.

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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #317)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 00:15
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #317)

Your Name:	Lance Monteiro
Your Address:	8579 citation Drive, Richmond, B.C v6y 2x9
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	Garden City Lands Public Hearing
Comments:	I would like to vote to not take the Garden City lands from the ALR. Thanks Lance



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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #316)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 March 2008 22:12
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #316)

Your Name:	Lise Batcheller
Your Address:	409-9333 Alberta road
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	Garden City Lands 5555 No. 4 road
Comments:	I think that it is very important to keep the land in the ALR. Why don't the Musqueam find a way to use it for economic self sufficiency as farmland? There are more opportunities with farmland then land that is turned into housing. Building limits the possibilities and make the land unfarmable. In the short term there would be more monetary gain with building, but in the long run land for food security is worth far more than money. This is the wealth that we can pass on to future communities. What will they grow? This is an opportunity to continue to have land that supports us for future millenia. We are all in this together. Thank you for this chance to be heard Lise Batcheller



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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #315)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 March 2008 21:16
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #315)

Your Name:	Alex Herring
Your Address:	11340 Pelican Crt
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	Garden City Lands
Comments:	To whom it may concern, This is my first submission for any topic at city hall. I feel very strongly opposed to removing the Garden City Lands from the ALR. As the climate changes, crop failures will occur and farming will have to adapt to these changes. You only have to look in the interior of BC to see the effect that global warming has had on the Pine Beetle and the forests there. As these trees die out, the resulting soil erosion and lack of water retention will present to us as flooding and mudslides. ANY land left in the ALR must be left where it is. We do not need any further development in Richmond. As it stands right now, the only hospital in Richmond is full to capacity and cannot cope with any increase in population that development will bring. Best regards, Alex Herring



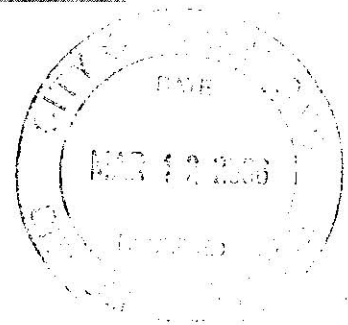
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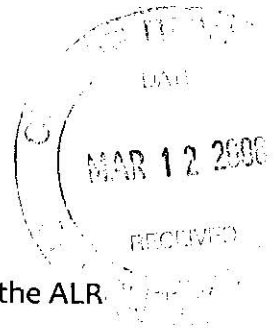
From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #314)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 March 2008 19:57
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #314)

Your Name:	Lorne Brandt
Your Address:	307-8300 Bennett Road, Richmond
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	Garden City Lands
Comments:	I am really against developing Garden City Lands. I think we should use some of the space to allow city dwellers to have gardens. A good portion could be left as park, as it is. Within that I would go for making some paths and putting up a few benches under some trees for walkers to stop and enjoy the views and visit with one another. Some of the area could be used for outdoor activities, festivals etc. As the city develops around these lands I think our future citizens will be glad to have some space not too far from downtown where they can go to see the sky, the distant mountains, the birds in their habitat or wheeling overhead.



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City of Richmond
City Hall, 6911 No. 3 Road
Attn: Director, City Clerk

Subject: Opposition to remove "Garden City Lands, 5555 No. 4 Road", from the ALR.

I oppose to the City's application to remove the Garden City Lands from the ALR. I am a resident in the City of Richmond, and have been for 11 years now. I am one of the young residents of Richmond who is concerned about the future of our city if the removal application goes through. After reading about the Garden City Lands issues in the newspaper, I am extremely disappointed at the city's decision to remove the Garden City Lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve. This plot of land was designated as agricultural land reserve to set a boundary for urban growth in the city center, but the city's decision to remove it from the ALR is not only contradictory to its mandates in the OCP and also contradictory to the goal of Livable Regional Strategic Plan.

