



### Nikolic, Diana

From:

Nikolic, Diana

ent:

Thursday, 02 January 2014 08:26

fo:

'YKSteffen'

Subject:

RE: Telephone Review with Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mr. Ke Yang,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal, has been included in the file.

The telephone survey was undertaken by the applicant and was conducted only between January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup> 2013. I have been advised by the applicant that the survey was conducted in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

#### Regards,

Diana Nikolic, MA (Planning). MCIP, RPP Planner II (Urban Design) Development Applications Department Tel: 604-276-4040 dnikolic@richmond.ca

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**From:** YKSteffen [mailto:steffen521@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, 21 December 2013 23:52 **To:** MayorandCouncillors; Nikolic, Diana

Subject: Telephone Review with Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor, Councillors and Diana Nikolic

This is my sincere apologyze for didn't answer your telephone interview/review properly as my English is quite limited, with respect and save your time, I didn't write in Chinese but asked my wife translating my support to you.

Would you please call me again for telephone interview/review at the same number in my previous email 604-362-5666, I am willing to express my keenly support to Lingyen Temple Rezoning Application at any of your convenience time, but I could only speak Mandarin. Lingyen Temple rezoning means a lot for communities and families, with the changes and pen-minded ideas of building a better spirital place for majority Chinese residence, I believe Lingyen would contribute more for social harmony, good behaved people and self-deciplined

minds, We do appreciated for being offered such an opportunity to express our support to you.

I do apologyze for any inconvenience caused due to my language barriel and wish you have a wonderful weekend.

Best regards,

Steffen - Ke Yang

Tel: 604-362-5666

Add: 7960 Bennett Road, Richmond, BC

### Nikolic, Diana

From:

Nikolic, Diana

ent:

Thursday, 02 January 2014 08:24

ſo:

'hong li'

Subject:

RE: Please approve the Expansion of Lingyen Mountain Temple in Richmond

Dear Mr. Li,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal, has been included in the file.

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Regards,

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rom: hong li [mailto:hongli1999@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, 20 December 2013 20:39

To: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: Please approve the Expansion of Lingyen Mountain Temple in Richmond

### Hi.Dear Sir

My name is HongLi,I am a machinist whom has worked at Pavac industries Inc in Richmond in past 3 years.No 5 road is most way to my work,especially,the Lingyue mountain Temple on this road,every day I go by pass it two time.I can see gold, bright statue of the Buddha when I drive pass it.Also there are many amazing and attractive activities for every one in it,whatever you are senior citizens, youth, and teen-ages.I pray to the Buddha once two week in it.I have got more calmness and happiness from Lingyen Mountain Temple in .in a word, the Lingyue mountain Temple is a good ,friendly,helpful and peaceful place! I hope more and more people come to get together in Lingyen Mountain Temple, so, please approve expansion's application.

Thanks for your valuable time

Best regard Hong li

### Nikolic, Diana

From:

Nikolic, Diana

ent:

Thursday, 02 January 2014 08:23

(o:

'Yan Rebecca'

Subject:

RE: PLEASE SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE!

Dear Ms. Yan,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal, has been included in the file.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

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rom: Yan Rebecca [mailto:peakyy@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, 20 December 2013 20:10

To: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE!

Dear Diana,

I immigrated into Richmond from China in 2005 and just moved to Surrey 3 years ago because of a lower rental.

But I still work in Richmond.

I like the cultural setting here.

I won't feel homesick only in Richmond, especially when I pray in the temple.

Visiting Lingven Mountain Temple regularly has been my "routine" for many years.

Even though it took longer driving from Surrey, I still participated in many acitivities and ceremonies held in the temple at weekends.

Yesterday evening, I came to the temple after work for a big event called NAMO AMITABHA initiation in the temple and learnt the application of the expansion.

I think it is really necessary.

I always saw crowded visitors coming here at weekends or at big events, for instance, the celebration of Lingyen Mountain Temple's 14th anniversary held in September.

Visitors had to be divided into 3 groups at 3 different periods of time within one day, just for the same ceremony. Parking was also a problem due to limited space.

If the expansion can be approved, there will be a bigger capacity for the visitors.

The visitors will feel more pleased and comfortable.

Lingven Mountain Temple will be able to influence more people with their benevolent teachings.

It is not only the value of the temple, but also the glory of Richmond City!

Yours sincerely,

Yu Yan

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:05

To:

'Carolina Wang'

Subject:

RE: Comments for LingYen Mountain Temple Expansion!

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 17, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors for their information.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for information. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

### Michelle Jansson

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From: Carolina Wang [mailto:pengyunwang85@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 23:52

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Fwd: Comments for LingYen Mountain Temple Expansion!

Dear Sir/Madam,

First of all, I am writing this letter to Mayor and Council at the City of Richmond because I am strongly supporting LingYen Mountain Temple for expansion.

Please feel free to take a look my comments below.

- 1. LingYen Mountain Temple is very famous in Taiwan and lots of believers will go to temple for any Buddhism activities.
- 2. All the believers can go to temple in Richmond and join any activities with other people.
- 3. LingYen Mountain Temple makes people feel like home and if we have any problem that can go there to talk with Buddha or volunteers or masters and they are willing and happy to help you and solve the problems with you.
- 4. They always make a delicious food and everyone can go to have lunch with them and you will feel like all the people are just like your family and the environment is really quiet and peace.
- 5. If government allows them to expansion and I think it will be great because they can accept more people to go to temple and they can have more space to create other construct.

Here is my name and address below:





TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS
FOR INFORMATION
From: City Clerks Office

# MayorandCouncillors

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:06

To: Subject: 'celeste.kong@hotmail.com' RE: Read ASAP

Attachments:

To the mayor of Richmond.docx

ne Wayne Cray

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From: celeste kong [mailto:celeste.kong@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 23:50

**To:** MayorandCouncillors **Subject:** Read ASAP



# LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

To the mayor of Richmond,

My name is Celeste Kong, I'm 17 years old and I come from a family of six. I am currently living in Canada with my family at 10111 Addison Street, Richmond BC. I've been living in BC since I was born. Because of my parent's and my grandmother's illiterate knowledge of English, I will be representing for them. My parents and my grandmother were raised in inhabited countries with little nurture and care because of their lack of education. Luckily, they were fortunate enough to immigrant to Canada and begin a new, clean chapter in their lives. As a child, I remember my mother telling me when times were tough that I should look towards to faith for warmth and embrace. The temple is a holy monument building that is a second home in my heart. It serves free meals throughout the days and kindly invite those who choose to practice the Buddha way. I've attend the Lin Yen Mountain Temple since I was 5 years old and It has brought me purity, simplicity and tranquility to my mind and soul. I can see a change in perspective when I look at the world now. Because of the inconceivable philosophy from the Sutras, I've realized most importantly there is a cause and effect in everything we do in life. For example, recently we've rallied up people to contribute with the donations to the Richmond Food Bank. The cause was the donations and the effect was building upon our merits. Our goals as Buddhists are to build on merits and to make the world a better place with the community and with many smiles along. In order to build and to be able to fit our community together is by in hopes of expanding our 3<sup>rd</sup> construction of the building. If I were to be sitting on the fence and pulling myself out of these biases opinions, I do believe this expansion will create conflicts between those who believe they need an grow in their religion. Those who will be anger, I believe are just selfish and jealous for their own needs and wants. But, I also do believe that the monks who have been praying for this expansion for the greater good of our community are caring and warmhearted towards us. The monks at the temple have empathy and sincere hearts. They care for all of us and even those who don't normally attend the service are treated equally. Their care is bittersweet because they always put others in front themselves first. In return, for all the hardship they go through, I pray and hope this expansion will be a peace offering to them because they bring the peace in the atmosphere they have at the temple all the time. Thank you for your time Mayor and I really hope you think well through your decision. Have a nice day!



