



City of Richmond

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**Notice of Application
For a Development Permit
DP 05-292371**

Applicant: Matthew Cheng Architect Inc.

Property Location: 9800 Alberta Road

Intent of Permit:

To permit the construction of six (6) townhouse units at 9800 Alberta Road on a site zoned "Comprehensive Development District (CD/155)".

The Richmond Development Permit Panel will meet to consider oral and written submissions on the proposed development noted above, on:

Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2006
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

If you are unable to attend the Development Permit Panel meeting, you may mail or otherwise deliver to the **Director, City Clerk's Office**, at the above address, a written submission, which will be entered into the meeting record if it is received **prior to or at the meeting on the above date**.

To obtain further information on this application, or to review supporting staff reports, contact the Planning and Development Department, (604-276-4395), first floor, City Hall, between 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except statutory holidays, between June 15, 2006 and the date of the Development Permit Panel Meeting. Staff reports on the matter(s) identified above are available on the City website at <http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/agendas/dpp/2006.htm>.

David Weber
Director, City Clerk's Office

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To Development Permit Panel
Date: <u>June 28, 2006</u>
Item # <u>4</u>
Re: <u>9800 Alberta Rd</u>
<u>DP - 05 - 292371</u>

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To Whom It May Concern:

I live at 9821 Alberta Road, Richmond, BC. I am writing in regards to Michael Cheung's impossible idea of trying to literally squeeze in 6 town homes between houses. I strongly oppose this application and I strongly encourage the City of Richmond to make the architect/builder Cheung to revise his application for 6 town homes, to perhaps something more fitting to the space like a duplex. On our street, this is all the space we can afford since the condominiums across the road have come up.

There are a number of problem which I will outline below.

- **Parking.** This is a HUGE and terrible situation right now. My family and I have no space to park our vehicles since we only have space for 2 vehicles. Being that each of my family members has a car (4), we need to park on the street, but there is NO ROOM due to the senior's home opening on 6460 #4 Road. Allowing for 6 town homes will crowd our street even further due to their guests and second cars parking on the street. **We need permit parking or resident parking only signs in front of our homes already; putting in 6 town homes cannot be squeezed in.**
- **Visibility.** Due to people parking on either side of our driveway and next to our other neighbors, and since the cemented sidewalk was paved, it is very, very difficult for us to get our vehicles out of our drive onto the street. Traffic coming

off of #4 Road, onto Alberta does not slow down and we are too close to the edge that there is an accident just waiting to happen.

- School. In the mornings and afternoons when children are being dropped off or picked up from school, the traffic jams so severely at the intersection of Alberta Road and #4 road and the intersection of Alberta and Garden City, that it takes about 10-15 minutes to clear up. Factoring in the parked cars on the street, plus neighbors and myself trying to get out of our drive way makes this task very dangerous as people lose tempers and get impatient. **6 town homes would not help this situation but make this worse.**
- Illegal activity. Since the growth around Garden City, Alberta, and Ferndale, my neighbors and I have had to call the police numerous times at times of fear for our homes and safety. I feel the safety and security of our homes is being affected because renters move into these town homes and do not care for their surroundings. There have been illegal parties, people blocking the streets with cars, loud fights, speeding down our streets by owners. Further detail of crimes on Alberta can be found with the local RCMP. **6 town homes will contribute to this activity as we know what type of people will move in.**
- Space. If someone from city hall came out to look at the site where the 6 town homes are to be built, anyone without an engineering degree or a proper architect degree could see that there is NO WAY that you could fit that many people on that small piece of land. If the city allows this building, they are asking for further problems due to the tenants of these town homes taking up current

neighbor's space for parking. If we can get resident parking for the space in front of my house it may be different, but as of yet, we don't, so NO SPACE.

- Value. Property value of our homes will decline due to the sight of 6 town homes and the people and vehicular traffic associated with them. This 6 town home idea is not fitting to our little neighborhood because it imposes on our privacy also. I hope you hear from the neighbor who is right beside this building site.

Michael Cheung has no idea what he is trying to jam into the lot he has. I only see profit as his motive, but not the location and setting of this neighborhood. Why would anyone try to squeeze in town homes in between single family dwellings? Michael Cheung will not have to live here in the crowded space we do as of now. We DO NOT need more people being jammed into the already too crowded, small area we live in.

I understand that this area unfortunately got zoned as multiple dwelling after we built our home here on Alberta, so if Cheung has the right to build, revise his plan to the highest limit our area can handle, which is the most, a duplex. Honestly, this is the amount of people we can afford to have in our area. Overpopulation will attract more problems.

In conclusion, we just have too much construction in our area. I have been dealing patiently with the builders and have tried to adjust to the traffic and people that have already crowded this area. Putting in more traffic and people is not the answer. We already need space to park our cars in front of our homes (for safety and security also), there is another issue in itself. Michael Cheung may have provided space for parking (undoubtedly, for 1 vehicle), but most families have 2 or more vehicles. To visualize, 6

town homes multiplied by a minimum of 2 vehicles each, we are looking at the bare minimum (most likely more) of **12 more cars fighting for parking space.**

Please do the right thing for the betterment of our neighborhood and reject Michael Cheung's application.

Thank you.

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