For the City of Richmond to understand the full cost of removing the Garden City Lands, it must take historical, political, economics and social dimensions of the issue into considerations. We have had the Garden City Lands for some 30 years now that piece of open land is also a part of my memory. I do not want to see that piece of developed with condos obstructing the view. Economically, an agricultural site would be more profitable in the future when our city is able to provide for our own food. Environmentally, we need the sequestration of CO₂ by utilizing that piece of land, not putting more CO₂ emission into our city's atmosphere. By building and developing on the Garden City lands the long term CO₂ emission will increase tremendously when heating, sewage treatments, cooling and infrastructural work goes into work.

The city must also understand the social and environmental values about how and where food is grown. The strategic location of the Garden City Lands will make food grown on this land accessible to many peoples as it is close to the highway and various transportation routes. It is also crucial for the city to be consistent in its believes and values stated in the Liveable Region Strategic Plan and the Richmond Official Community Plan.

Public hearings, and public education efforts has been made by the city to make the issue relevant to the residents in the city. It seems ironic that the city has clearly identified its support for agricultural lands (LRSP, 1999) and failed to put it in practice. This is where tension arises, when policies and plans contradict each other, and citizens become wary of the bureaucratic process of development in an urban setting. The short term profit is desirable, but are we looking at the true cost of these buildings? The energy needed to heat the flats, the water used in each unit, the waste that is generated by its inhabitants. If we have other alternative locations to build these condos, why are we building on a plot of land that is capable of growing edible food? With its proximity to Kwantlen University College and their horticulture program in place, we will be able to build a self-reliant, and close knit community.

Finally, I would like to make my position clear on this issue. I oppose to the removal of the Garden City Lands from the ALR.

Jessica Lai
#28-6245 Sheridan Road.
Richmond, B.C.
V7E 4W6

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SUBMISSION FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE

Name Samuel Wai Kwan Louie's

Address: #35-0871 FRANCIS RD, Richmond VA 23159

Tel. 604 3388202

- ① Referendum to vote for all citizens
of Richmond for the Urban Agriculture
- ② If "yes", submit our proposal to
Federal Government
to act fairly back the "Garden City Land"
from CLC, by whatever means feasible.
- ③ stop the current MOU,
and go back to the ALR to
let the "Garden City Land" to
Richmond for Urban Agriculture purpose.



Yours truly
Samuel Louie's

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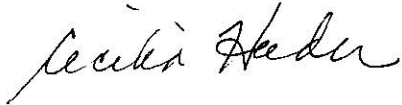
March 11, 2008

Mayor Malcolm Brody and City Councilors,
Richmond, BC

Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

It is essential to preserve the agricultural lands we have in Richmond for the sustainability of Food Security into the future. Therefore, I ask you to make the right choice in preserving the Garden City Lands in the ALR.

Sincerely,



Sister Cecilia Hudec,
St Joseph the Worker Parish
Richmond, BC



March 11, 2008

To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
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Name: Catherine Heenan
Address: 5660 Plover Court, Richmond
Subject Property Address: 5555 No. 4 Road "Garden City Lands", re proposal to remove from ALR

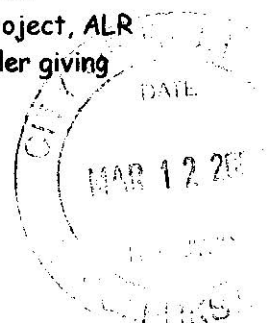
Based on my understanding so far, I do not support the removal of the GCL from the ALR. The proposal to include dense development and a trade & convention centre seems contrary to the important mandate and intention of the ALR.

I think that visions such as The Richmond Poverty Response Group's "Proposal for a Sustainable Food Systems Park" should be more fully explored. They include a strong fostering of not only involvement and connecting the community - in a wonderfully convenient locale - to creating truly functional City Lungs as "urban oasis potential", while increasing means of food security, including feeding the earth/soil that (should) feed us (including but not limited to a much needed stronger focus on composting). It also provides avenues for young and eager minds and bodies who through expert sources such as Kwantlan College and/or UBC's Sustainability courses, can be key team players with the City to come up with novel solutions, the want of which so far seem to be leaving Richmond's agriculture in a sad state of pessimism, as struggling farmers now seem to be petering out. Can some of funds gained by lands sold to date be applied to foundations/trusts to support solutions that include smaller scale farming? There seems to be evidence to support viability of the land for agriculture.