# Memorandum

Finance and Corporate Services Department City Clerk's Office

To:

Mayor & Councillors

Date:

December 19, 2013

Joe Erceg

General Manager, Planning and Development

Wayne Craig

Director of Development

From:

Michelle Jansson

File:

12-8000-01/2013-Vol 01

Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

Re:

Correspondence regarding Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Attached please find 60 letters of correspondence regarding the Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application (RZ 10-547046).

Hanieh Berg

Acting Manager, Legislative Services

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent: To: Thursday, 19 December 2013 14:21

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Subject:

RE: Linyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

PC Wayne Craig

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 19, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors for their information.

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Yours truly,

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Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

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From: jeni zhu [mailto:jenizhu@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 19 December 2013 13:42

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Linyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Hi, my name is Jennifer Zhu and I live at 1604 5911 Alderbridge Way Richmond BC Canada. I would like to contribute in supporting Linyen Temple's application because it has helped me in many ways other institutions could never. I am currently 18 years old and only just graduated from high school. Even though I am in university now and things have gotten busy, I still make time every Sunday to attend the Temple's youth group where our group composed of almost 70 people learn together about how to be a better person and how to benefit others and the society in a selfless way. I believe the things I have learned over the past 8 years I've been in this youth group have helped me tremendously in not only leading me out of my extremely shy personality but also more importantly how to let go, respect others, be selfless, take initiative in helping others, and loving everyone including my enemies. I also see many friends and younger youth who have changed greatly through the years from our experience at the temple, many of them started bratty, materialistic, selfish, and stubborn but now I see them taking the initiative in helping all the time like helping elders open the door, offering to clean up a mess, and buying foods to donate in our recent donation to the food bank event. we've all entered the temple as little princesses who couldn't even hold a broom but the temple has changed and nourished us into people who will be useful for the society and people who will make our environment a better and more peaceful place to live. However, the space at the temple right now is seriously limited. So many parents hear about us and want to send their kids here to learn but we just couldn't fit that many people. Therefore, I hope the application can be passed so that more kids like us can have the opportunity to learn what we learn and do what we do to help this society.

Thank you!

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MayorandCouncillors

From: ∋ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 09:48

To:

'Fitzgerald, Shawna'

Subject:

RE: REZONING LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE

PC Warne Craix

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 18, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors for their information.

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From: Fitzgerald, Shawna [mailto:Shawna.Fitzgerald@fraserhealth.ca]

**Tent:** Wednesday, 18 December 2013 16:38

**(o:** MayorandCouncillors **Cc:** Buddhism Seminar

Subject: REZONING LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE

Dear Mayor and City Councillors

My name is Shawna Fitzgerald and I live at 207-8820 No 1 Road Richmond BC V7C 4C1. 778-990-4562.

I have lived in Richmond since 2007 and am a homeowner. I have been attending the Lingyen Mountain Temple since that time.

I first visited the temple in 2005 and part of my decision to make Richmond my home was so I could be closer to the Temple.

I am a Registered Nurse Case Manager in Assisted Living with Fraser Health and I have worked with Fraser Health for 21 years.

My nursing career has entailed 5 major roles and my work is very labour intensive and very stressful.

My day is usually 10 hours with a long commute and has often been 12 hours during intensive times.

I have found the Temple to be a refuge, a community, and an immense learning centre.

My lifestyle has become much healthier with the practice of meditation and a vegetarian diet.

The meditation practices which are taught by the nuns greatly reduce stress levels and promote health.

I have attended the English speaking classes which teach the philosophy of Buddhism.

The classes are well attended by the local community and the greater community from cities outside Richmond and all nationalities attend and are enthusiastic participants.

The nuns work tirelessly and are totally committed to the community.

It is evident that the community has grown exponentially since I have been attending (2007) and more parking is required, Many times the dining area must extend well beyond the eating area and spills out into the hallways and courtyard in order to accommodate all the people who have come because everyone is welcome at Buddha's meal time.

I have noticed many bus tours of people visiting - from youth to other cultures who come to visit the temple and to share suddha's meal and they are so graciously received by the nuns



The community clearly supports and wants this vibrant Temple to thrive and in order for this to continue and to accommodate the inevitable ongoing expansion of participants it is necessary that more accommodation is created within the existing landspace.

The plan has been well considered with regards to the buildings – height and location, parking, and the new agricultural proposal.

I enthusiastically support the proposals and wish to see the expansion succeed.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you desire.

Sincerely Shawna Fitzgerald

rom:

MayorandCouncillors

∠ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 09:56

To:

'Jovin Kuan'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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### Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

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**From:** Joyin Kuan [mailto:joyinkuan@gmail.com] **Sent:** Wednesday, 18 December 2013 01:34

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

To: Whom It May Concern

My name is Joyin and I am writing this email to you because I truly support the third phase of the expansion of this Temple. I have been a volunteer at Linguen Mountain Temple for the past 10 years and I truly believe the third phase can benefit the people in the City of Richmond.

I will be listing a few benefits below as to why I believe the third phase expansion is necessary.

- 1. The Temple provides free vegetarian lunches to everyone daily regardless of their status. The main master believes it is better that we provide free food then to go out to restaurants that serve meat. We believe that being a vegetarian is a form of compassion and it has health benefits too. Sometimes, there are too many people during the weekends and there is not enough space for everyone to sit and they are forced to sit outside in the cold or during the summer when it is hot. This is why we need more space so we can provide extra rooms so more people are able to enjoy our free vegetarian lunches.
- 2. There are free Sunday classes in which kids ages 6-12 are given the opportunity to learn about Buddhism and to use it in their daily life. Buddhist Youth classes are also provided for youths ages 13-25. The kids and teenagers not only learn about Buddhism but they also learn calligraphy, drawing, kung fu, and music lessons. There is actually a waiting list for parents because there is just no space for so many kids to be enrolled here. When parents come here they want their kid to be enrolled in these classes since they know it is good for their kids and they will learn how to become a good human being for society.
- 3. Lingyen Mountain Temple has also done a lot of charity work outside. For example, in 2004 we sold tickets



for our 5th year anniversary and donated 100% of the proceeds to the BC children's hospital. For the last two years, the Buddhist youths have gone to the seniors home which is the Fraserview Intermediate Care Lodge in Richmond during Chinese new year and Christmas and have put in endless amounts of efforts to perfect their singing so they are able to sing to the seniors and to provide them with smiles on their faces. Also, the volunteers at the Temple have provided a service of raking leaves around the neighborhood free of charge. When someone passes away at a hospital or at a home, the Temple sends volunteers to chant for the person that has passed away free of charge and when they leave the smiles on their faces are of utmost happiness.

