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Mayor and Council
City of Richmond
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To Public Hearing	
Date:	Feb 24/05
Item #:	1A
Re:	Bylaw 7884
	11000-11100 No 5 Rd
	d 12000 Steveston Hwy

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed rezoning of the property on the south east corner of Steveston Highway and Number Five Road in Richmond.

This is a very busy intersection and any further development there will add to the danger it already presents to motorists and pedestrians. We moved to Richmond in 1972 and at that time there was a convenience store on that corner. As development took place and traffic increased it became more and more difficult for cars to enter and exit the parking lot. The store closed. A large portion of the property was used to make a right turn lane for northbound traffic on Number Five Road. Even though that helped, this corner is often bumper to bumper during the afternoon rush hour.

The thought of putting a pub and liquor store at this location is difficult to understand as it will undoubtedly cause many more accidents. There is already a pub close by (The Courtside Lounge) in the River Club. The River Club is west of The Keg just south of the intersection. There is already a BC Liquor Store close by in Ironwood Mall. Both have safe access and parking.

Please do not think we are opposed to the establishment of neighbourhood pubs. In the early 1970's we both signed the petition in approval of the establishment of Richmond's first neighbourhood pub The Kingswood Arms. The Kingswood Arms is still here and it is only about one kilometre north of the intersection in question.

In the interest of public safety please exercise your responsibility to protect the public by refusing to allow any commercial development on the south east corner of Steveston Highway and Number Five Road.

Yours truly,

Gordon Wilson

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