Don't we already have more than plenty regular shopping places close to the area? Such that the Farmers' Market and perhaps a few related local artisan and/or restaurant businesses would be the most appealing. Are we rushing to increase our population numbers before infrastructures (including stretched health/hospital care) can safely support them? I don't understand how removing this land from the ALR helps to increase needed green space.... doesn't it create an even greater need? The information on how the proposed land splits would be parceled is confusing and disconcerting.

In recent years Medicine has begun to factor Quality of Life issues into its assessments for "success", and now it seems that Economics is even earlier in its infancy to likewise broaden its considerations to things that may not yet be easily calculable (per recent Vancouver Institute lectures by David Suzuki's and Nobel Prize winner Dr Akerlof). It seems more than prudent to do full due diligence in not "spending"/paving limited agricultural land reserves for shorter term gains, but to be sure that we look ahead with consideration to all the recent burgeoning of issues and concerns re food production, to let Richmond be Better in this most important opportunity to be leaders in demonstrating how to optimize food security and safety for a proud community.

Thank you for please carefully perusing the information from the Garden City Lands Coalition, Kwantlan College, Smart Growth BC, Ian Lai's Terra Nova Schoolyard Project, ALR mandate, and even Richmond's Policy on supporting agriculture.... and please consider giving this avenue more support.



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March 6, 2008
39 - 6178 Birch St.,
Richmond, B.C.

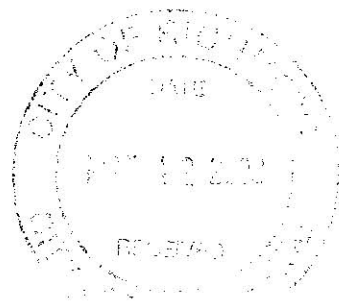
ALR
Richmond, B.C.

To Whom It May Concern:

Garden City lands must not be developed. It must be kept as an open space.

As a senior citizen I wish my opinion be considered.

Yours truly,
J. L. Baumgartner



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MayorandCouncillors

From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #327)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 15:27
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #327)

Your Name:	Kropivnitski Boris
Your Address:	16-7460 Moffatt rd Richmond BC
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	5555 No. 4 Road Garden City Lands
Comments:	I absolutely oppose the application that is done by the city on behalf of the MOU partners to remove the Garden City Lands from the Agriculture Lands Reserve. This plan is the worst idea about what can be done for the Land.

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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #326)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 15:26
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #326)

Your Name:	Khavin Irina
Your Address:	9231 Glennaland dr Richmond BC
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	5555 No. 4 Road Garden City Lands
Comments:	I completely oppose the application to remove the Garden City Lands from the Agriculture Lands Reserve. This plan is very bad and most of the application content is wrong especially when it says that the plan is for the benefit of Richmond's people - we are against it!

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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #320)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 10:49
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #320)

Your Name:	jesse houle
Your Address:	17091 Fedoruk Rd
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	555#4 Rd
Comments:	<p>Regarding the Garden City Lands, 555 #4 rd (Garden City to #4 rd, Westminster Hwy to Alderbridge) and Application for ALR exclusion. I am a Richmond resident and have been since birth (now 38 years). I strongly oppose the removal of this land from the ALR. I am increasingly alarmed by the frequency with which land in the ALR is being purchased and then later removed from the ALR. I am deeply concerned that once removed from the ALR, the land will be developed and we will loose another large segment of land that helps to preserve Richmonds natural environment. I believe that the City of Richmond has a unique opportunity to utilize this land within the boundaries of the ALR guidelines and preserve some of Richmonds natural roots. I have heard several proposals for land useage that would maintain the ALR status of the land. I hope that the City Council considers this point hard and rejects the motion to remove the land from the ALR. Sincerely, Jesse Houle, P.Eng. Long time Richmond Resident.</p>