- 4. There are free Saturday English classes provided for people who do not understand Chinese who want to learn Buddhism. After the class is done, there is a free vegetarian dinner that is provided to them. We welcome everyone and do not discriminate against race or religion. Everyone is given a chance to learn about Buddhism.
- 5. During main events such as the anniversary of our Temple, Chinese New Year or Buddhas birthday there is no room for people to come attend the service in the main Buddha Hall. The parking spaced are also limited and people are upset that it is so squishy in the main Buddha Hall during these events. We also have people that stay overnight with the masters that attend the services at the Temple and sometimes there is no room for everyone to stay. The masters have no choice but to be squished in one little room to provide rooms for the people to sleep. Imagine 15 people sleeping in one room and using only 3 bathrooms.
- 5. People here are extremely welcoming and friendly regardless of your status, race or religion. The masters at the Temple are extremely gracious and compassionate.

Overall, there are actually many more reasons as to why I believe there should be a third phase expansion but I am scared that the email might be too long and you will choose not to read it.

However, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my email and please consider the rezoning of the Lingyen Mountain Temple because I believe with the bottom of my heart it will not only benefit me but it will benefit a lot of people within the City of Richmond and other parts of the Lower Mainland. I love this Temple and I am sure if you come and visit you will love it too.

Sincerely, Joyin Kuan

⊏rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 09:57

To:

'Kevin Fung'

Subject:

RE: Support for Lingyen Mountain Temple Expansion

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**From:** Kevin Fung [mailto:funq.kevin.kl@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2013 00:44

'o: MayorandCouncillors

Jubject: RE: Support for Lingyen Mountain Temple Expansion

To the Honorable Mayor and Councillors of Richmond:

My name is Kevin Fung and I have been a resident in Richmond for a month. My address is 8751, Citation Drive, Richmond, BC.

I am writing to show my support for Lingyen Mountain Temple's expansion into its third phase. I believe Richmond is a diverse place which accepts many different cultures and religions, which is one of the main reasons I am moving to Richmond.

I believe the construction of Lingyen Mountain Temple will generate many economic benefits for the City of Richmond and British Columbia. For example, it will create many constructions job during its construction which can help reverse the unemployment trend that is happening in British Columbia. Lingyen Mountain Temple also provides a place for youths to volunteer, acquire knowledge, and develop skills that cannot be learnt in school. In addition, the Sunday lunch service and other yearly events allows Linguen Mountain Temple to generate local economic benefit for Richmond through the purchase of large amounts of food from local business and farms.

I believe that the expansion of the third phase will benefit the City of Richmond and British Columbia.

hank you for your time.

# Kevin

From:

MavorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 09:56

To:

'Debbie Hsieh'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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**From:** Debbie Hsieh [mailto:debbie.hsieh@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2013 00:57

o: MayorandCouncillors

**Jubject:** LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Hi,

As a residence of the Richmond City in BC for 10 years, I would like to express my opinion on supporting the application of LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING, reasons listed as below:

- 1. There are 45~47% of Chinese population in Richmond, which Buddhism is one of the most popular religion among the population.
- 2. LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE has been helping the food bank on a monthly basis to the Canadian society, they also provide free lunches to visitors to the Temple on a daily basis.
- 3. Volunteers at LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE help out patient in the hospital regularly.
- 4. LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE also has a project with Kwantlen University farm to provide learning opportunities to students in Richmond.

In many ways LINYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE has helped the Richmond City grow and improve and I would like to recommend the Mayor and Councillors of City of Richmond to accept the rezoning application.

.egards,



# Debbie HY Hsieh

rom:

MayorandCouncillors

√ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:21

To:

'Forest Kong'

Subject:

RE: Comments on Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezone Application

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From: Forest Kong [mailto:fkonq321@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:36

**o:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Comments on Lingven Mountain Temple Rezone Application

To the Mayor and Councillors at the City of Richmond, I am writing to you regarding the revised rezone application of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

I feel that the rezone application, or the expansion of the temple, would be beneficial to the Richmond society because it would attract more visitors to our city as a tourist site. As well, the temple gives back to society in many ways. Some of these examples are raking leaves for the community, offering free vegetarian meals for anybody who visits, and providing a platform for youth and young adults to partake in community services.

As the prefect of the Male Buddhist Youth Program and as a citizen of Richmond, I feel that expanding the temple would help give the volunteers a more sufficient area to work in, as currently we lack the space to do our weekly activities. By approving this application, not only would it provide more space for ALL the volunteers to work in, rather it would also attract more of Richmond to be part of giving back to the community, which is what Lingyen Mountain Temple has been achieving for the past 14 years.

Again, thank you for the time to read the following comments.

Best regards, Forest Kong. (11

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:21

To:

'shixiaolong'

Subject:

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 $\textbf{From:} \ shixiaolong \ \underline{[mailto:sx.tony@hotmail.com]}$ 

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:35

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject:

**Dear Councillors:** 

My name is tony Xie, and I have been in richmond for four years. For the reason that I wrote this letter is supporting linguen mountain temple application update.

Sincerely,

Tony



⊂rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:19

To:

'wendy zheng'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple third phase application

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From: wendy zheng [mailto:wendyzhenqdudu@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:26

'o: MayorandCouncillors

**subject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple third phase application

Wendy zheng 10871 Mortfield Rd Richmond BC

December 18, 2013

Dear Respectable Mayor and Councillors,

I am a youth volunteer at the Lingyen Mountain Temple. I have been going there on every Sunday for the past 5 years. It is a second home to me. When I just came to Richmond, the sheer size of this temple amazed me, and left me with a positive impression on Richmond. I was taught morals in the temple that I wouldn't have learned school, and it helped me with my relationship with others. I am sure that I'm not the only one who was positively influence by the temple. I wish for others to learn the lessons that I was taught such as how to deal with hatred and anger. However, the current size of our temple is not enough to fit all those who wish to learn. So please give us the permission to build the third phase of temple. Thank you.

Sincerely, Wendy Zheng



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:19

To:

'Carrie S'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple's third phase construction

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From: Carrie S [mailto:carriesjy@live.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:23
To: MayorandCouncillors; Nikolic, Diana

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple's third phase construction

Carrie Sun

Unit 12 9733 No.2 road Richmond BC

Dear respectable Mayor and Councillors,

I am a Buddhist Youth at Lingyen Mountain Temple and also a grade nine student currently studying at Steveston-London Secondary School. To me, the temple is way more than just a place for volunteering! The temple has changed my entire life!

When I was young, I was very rebellious and impolite to all people around me, including my friends and family. I would always anger my mom even after my parent's divorce. I hated studying and I hardly got A's. But over time, by going to the temple, I have learned how to treat others the same way you would like to be treated, I have learned to respect all people around me, and I now understand the importance to study. For my most recent report card, I have acquired strait A's. The temple is like the second home for me! Whenever I encounter a problem, the wise and merciful masters are always willing to help me. I can truly be myself there because it is so peaceful and tranquil.

Words cannot explain how thankful and glad I am to be able to be part of this big family and I would like mor people to experience what I have experienced and to undergo these changes. Please, allow the extension of the third phase of Lingyen Mountain Temple. This is necessary and important. I strongly support this



extension.