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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #321)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 11:37
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #321)

Your Name:	Derek Choi
Your Address:	8411 Spires Road, Richmond, BC
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	Garden City Lands, 5555 No. 4 Road
Comments:	Hi, I'm an international student of Kwantlen (come from Hong Kong), and I live close to Garden City Land. I suggest to leave the land alone as (ALR), and make a public farm land/park land. Vancouver has Stanley Park, Queen Elizabeth Park. Burnaby has Central Park, Deer Lake Park. Suerry has Tynehead Regional Park, Green Timbers Urban Forest Park, Bear Creek Park and Watershed Park. However in Richmond, we only have Richmond Nature Park, King George Park and some small Parks. Which is small compare to other cities around us. It is time to use the whole Garden City Land to make our Richmond Nature Park bigger. Richmond is the first city that tourists will see when they come to Great Vancouver Area. It is important to make a good first impression for them, letting them know that Richmond is a Morden & Green city Derek

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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #325)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 15:24
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #325)

Your Name:	Khavin Alex
Your Address:	9231 Glennaland dr Richmond BC
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	5555 No. 4 Road Garden City Lands
Comments:	I oppose the application to remove the Garden City Lands from the Agriculture Lands Reserve. This plan goes against the public opinion on what is good for the future of the Richmond.

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MayorandCouncillors

From: Richard Swanston [rickswan@allstream.net]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 2:27 PM
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Garden City Lands 5555 #4 Road

March 12,2008

Mayor and Council
City Of Richmond
6911 # 3 Road
Richmond B.C.
V6Y 2C1 Canada

Your Honor and Council

I wish to object to the Development of the Garden City Lands 5555 # 4 Road My hope is that these lands be put into Agricultural Production ASAP And that future attempts to re zone this land be stopped ! With every attempt to garner MORE lands out of the ALR More lands are put under threat with land speculators circling these important properties LIKE SHARKS !! Every time Council even entertains the prospect of one of these properties being excluded the price and threat of development increases on other lands . HAS Richmond Not DESTROYED enough valuable food producing lands ! Every conceivable excuse is made to pave over these lands !

Yours Richard Swansrton # 309 5545 15B Delta , B.C. Canada V4M 2H2



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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #323)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 15:21
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #323)

Your Name:	Stasyuk Leonid
Your Address:	6331 Coltfoot drive Richmond BC
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	5555 No. 4 Road Garden City Lands
Comments:	I oppose the application to remove the Garden City Lands form ALR and I oppose any housing development on this land, it should be a park!



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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #324)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 15:22
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #324)

Your Name:	Sharapova Galina
Your Address:	6331 Coltfoot drive Richmond BC
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	5555 No. 4 Road Garden City Lands
Comments:	I oppose the application to remove the Garden City Lands form ALR, this is a very bad plan to destroy the agriculture land.



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MayorandCouncillors

From: Anne Murray [sanderling@uniserve.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 2:28 PM
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Garden City Lands

Dear Mayor and Councillor
Re: Public Hearing on Garden City Lands

I attended the public hearing last night but was not able to speak. I cannot attend tonight, March 12, due to work commitments.

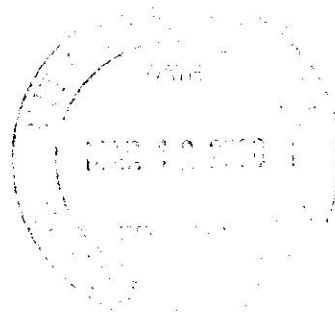
I am **in opposition** to the removal of the Garden City lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve, because the ALC stated in 2006 (at the previous request for removal) that these lands were suitable for agriculture, and nothing has changed since then.

I am concerned about our future ability to grow food locally. Food security is an increasingly important issue, with problems like climate change, drought in California, quality protection, oil costs for transportation, etc. The ALR was set up to reduce land speculation and to protect our province's ability to provide its own food. Each time land is taken out of the ALR it diminishes the acreage available and makes the job of remaining farmers more difficult. It also sets dangerous precedents. We are losing ALR right across the Lower Mainland.

Please find other ways to right the wrongs done to the Musqueam over the last 150 years, and retain the Garden City Lands in the ALR.

Yours sincerely
A.Murray

4992 Stevens Lane
Delta V4M 1P1

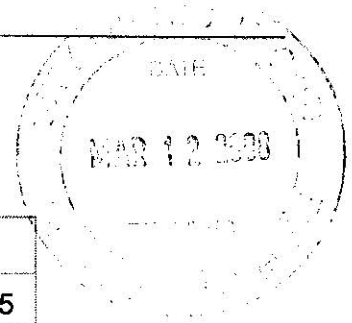


To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
 Re: Garden City Lands ALR
 Exclusion Application

MayorandCouncillors

From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #322)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 14:46
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #322)



Your Name:	Sharon E. Walker
Your Address:	13481 66A Avenue, Surrey B.C. V3W 2B5
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	Garden City Lands 5555 No.4 Road
Comments:	<p>I wish to express my support for maintaining these lands in the agricultural land reserve. As our region is predicted to have continued population growth every bit of agricultural land becomes that much more important. The security of our food is dependent upon the foods we can produce for ourselves. The lands in the Fraser Delta are of higher agricultural values than most of any of our other agricultural areas within the province of B.C. Any suggestions that land can be removed from our ALR and replaced by conserving lands elsewhere is a sham...for three reasons. The unmatched quality of ALR in the Fraser Delta and (with peak oil) the increasing costs of transportation and soil remedial practices necessary to increase yields on other agricultural lands of lesser quality. We owe it to ourselves and future generations to keep our ALR lands, they not only serve to produce our foods but also to support other animal species that share our region...we are all a part of the earth's ecosystem and to maintain as healthy an ecosystem as possible will only benefit us and our children. I live in Surrey and I will continue the struggle with others in my City to maintain agricultural lands here...we must work together as the lands support each other as well. I urge you to support conservation of these important agricultural lands in our region. Thank you.</p>

	Liz Walker (S.E. Walker)
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To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
Re: Garden City Lands ALR
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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #331)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 15:36
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #331)

Your Name:	Litvinov Alexey
Your Address:	208-8860 1 rd. Richmond BC
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	5555 No. 4 Road Garden City Lands
Comments:	I protest against the application to remove Garden City Lands from the ALR. It will have a great negative impact on the quality of life of the people in Richmond.



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To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
Re: Garden City Lands ALR
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From: Liz Gough [lizis@dccnet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 4:44 PM
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Public Hearing Submission

Dear Richmond Mayor and Council:

Re: Garden City Lands Development Proposal, 5555 No. 4 Road

Please accept this email as my written disapproval for building development on the Garden City Lands.

It is high time that those who we elect as our leaders started to think about the citizens of tomorrow. Land development in the Lower Mainland region has spun out of control. Politicians need to put a stop to new developments on agricultural land. Food lands should be protected, not destroyed for the benefit of developers' profits.

Do the sensible thing and consider future generations and how they will feed themselves. Say NO to the development proposal for the Garden City Lands.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gough
6705 - 36th Avenue
Delta, B.C. V4K 3N2



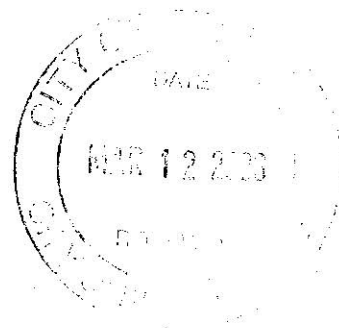
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To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #330)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 15:35
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #330)

Your Name:	Litvinova lucy
Your Address:	208-8860 1 rd. Richmond BC
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	5555 No. 4 Road Garden City Lands
Comments:	I protest against the application to remove Garden City Lands from the ALR. It is very beneficial for the people in Richmond if these lands stay green.