~arrie :)

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:19

To:

'ChowKM'

Subject:

RE: Lingven Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: ChowKM [mailto:mkspirit1314@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:20

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

我作为住在 richmond 的居民,我很希望 LingYen Mountain Temple 第三期工程可以申办下来。

并不是因为我是佛教徒我才写这封邮件,是因为我认为他们是非常正面的一个宗教地方。

他们每天都提供免费的午餐,其实午餐只是一个餐而已,但从中我们可以看到平等。所有的师傅,

和进去吃饭的人,吃的是一样的食物,一样的待遇。 一餐下来,这不只是一顿饭,是教育。

他们每星期还有佛青,佛童教育。那是非常正面的,教育我们的下一代怎么为社会,社区作贡献。

其实 5 号路上都是宗教地方,没有所谓的独大之类的问题,最重要是这个地方是开放正能量的,是教好。

人的,那都是值得政府去考虑的,只有一个人思想正面了,社会才会改变,治安才会进步。

佛教是一个素食的宗教团体,这是一件非常值得赞赏的事。作为一个人类,我们想一下, 为什么我们



不会杀了家里的宠物去吃,为什么我们要吃猪,吃牛,吃鸡?

-个正面的教育其实可以给社会带来很多正面的能量,鼓励大家做好自己。做错事,知道改过。

加上现在吃太多的肉对于身体也很不健康,如果大家都去 LingYen Mountain Temple,常吃素还可以有利自己的健康。

很多人都在脆弱的时候需要有一个精神上的寄托,如果一个好的宗教,教育正面思想的宗教,能在大众需要帮助

需要精神安慰时,伸出援手,进行辅导,那都是作为政府考虑的一个因素。

另外, LingYen Mountain Temple 有去医院,帮助临终的一些人,念经,让他们的家人心里得到平静我认为那对住在

国外的中国人是非常有帮助的。 你们政府如果能让一个那么好的宗教能继续更好的为社会服务,所有 有去过 LingYen Mountain Temple

和以后将会去的人,都会感激你们,因为是你们给了他们机会,让更多的人有机会去吃素。让他们的亲人在临终时可以得到助念,让很多人

能在异国找到他们的信仰。

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2013-12-17

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:19

To:

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Subject:

RE: ling yen temple expansion

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-----Original Message-----

From: Iali [mailto:guangdi@eastlink.ca] Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:15

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: ling yen temple expansion

dear mayor and council,

i am a lay buddhist and have been a member of this temple for the last several years.

I feel we are an integral part of the Richmond fabric and I also feel the community work we do is good for all citizens of Richmond.

The reason we have applied to expand is that quite simply we need the space.

We have no room for our library, our teaching facilities and food services areas are inadequate for our needs and our expanding community of buddhists.

We provide food to the hungry and a place of refuge for the needy and people who are stressed by the environment we live in.

You have seen the layout and the completed project will only beautify the neighbourhood and also provide space for our next generation of farmers to learn through our partnership with Kwantlen.

Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely Larry Bracken 5050 Wallace Ave. Delta BC V4M 0A1



From:

MayorandCouncillors

}ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:19

To:

'Kim Kuan'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: Kim Kuan [mailto:skibc@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:14

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

To: Our Dearest Mayor and Councillors of Richmond:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE RESONING APPLICATION

My name is Kim Kuan. I own an accounting firm at 1993 E 51st Ave., Vancouver for the last 17 years. I have hundreds of clients who are residents of Richmond.

Many of my clients, my family and I frequently attend the above temple for the past ten years and it has enriched our lives in many ways. Every Sunday, after going to the temple, we do our marketing and shopping in Richmond.

We fully support the above application and we also support any other religions' building expansion application because they are all producing positive energy to our society.

Thank you for taking your time to read this email.

Lastly, I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy properous New Year 2014.

Yours truly,

Kim Kuan



দom:

MayorandCouncillors

∠ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:19

To:

'??(Shawn)'

Subject:

RE: Fully support Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: 小虫(Shawn) [mailto:38379414@qq.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:08

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Fully support Lingven Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear All:

As a local resident of Ricmond, I fully support the application for Linguen Mountain Temple Rezoning. Should you have any questions, please contact me by email.

Best Regards Sean Wei

7633 St. Albans Rd, Ricmond BC

V6Y 1X4



rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:18

To:

'Cheung C'

Subject:

RE: Regarding the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Cheung C [mailto:apoplexy@hotmail.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 19:51

o: MayorandCouncillors

subject: Regarding the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Charmy Cheung 9691 No.5 Road Richmond, B.C. V7A 4E3

Mayor and Council, City Hall, Richmond 6911 NO. 3 Road Richmond, B.C. V6Y 2C1 July 4, 2005

Greetings,

I have lived here in Richmond ever since I was born. Throughout my life, despite having only lived in a small city, I have experienced much more diversity in nationalities than many other people who travel. This is due to the fact that Richmond has an extremely multicultural population. There are countless communities throughout the city where neople can do what they enjoy, practice their beliefs. There are many immigrants who leave their homelands and come to live in our small city because they know that they will still find a place that they feel is a part of their previous homes. This is one reason why I love living in Richmond.



The potential construction of the extension of the Lingyen Mountain Temple demonstrates how citizens of Richmond are open-minded towards the different cultures and beliefs that exist around us. As many people know, the length of No.5 Road is spotted with many different religious buildings, including Christian and Catholic churches, an India Cultural Centre, Muslim structures, as well as various religious educational institutions. All these religions are there not as tourism, but a haven for those who are religiously inclined. Richmond, as I know it, is a welcoming place.

So why are there so much contradictions about a community wanting to welcome more people to their society? The Lingyen Mountain Temple, which I have visited before, is filled with welcoming volunteers and Buddhist practitioners who do not hesitate to help with a heart-warming smile. It matters not what nationality you are of, or what you look like, or even if you believe in a different religion, they treat everyone as equals. I strongly support the expansion, as I would any other religious place of worship, because I know that there are people who seek calming and guidance in religion. There are some who entrust their life to their beliefs. Religion is hope. They provide the support that even family members or friends cannot, and no one has the right to come between a person and their religion.

Thank you for your time,

**Charmy Cheung** 

~rom:

MayorandCouncillors

\_ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:18

To:

'anna

Subject:

RE: , Lin Yan Mountain Rezoning



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----Original Message-----

From: anna [mailto:anna8111@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 19:18
o: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Lin Yan Mountain Rezoning

My Name is Anna Zhao,

My address is 11460 Thorpe Road, I have lived in Rivhmknd for 11 years.

Lin Yan mountain has been a very inspiring please for my family and my friends. They have free support, free lunch everyday, and Chinese classes, etc.

We support the Rezoning.

Sincerely Anna Zhao

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:18

To:

'Rosa'

Subject:

RE: 支持! Support

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From: Rosa [mailto:poorgain39378@yahoo.com.tw]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 19:10

To: MayorandCouncillors Cc: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: 支持! Support

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從我的 iPad 傳送

rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:17

To:

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Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

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From: 错过=过错? [mailto:18547768@qq.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 18:03

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

尊敬的领导:

我叫张素莲,今年51岁,住在 richmond 已经有很多年了,多年来我身体一直不是很好,心脏不好,通过朋友介绍后在灵严山寺经常吃素斋念经,渐渐让我改善身体健康,心灵上得到关怀,这确实是个修行的好场所。但是,随着修行膜拜得人越来越多,大殿已经远远不能满足容纳更多的人,我们经常在广场上素斋,天气又不是很好经常要下雨就很不方便,我祈愿能够扩建灵严山寺让更多的人有免费素斋饭的地方,让更多人能够得到更多人的关怀,让心灵有一个安静的地方。

张素莲

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:17

To:

'XF L'

Subject:

RE: L.Y.M.T. Rezoning Application

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Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 17:03

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: RE: L.Y.M.T. Rezoning Application

(23)

From: Xianfang Li 223-3411 Springfield Drive. Richmond.BC v7e 1z1

To Mayor and councillors

尊敬的市长及议会成员

我是公民,居住在 richmond.已经 7 年了。我们的家庭一直坚持每个星期天去寺院学习修行。灵严山寺常年每天提供免费的午餐,为 Food Bank 捐赠食物和钱。帮助了很多的贫困家庭。寺院举办的佛青和佛童班对教育青少年成为社会的有用人才,有非常大的帮助。现在寺院的场地已不够使用。急需扩建以便容纳更多的人来寺学习。

我有仔细学习和了解到灵严山寺的扩建计划及相关的问题的解决办法,我很希望这个扩建计划可以在 市议会通过,因为可以帮助社区和谐,平安,让更多的人过积极向上的生活,

xianfeng li DEC 17,2013

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:17

(o:

'lucyli .'

Subject:

RE: L.Y.M.T Rezoning Application

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**From:** lucyli . [mailto:lucyliabc@hotmail.com] **Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 16:29

"o: MayorandCouncillors

Jubject: L.Y.M.T Rezoning Application

To Mayor and Councillors

I, Lucy Li is living in 327-8031 Colonial Drive, Richmond BC since 2006.

I have been going to L.Y.M.T every Sunday since 2004, when I was 8 years old.

L.Y.M.T is most important place in my life. I learned so many thing there, Chinese , dancing , cook and how to be good person in life. I know the L.Y.M.T Rezonging Application. I hope it can be passed by mayor and councillors. Give more children happy time in there.

Thanks

Lucy

12-17-2013

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:17

To:

'Merry Yang'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: Merry Yang [mailto:merryyang68@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 16:12

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I'm writing you to ask your support on Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application Project. The Temple contributed a lot on the local community support in terms of free lunch for educating people on dining courtesy and care of food, comforting people in their last stage of life journey, helping families when folks passed away, donating to the needs..... We were all blessed by the Temple and involved in the Temple activities and connections.

Your favorable approval on the application would be highly appreciated!

Name: Merry Yang

Address: 8900 Sidaway Rd. Richmond, B.C. V6W1G8

Time as a Richmond residence: 11 years

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Merry Yang

⊂rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:17

To:

'genie chang'

Subject:

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-----Original Message-----

From: genie chang [mailto:ginnyfu6u6@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 16:11

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

To whom it may concern,

My name is Genie Chang, I am 18 years old and residing at 8300 Ryan Road for the past 5 years. I fully support the rezoning application of the Lingyen Mountain Temple due to many reasons. The temple is a great place to practice Buddhism, it brings the Chinese culture to our multicultural society, provides free vegetarian meals/food service to the public, consists of programs which are beneficial to all ages, and most of all, community service to make Richmond a better place.

Sincerely

Genie Chang



From:

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Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:17

To:

'Simon Ho'

Subject:

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From: Simon Ho [mailto:simon34722002@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:59

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Simon Ho, has been working in 8031 Colonial Drive, Richmond. V7C 5B7 for 2.5 years. I am very enjoy to work in the City of Richmond, the Multi-cultural Coummunity. And I am very appreciated that one of the Chinese Temple like Lingyen Mountain Temple is located in Richmond. I am writing to urge the Council can look at the Proposal of the Rezoning Application of Lingyen Mountain Temple which is very important to the people living in the Richmond because It is a place to provide teach, learn and display a rich cultural heritage to our next generation.

Sincerely yours, Simon Ho



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Jent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:16

To:

'Alfred Yee'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple

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From: Alfred Yee [mailto:alfred.yee@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:55

**'o:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple

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Please approve of the Third Phase Application for the Lingyen Mountain Temple. I've been continuously going there for 5 years now, so I'd be great if it could expand, so even more people could come learn about Buddhism.

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:16

To:

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Subject:

RE: Support LingYen mountain Temple

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Yours truly,

# Michelle Jansson Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: 林燕 [mailto:linyan0509@qq.com] **Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:47

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Support LingYen mountain Temple

To: Who may concern

Dear sirs,

I support Linyen mountain temple because She is a part of my soul homeland. Although I am studing in China now, I would like to express my support for Linyen Mountain Temple. I live in Richmond since 2007.I love Richmond because she has multiculture. Lingyen mountain temple is a part of it.My address:9402 Pauleshin Cres.Richmond.V7E6P2 tel:604-9601752

Thank you L.Y.ZONG



¬rom:

MayorandCouncillors

∠ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:16

To:

'Johnny Cheng'

Subject:

RE: Support for Lingyen Mountain Temple (LYMT) application

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From: Johnny Cheng [mailto:joravin2013@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:42

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Support for Lingyen Mountain Temple (LYMT) application

Dear Mayor and Councillors of the City of Richmond,

We are writing to Council to show our support for the proposed 3rd phase of the Lingyen Mountain Temple. We believe that LYMT has an important place in the cultural diversity that makes Richmond unique, and that the construction of this 3rd phase is necessary to accommodate everyone who comes to the temple regularly, as well as potential new practioners and tourists, and so we hope that Council will choose to approve LYMT's rezoning application this time.

Yours sincerely, Johnny Cheng Rachel Bi

#306-7200 Gilbert Road Richmond, B.C., V7C 3W2

Tel: 604-214-0498



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:16

To:

'Simon Xia'

Subject:

RE: ABOUT LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: xiaqing2000@hotmail.com [mailto:xiaqing2000@hotmail.com] On Behalf Of Simon Xia

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:32

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: ABOUT LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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### 亲爱的市长 和各位议员们:

我叫 Q1NG X1A,家住 4-8291 General currie Road, Richmond,我在 Richmond 已经生活了 13 年。今天给你们写这封信,就是想向你们表达我对加拿大灵岩山寺扩展工程的想法,我坚决支持加拿大灵岩山寺第三期扩建工程,因为它对我们的社区将会有更大的贡献。首先,加拿大灵岩山寺每天提供免费的午餐,这样给那些喜欢吃素斋的人提供了方便。第二,加拿大灵岩山寺是一个修行的道场,人们在这里颂经念佛凈化自己的心灵,培养自己的情操,做一个遵纪守法的好公民,这对改善列治文治安环境也将起到一个重要作用。第三,加拿大灵岩山寺不仅是一个宗教团体,而且还积极参与社区的慈善活动,如组织捐款给一些受灾的地区和国家以及本地的食物银行。谢谢市长和各位议员们在百忙中读我这封信,也谢谢你们能大力支持加拿大灵岩山寺的扩建工程。

致以最崇高的敬意!

Q1NG X1A

"rom:

MayorandCouncillors

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Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:16

To:

'Vincent Cheng'

Subject:

RE: Support for Lingyen Mountain Temple's Rezoning Application

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----Original Message----

From: Vincent Cheng [mailto:vincentc1208@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:30

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Support for Lingven Mountain Temple's Rezoning Application

Dear respectable Mayor and Councillors,

I would like to show my support for the construction of the proposed 3rd phase of Lingyen Mountain Temple. I am currently an undergraduate student at UBC and I am also a long-time resident of Richmond (15 years). Additionally, I am a volunteer and a member of the Buddhist Youth Group at the Temple.