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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #329)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 15:31
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #329)

Your Name:	Gavrilova Victoria
Your Address:	12386 Trites rd. Richmond BC
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	5555 No. 4 Road Garden City Lands
Comments:	I do not support the application to remove the Garden City Lands from the Agriculture Lands Reserve. All green uses are allowed under the ALR designation and it is what we need for this land.



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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #328)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 15:29
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #328)

Your Name:	Kropivnitski Zula
Your Address:	16-7460 Moffatt rd Richmond BC
Subject Property Address OR.Bylaw Number:	5555 No. 4 Road Garden City Lands
Comments:	I oppose the application to remove the Garden City Lands from the Agriculture Lands Reserve. Our city council has to start working with the federal government to get a permission to use this land for a park under the ALR designation.



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Re: Garden City Lands ALR
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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #333)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 16:02
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #333)

Your Name:	Gretskii Marina
Your Address:	6-3640 5 rd
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	5555 No. 4 Road
Comments:	I oppose the application to remove Garden City Lands from the ALR, we need keep it green.



To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
Re: Garden City Lands ALR
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MayorandCouncillors

From: Nadeane Trowse [trowsen@douglas.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 3:53 PM
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Garden City Lands

To: GCL Public Hearings, Richmond, BC

Attn: Richmond City Clerk
Re: Public hearing on the Garden City Lands, 5555 No. 4 Road, Richmond



Keep Garden City Lands Green

I, Nadeane Trowse , OPPOSE the City of Richmond's block application to remove the Garden City Lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) for the following reasons:

- The City of Richmond has a shortage of green space and we need to keep every last acre of it that we have.
- Food security is important to me and we need to keep agricultural land so that future generations can feed themselves
- The City of Richmond does not need any more high rises. Development on the Garden City Lands will only increase traffic, congestion and pollution in the downtown core.

Keep the Garden City Lands in the ALR so that ALL the citizens of Richmond can enjoy it.

nadeane trowse
Signature

Date March 12 08

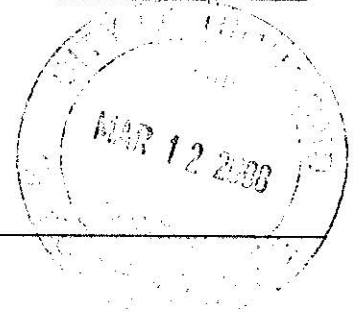
Nadeane Trowse
Name

10060 Dyke Rd. Richmond V7A 2L6
Address

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Re: Garden City Lands ALR
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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #332)



From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 16:01
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #332)

Your Name:	Gretskii Lev
Your Address:	6-3640 5 rd
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	5555 No. 4 Road
Comments:	I oppose the application to remove Garden City Lands from the ALR, it is a very wrong decision.

To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
Re: Garden City Lands ALR
Exclusion Application

Ludwig Dyck
#1005 8871 Lansdowne Road
Richmond, BC
V6X 3X8

Porcher Ng
#1209 8851 Lansdowne Road
Richmond, BC
V6X 2X8

Director, City Clerk's Office
6911 No.3 Road
Richmond, BC
V6Y 2C1

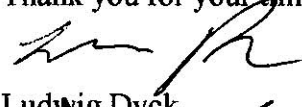
March 6, 2008

Attention: David Weber, Director, City Clerk's Office

Garden City Lands – Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusion Application

As residents of Richmond and owners of apartments in the Center Point Complex, we are very concerned about the Exclusion of the Musqueam Agricultural Land right next to our property. Located west of No.4 Road and east of Garden City, between Alderbridge Way and Westminster Hwy, the land represents the last large undeveloped area in central Richmond. From what we understand the current plan allows for 50% of the land to be freed up for residential development. This is too much! Any more residential developments would overburden the already very heavy traffic around the area. If more high rises were to be built in this area then they would detrimentally affect the view of surrounding buildings. The only development at all tolerable would be a new park. The city can use more green space! Thus we propose that the exclusion of the Musqueam Agricultural Land be suspended until the city is able to purchase the entire area for parklands.