During the 11 years in which I've come to the Temple, I've encountered many richly rewarding experiences. Not only have I had the opportunity to extensively study Buddhist scriptures and philosophies, I have also learnt a lot about life in general. Buddhism emphasizes compassion and generosity, and by being taught these fundamental principles, I have been able to apply them in my day-to-day life and have reaped many benefits from doing so. I've also actively participated in acts of community service here at the Temple; we serve free vegetarian meals here every week to every visitor, and we've also engaged in other outside community service activities (e.g. raking leaves in our neighbourhood). By partaking in these activities and following fundamental Buddhist principles, I feel that my life has become more meaningful and enriched, and I'd like to extend this experience to fellow teens of my age.

I strongly believe that Lingyen Mountain Temple is an excellent example of the diversity and cultural acceptance that is present in Richmond. The Temple is a wonderful place to cultivate and educate Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike, and our doors are always open to all visitors. However, the Temple often faces space constraints on Sundays and during Buddhist festivals at certain times of the year, and I, as well as the thousands of practitioners that visit the Temple on a regular basis, believe that an expansion (in the form of the proposed 3rd phase) is necessary to accommodate new practitioners and visitors (including tourists). In my humble opinion, by approving the Temple's proposed 3rd phase construction, City Council would clearly demonstrate its willingness to satisfy the wishes of the housands of practitioners the Temple accommodates, and furthermore encourage the development and sustainability of our culture and heritage, undoubtedly a very meaningful cause.



Yours sincerely, Vincent Cheng

#306-7200 Gilbert Road Richmond, B.C., V7C 3W2 Tel: 604-214-0498

rom:

MayorandCouncillors

\_ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:16

To:

'Lucy'

Subject:

RE: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

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From: Lucy [mailto:lucyran.zhao@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:20

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

My name is Lucy Zhao and I have been the resident of Richmond since 2003; my current address is 309-6631 Buswell Street.

I am writing this letter to express my support for the expansion plan of Ling Yen Mountain Temple located in No. 5 Road.

I became the member of the temple only one year ago but the temple has offered me so much spiritual support more than I can ask. I regularly attend its worship services and evening meditation practice.

The temple also offers education program for the youth and spiritual support to the dying individuals and their family. As far as I can tell all events are well organized and traffic are streamlined by the volunteers.

Again, I hope that Mayor and Councillors would support for the expansion plan of the temple.

Best regards,

Lucy Zhao

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:15

To:

'Gozima Rex'

Subject:

RE: Suggestion from neighbor Mr. Wu

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From: Gozima Rex [mailto:onlyrex@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:17

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Suggestion from neighbor Mr. Wu

Mr. YAN CHUN, WU

Age: 36

Address: 304-9151 No.5 Road

Live Canada from 1995

We support the Lingyen Mountain Temple (CANADA) upgrade plan.

我們家庭也是信仰佛教的,住在這裡這十年來,我們非常支持靈巖山寺能繼續保佑大家平安健康!

YAN CHUN WU

rom:

MayorandCouncillors

∠ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:15

To:

'Anny

Subject:

RE: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

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From: Anny [mailto:anniewangyc@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:17

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Anny Wang. Currently, I am working at Richmond Sheraton Vancouver Airport. I will try my best to volunteer and help out at Ling Yen Mountain Temple. I can feel peace and happy when I am volunteering. They not only have free lunch, but also involves in community programs such as fundrasing events and donation to Food Bank. I am really enjoying going to Ling Yen Mountain Temple. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anny



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:15

To:

'Crystal Liu'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple's Expansion Proposal Issue

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From: Crystal Liu [mailto:crystaltcm@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:10

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple's Expansion Proposal Issue

Dear the Mayor and the Councillors,

My name is Jing (Crystal) Liu, and I'm living in Richmond almost 4 years from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 until now. My address is 4220 Coldfall Rd., Richmond BC V7C 1P8, and you can contact me at 604-726-7561 or by email crystaltem@gmail.com if you have any question.

The purpose of this letter to you is about Lingyen Mountain Temple's expansion proposal. I have read their proposal and totally understood their rezoning application. Yes I agree with their proposal and hope that their rezoning application will be approved by Richmond City Hall.

I visited Linguen Mountain Temple in December 2007, and after my first time joining in their praying activities, I really love this place. The temple gives its peaceful, helpful, friendly, and lovely to all visitors, guests, neighbours, friends, prayers, and people who need help, whatever they are a Buddhist or not.



Lingyen Mountain Temple provides free veggie lunch every day, and by this way, many people become vegetarian. There are Sunday Classes in the temple, and children between 5 to 21 years old can attend these classes to learn Chinese traditional culture, including calligraphy handwriting, painting drawing, music, and the hilosophy of becoming a real human being when they grow up. Also the temple have English seminar for Caucasian for helping them to understand Buddha and His teach.

The temple has many volunteers and benefits the communities in Richmond and the Great Vancouver. For example, many groups collect the falling leaves in No. 5 Road and William St. and some street nearby every autumn. Their volunteers prepare lots of free lunch to help other monasteries such as Thrangu Monastery, Tzu Chi Foundation, and I.B.P.S. when they have special activities. The volunteers even though help patients peacefully pass away during their last time and make their families calm down using traditional regional ceremony.

Every year the temple has some special events, and the two biggest events are their anniversary in September and Chinese New Year Eve ceremony. These special events are not only the great ceremonies for the Buddhists, but also important activities for Richmond community and people who love Chinese culture. More and more people want to attend their events and join in their groups to help more people, learn more knowledge about Buddhism, and have real peace in their heart.

understand that Lingyen Mountain Temple needs more space to help people around it, and their proposal is reasonable and necessary. I'm appreciated if the Mayor and councillors can read this letter and let's do our efforts to make Richmond, our common home, more peaceful, beautiful, and helpful.

Yours truly,

Jing (Crystal) Liu

December 17, 2013

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:15

To:

'iiangjulie'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: jiangjulie [mailto:juliejiang33@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:08

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor,

I am currently living on 8588 Heather Street and have been living in Richmond for 18 years. During these years, Lingyen Mountain Temple has done a lot of things to the local community. For instance, Lingyen Mountain has let more and more people know about Buddhism, and encouraged people to do good deeds as well as be nice to other people. I believe that after the temple is rezoned, they will be better able to host various activities that

are beneficial to the community. Therefore, I strongly support this rezoning project.

Sincerely,

Liyue Jiang



₹rom:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:15

To:

'600885'

Subject:

RE: L.y.M.T. Rezoning Application

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**From:** 600885 [mailto:600885@126.com] **Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:07

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: L.y.M.T. Rezoning Application

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林鹏 Peng Lin

To Mayor and Councillors

8-8031 Colonial Dr.Richmond

BC v7c5b7

尊敬的市长及委员会成员

自从我移民来加拿大,一直居住在 Richmond 市已经 4 年多,因为这里有比较好的治安和友善的人事环境,我想这和 richmond 市有很多的宗教寺院有关。有信仰的人相对比较温和友善,比较少有犯罪的动机。

我在灵严山寺,看到很多的小朋友和青少年在里边学习及服务。我很感动,看到未来的希望,当我知道还有很多的孩子想来却没有足够的地方可以容纳,我支持灵严山寺的扩建计划,我跟踪学习和了解了他们的扩建计划,相信这个计划将会为周边的社区和 richmond 的居民带来很多的好处。我期待着这个计划可以在市议会通过。

非常感谢你们的辛勤工作

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12/17/2013

⊂rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:15

To:

'YIMGYU CHEN'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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----Original Message----

From: YIMGYU CHEN [mailto:yingyuchen1935@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 15:07

To: MayorandCouncillors

Jubject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Mayor,

(39)

I am currently living on 8588 Heather St and have been living in Richmond for 13 years. I go to the Lingyen Mountain Temple everyday and I love it. Also, the temple has contributed to local communities so much through various events and activities. I believe that after the rezoning, the temple will be able to contribute the the community even more than before. Hence, I strongly support this rezoning project.

Sincerely,

Yingyu Chen

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:14

To:

'Anny Wang'

Subject:

RE: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

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From: Anny Wang [mailto:annywangyc@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 14:59

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

Dear Sir/ Madam,



I am writing this email on behalf of Amanda Ngo. She has lived in Richmond all her life. The lingyen Mountain temple is a becautiful place to go to mediate and antone can go to participate in thier educational sessions where people can learn about Buddhism. She has also participated in Temple's commnity service programs such as fundrasising evets for BC Children's Hospital and the Richmond Food Banks which she found out to be very fun and hellpful.

Regards,

Thank you

Amanda and Anny

rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:14

To:

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Subject:

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From: Anny Wang [mailto:annywangyc@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 14:57

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this email on behalf of Leanh Lam. She has been living in Richmond for 22 years. She lives in 133 - 8820 No.2 road Richmond. She support for Ling Yen Mountain Temple because of educational for youth. The temple also supports families of people at end-life. Thank you.

Regards,

Leanh and Anny



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:14

To:

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Subject:

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From: liushu [mailto:liushu990228@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 14:56

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: L.Y.M.T. Rezoning Application

刘東 Liu,Shu

To Mayor and councillors

210-7840 Moffatt Road.

Richmond, BC v6y1x8

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## 尊敬的市长及委员会成员

我移民来加拿大,一直居住在 richmond.,现已 7 年了。

每当新年或是身心烦恼困惑的时候,都会去灵严山寺。在那里获得希望和平静的心情。随着人口的增长,参访灵严山寺的人也越来越多,现有的地方实在拥挤。当我了解到灵严山寺的扩建计划及相关的问题的解决办法后,我很希望这个扩建计划可以在市议会通过,可以让更多的人受益。

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DEC 17,2013

rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:14

To:

'Sheila Pan'

Subject:

RE: Support for Lingyen Mountain Temple construction

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From: Sheila Pan [mailto:sheila.pan@live.ca] Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 14:25

**o:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Support for Lingyen Mountain Temple construction

Hi,

(43)

I have been a resident of Richmond for over 18 years and I support the rezoning application for the Lingyen Mountain Temple construction. The cultural diversity and sense of community brought by Lingyen Mountain Temple is unrivaled.

Warm regards,

Sheila Pan

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:11

To:

'larry@lhitiles.ca'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application

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From: <u>larry@lhjtiles.ca</u> [mailto:larry@lhjtiles.ca] Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 22:58

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Linguen Mountain Temple rezoning application

Dear Sir/Madam

This is Larry Huo. And I am writing to support the rezoning and expansion of Ling Yen Mountain Temple.

I am a new immigrant and now living in North Vancouver with my family. And I am currently working in Richmond.

To to deal with the pressure of new immigrant, Ling Yen Mountain Temple provide me a nice place to relax myself through Buddism study and practice after work or in the weekend. And I feel the current size of Ling Yen Mountain Temple is not enough to handle the visitors during the weekend.

My children also joined the Sunday school of the temple after a 4 months wait on waiting list due to insufficient space of the temple.

In my opinion, Ling Yen Mountain Temple is helping to build a healthy community to Richmond.

Please approve this rezoning and expansion application from Ling Yen Mountain Temple.

Regards

Larry LHJ Building Material Inc.

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From: MayorandCouncillors

Sent: Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:11

To: 'Simon Cheng'

Subject: RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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Yours truly,

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Acting Director, City Clerk's Office
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Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

----Original Message----

From: Simon Cheng [mailto:simon.cheng@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 23:10

To: MayorandCouncillors

Cc: Parent-Dad-Simon; · Kacy Popo · ; Cindy Cheng; Wendy Lin

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Councillors of Richmond:

My name is Simon, my address is 6235 Williams Road, and I've been a resident of Richmond since 1993.

I'm writing to you regarding Lingyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application. I want to let you know that me and all of my family members are all strong supporters of this application, and would love to see this application move forward as soon as possible.

Lingyen Mountain Temple is an important member of this beautiful and multicultural community. Not only it is an important place for Richmond's Chinese Buddhism community to gather, at the same time, it also involves with different charity and nonprofit organizations to help those in need.

That's why I strongly believed that the expansion of the temple, will bring countless benefits to Richmond for the years to come. Please don't hesitates to contact me at 778-888-8899 if you have any questions.

Thank you very much in advance for your effort and consideration. Looking toward to hear from you soon.

Warmest regards, Simon

Sent from my iPhone



rom:

MayorandCouncillors

:ent

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:11

To:

'Jacky Long'

Subject:

RE: LÍNGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING COMMENTS

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City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Jacky Long [mailto:jl19914@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 22:53

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING COMMENTS

Dear Mayor and Councillors of Richmond

I am Hai Tao Long and I am a residence in the City of Richmond. I currently reside at 4280 Waller Drive. I would like to support the Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning. It has come to a recognition that Lingyen Mountain Temple has contributes greatly to the community and it should be permitted to rezone to bring more greatness to the community; the ability to contribute more to this great city has been limited by the little area which restricts the amount of volunteers and people capacity.

Lingyen Mountain Temple has been contributing to the community through many different scheduled community events like raking leaves around the neighborhood. It has the ability to contribute not only to the neighbor around the temple but also through out whole Richmond. However, the amount of ground of the temple and its resource concurrently isn't able to hold up to abundant of passionate volunteers. Therefore, in order to expand the ability of the temple, rezoning is compulsory to increase its capacity for more volunteer and more resource.

In addition, many events have been host in Lingyen Mountain Temple annually and monthly. Due to restricted ground, many people had to dismiss with regrets as more and more people are coming to the temple on a regular basis and as more new comers taking visits around the temple. Not only so, but weekly on Sunday, there are free vegetarian lunches for the public which is getting quite popular recently. There is an expectations that the amount of people that will coming in will slowly overwhelm the current ground the temple has.