Thank you for your time.


Ludwig Dyck


Porcher Ng



To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
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Exclusion Application

March 11, 2008

To: Richmond City Council

Re: **OPPOSED TO EXCLUSION** - Garden City Lands Public Hearing – Feedback – March 11, 2008

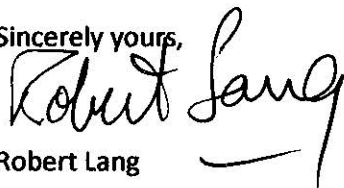
Please be advised that I, Robert Lang, owner and resident of the 5440 Cathay Road Richmond property do hereby express my concern that Richmond City Council would consider voting on such an important matter of excluding the Garden City Lands from the ALR...without going to all the voters of the community in a referendum to see if they agree with that initiative.

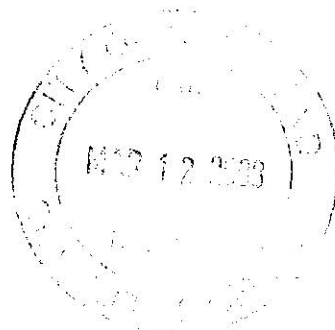
Since it is unlikely that council will proceed with the referendum initiative, ***I ask Richmond City Council to cease their efforts in promoting another development initiative for the Garden City Lands.***

Reasons for my opinion, as taken in the above position, are:


- 1) I note that Richmond City Council is part of the Soil Conservation Permitting Process (and has willingly entered into this responsibility) which is an enforcement function of retaining the soil of agricultural land for agricultural purposes within the ALR. For Richmond City Council to take a pro-development position on the Garden City Lands seems to be much like letting the fox into the chicken coop. Agriculture appears to be inconvenient when more lucrative initiatives appear.
- 2) The largeness of the Garden City Lands in itself warrants very serious consideration. From an agricultural perspective there is sufficient size to the property to stage farming operations. Look around Richmond itself and you find almost all the Farming operations occur on smaller pieces of property. The larger size of this property can have many farming advantages not yet revealed to the Richmond residents. Where is the technical review that should come from farming viability experts ... possibly farmers themselves. Was there any serious attention given to such input?
- 3) I have heard arguments that farming could not be practical near the city center ... but I have seen, as an example, an operational strawberry farm in an urban setting in Los Angeles.

Sincerely yours,


Robert Lang



To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
Re: Garden City Lands ALR
Exclusion Application

 MRS C J CURTIS
9400 PATTERSON RD
RICHMOND BC
CANADA V6X 1R1

9-3-08

To the Honorable Mayor & City Councilors

- During the 34 years I have lived in North Richmond which is more polluted than most of Richmond I have observed many things including:
- 1) In the mid 1970's 10 acres of land from the Lansdowne site was given to the city for parkland - by the developers. Quickly the land was transferred to Steveston for a park, to which I've been out there. (I am disabled and it is too far away for me.)
 - 2) I used to go to Bridgepoint a beautiful section of Richmond, and enjoy watching the barges, other river traffic, and planes take off and land. Alas, there was no proper access road until a developer was able to afford to pay for one. Now there is a road and sidewalk, but no little piece of park land where a Richmond resident may go.
 - 3) Land between Garden City and No 4 Rd, South of Cambie is being developed with considerably less park space than previous residential developments. This is a multi family development, so people will not have a garden to grow a few vegetables.
 - 4) The land bordering Sea Island Way, Garden City, Capstan and No 3 road is about to be developed. I believe most dwelling will be 12 storey high rises, and again, I believe there will be considerably less parkland for those who live there, when compared with former developments.
 - 5) Now it is planned to take the Garden City lands out of the ALR - and a wonderful, unique opportunity, in a time of global change is going to be lost forever. Has it been discussed with the Aboriginal people to have some of that land for agricultural purposes, and letting them have some other land in Richmond, not in the ALR, where they can build high-rises, or other housing? I know it would be expensive to purchase some of that land mentioned in paragraph 4, or some of the land near the Olympic Oval from the present owners. I would be willing to pay \$100 or \$200 more on my tax bill to have the Garden City land primarily used to grow fruit and vegetables. (It will soon be costing me more than that each year for the extra transportation cost to bring fruit and vegetables from Chile, Mexico, or California.

More housing especially multiple family housing on the Garden City lands is going to cause yet more pollution as vehicle service the area, and although it is not far from the RAV line, few people will be able (or willing) to walk half a mile to the railway station - buses will be needed for transportation.

Finally, please show the world what a wonderful place Richmond is, even with its own vegetables and fruit produced in the city centre. Reduce carbon emissions - keep the Garden City lands in the ALR!!!!
- Susan Curtis

SORRY, I am not able to attend the Public Hearing
on TUESDAY 11th March 08, but would be grateful
to have this letter submitted to the Mayor & Councillors.

thank-you
Cushla Curtis
Cushla CURTIS



To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
Re: Garden City Lands ALR
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MayorandCouncillors

From: Susan Jones [susanj@dccnet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2008 2:59 PM
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Submission to public hearing for Garden City Lands

BOUNDARY BAY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Box 1251, Delta, B.C. V4M 3T3

Mayor and Council
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, BC
V6Y 2C1
mayorandcouncillors@richmond.ca



March 12, 2008

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Garden City Lands (5555 No.4 Road) – ALR Exclusion Application

The Boundary Bay Conservation Committee (BBCC) is opposed to the exclusion of the Garden City Lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve because the land is viable for farming.

It is unacceptable to bring this proposal forward to the public as the Agriculture Land Commission ruled against exclusion from the ALR on September 1, 2006 finding:

1. The land under application has agricultural capabilities and is appropriately designated as ALR.
2. The land under application is suitable for agricultural use.
3. A convincing community need argument has not been made that would justify the Commission considering the exclusion of prime agricultural land from the ALR.
4. The proposal is inconsistent with the objective of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* to preserve agricultural land.

Nothing has changed in the 18 months since the last proposal. The land is still good for farming.

The arguments for benefits and 'community need' should not be made as the Agricultural Land Commission is not mandated to remove ALR lands for community need.

2008-03-12

Land claim issues should not be a means of bartering land out of the ALR. If the provincial government wishes to overrule the ALC, the Ministers have the power. If that choice is made, the blame should rest on the shoulders of the provincial government, not municipal governments and the Agricultural Land Commission.

Bartering land out of the ALR is an unacceptable process. Richmond Council has an easy bottom line to look at with this proposal. Like the proposal of 2006, it is inconsistent with the objective of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* to preserve agricultural land. Richmond Council has already heard this from the Agriculture Land Commission. To go to the ALC again is to defy the legislation that is in place and a ruling that has already been made.

Yours sincerely,



Susan Jones
Director BBCC

BOUNDARY BAY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Boundary Bay Conservation Committee (BBCC) was established in 1988 to enhance public awareness and appreciation of the global significance of the Fraser River estuary ecosystem in British Columbia. Incorporated on January 16, 1990 (#S-0025759), the BBCC consists of individual and group memberships as well as supporting groups. The BBCC recognizes the importance of the Fraser River estuary and surrounding agricultural land in maintaining much of the wildlife habitats around Boundary Bay, Roberts Bank and Sturgeon Bank. The group works cooperatively to retain links between agriculture and conservationist goals.

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To: March 11, 2008 Public Hearing
Re: Garden City Lands ALR
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From: on behalf of MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Send a Submission Online (response #313)

From: Webgraphics [mailto:webgraphics@richmond.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 March 2008 19:51
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #313)

Your Name:	anne brandt
Your Address:	307-8300 bennett road,richmond
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	garden city lands
Comments:	It will be a great opportunity for Richmond residents to have gardens on this piece of land, since we want to eat food grown within 100 miles, or organically grown. I will be more than pleased to see the Garden City Lands leased to whomever want to garden or grow fruit trees. We need more green in Lulu island, not highrise buildings