Overall, Lingyen Mountain Temple is getting more recognition for its contribution to both the community and the tourism in Richmond. Slowly, with its restricted ground, more people will leave the temple with the disappointment. As a result, I sincerely support the rezoning of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

Sincerely Hai Tao Long

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:10

ſo:

'Diana Huang'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

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From: Diana Huang [mailto:dianahuang2009@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 22:46

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Jubject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

Dear Richmond leader,

My name is Diana Huang. I live in Richmond for over 10 years at #102-8620 Jones Rd. I know Lingyen Mountain Temple has a plan to expand the temple to 10060 No.5 Rd. My family would like to support the expansion because I have two children who go to temple every Sunday along with me. We go there to learn more about Buddhism, pray to Buddha, eat a free and healthy vegetarian lunch, and the temple helps the community. I hope you will agree with the expansion.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Diana Huang December 17, 2013

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:10

To:

'lenny Hsiao'

Subject:

RE: Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Ienny Hsiao [mailto:hsiaojinglan@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 22:42

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jenny Hsiao. I lived in Richmond for the past 20 years. Currently, I'm living with my daughter at unit 309628 Ferndale Rd Richmond. My daughter is a single mom with two young kids. It was difficult to raise her kids and going to work at the same time. We've decided to take the kids and join the LYMT Sunday school program so the kids can learn and behave better through Master's teachings couple years ago. The kids enjoy the program as they have different activities in the class. I noticed that they have more disciplines, feel more secure and confident and less hyper through the meditation sessions and the teachings. They are making continuous improvement and be happier during the past 2 -3 years.

During the past 3 years, there are more people interested in joining the Sunday School program but due to limited resource and space availability, they need to be on the wait list. We are fortunately that we joined the program earlier so we didn't run into this situation. Hopefully through the expansion project, it would provide more opportunity for other young children to learn from the Masters.

I also noticed that the Masters making great attempts to translate some of the literatures in English so the next generation kids can learn more about the culture, Buddhism teaching as many of the young kids don't know too much Chinese characters. Through this translation program, it can promote and facilitate cultural exchanges better. The kids also learn to protect the environment by eating vegetarian meals 1 or 2 days a week - one to practice compassion and also helps to minimize impacts of global warming.

My daughter's oldest daughter will graduate from the Children's program in few months (March 2014) but soon she can also participate in the youth program where she can learn how to give and serve others. With the education system, each kid is required to volunteer at least 300 hours before applying for university; the temple provides a great environment for the young teenagers to learn about giving, sharing and building team work.



As grand parents, I have comfort knowing that my grand kids can learn in a safe and peaceful environment and also know more about Chinese cultural, learn to respect individuals, learn how to multi task and learn how to deal with stress and practice sharing. Sometimes, it's sad to know some of our friends' kids need to take drugs r see doctors since they can't manage the stress of school & peer pressure.

I attended few information session about the temple's rezoning application. I observed that the project team making significant effort to listen to people's concerns; as of result, the revised proposal seems to address most of the concerns. It is going to be a long journey to complete the project even when City approves the Rezoning application but I have confident that this great project can bring many people together to accomplish a wonderful task. We can all learn and gain a lot from the process. At the end, Richmond will have a wonderful facility that assists reaching Richmond City's vision of promoting multi-cultural. It's important to have good health not only physically but also emotionally as well. This would help reducing a lot of social issues.

I sincerely hope the Mayor and City Council will review and approve the Rezoning application so we can start this wonderful journey together.

thanks you -Jenny

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:10

To:

'RichardX'

Subject:

RE: Lingyan Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: RichardX [mailto:xuguang6238@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 22:42

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyan Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Guang Xu ,I live in Richmond from i landed in 2008, i was depressed when i tried to find a job because my english was not good enough. My kids also did not accommodate the new enviorment. Luckly we went into Lingyan Mountain Temple, we have get more benifet from the Master , kid enrolled the sunday school to learn how to be good person and a citzian, there is purify our mind to make us being peaceful and happyness and more hope. I reaaly hope the application will be passed soon

Best Regards

Guang xu

88-6888 Robson Dr Richmond



rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:10

To:

'Alice Wang'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Alice Wang [mailto:ayh.wang12@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 22:29

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear the Mayor and Council of the City of Richmond,

We would like yo express our support for the Linguen Mountain Temple (LMT) rezoning plan. LMT has been an important place of education and support for our family. Improvements to the Temple would greatly benefit many people. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ching ti Wang, Miao ling Liu, Ya hsien Wang, Lisa Ya shan Wang 4200 Lancelot Drive, Richmond, BC V7C4S3



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:10

To:

'Joyce Cheng'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen mountain temple

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----Original Message-----

From: Joyce Cheng [mailto:wenjun0713@yahoo.com.hk]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 22:12

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen mountain temple

my name wen Jun Cheng I live in richmond1008 Gilmore cres for ten years .I thans the rezning of lingyen mountain temple is good ,because after rezning the temple may offer more services to the community.lingyen mountain temple encourages people to serve others and the society ,so I think the rezning is good for community.

從我的 iPhone 傳送



rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:09

To:

'Ziyao Sun'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Ziyao Sun [mailto:ziyaosun98@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 21:47

o: MayorandCouncillors

**Jubject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the expansion of Linguen Mountain Temple. As a volunteer of the temple I feel it is vital to allow for the expansion of the temple. Every year the number of visitors and practitioners grow, with the expansion of the Temple this demand can be met.

Sincerely,

Ziyao Sun

New Westminster, BC



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:09

To:

'Diana Huang'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

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From: Diana Huang [mailto:dianahuang2009@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 21:46

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

Dear Leader



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MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:09

To:

'Ken Yen'

Subject:

RE: Lingven Mountain Temple rezoning application comment

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----Original Message----

From: Ken Yen [mailto:kenkailinyen@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 21:27

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingven Mountain Temple rezoning application comment

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing this email in regards to Lingyen Mountain Temple expansion. Richmond has more Chinese population than any other cities in BC. Among all religions, Buddhism is the most popular. People like me would want to have a tranquil and peaceful place to go to on weekend, after a busy work week, to relax and to join Dharma retreats. The Masters and all volunteers are very friendly and want people to cultivate the Way, in hopes to be enlightened and ultimately attain Buddhahood. By making the temple bigger, it allows a lot more people of Greater Vancouver, not just only the ones who live in Richmond, to taste the sweet dew of the Dharma. The temple also benefits the community such as the recent Food Drive (donating to the Food Bank), raking leaves for neighbours, and much more. I support the temple expansion!

Thank you, Ken



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:09

To:

'Vicky Huang'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: Vicky Huang [mailto:vickyhuang@365financial.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 21:23

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Sir/ Madam,

My name is Vicky Huang and I have lived in Richmond for 7 years. I am writing to support LingYen Mountatin Temple Rezoning for several reasons.

First of all, Ling Yen has done a great work on purifying our minds. It provides good place for us to do meditation which cultivates and enlightens our minds. My family and I benefit a lot from it. Secondly, free lunch is offered every day for those who come to the temple or for those in need. In addition, it provides free Children class every Sunday and my child does learn a lot of disciplines from it and behaves better and better. All in all, with their hard work, our community and society will be more peaceful and joyful.

I strongly support LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning.

Best, Vicky Huang



rom:

MayorandCouncillors

\_ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:09

To:

'Bao Cai ??'

Subject:

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From: Bao Cai 寶材 [mailto:baocai.van@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 21:21

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Sir/ Madam,

My name is Bao Cai and I have lived in Richmond for 3 years. I am writing to support LingYen Mountatin Temple Rezoning for several reasons.

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I strongly support LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning.

Sincerely, Bao Cai



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:08

To:

'Vicky Huang'

Subject:

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From: Vicky Huang [mailto:yufanhuanq@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 21:18

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Sir/ Madam,

My name is Yu-Fan Huang and I have lived in Richmond for 2 years. I am writing to support LingYen Mountatin Temple Rezoning for several reasons.

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I strongly support LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning.

Cheers, Yu-Fan Huang



rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:08

To:

'Kawai Sim'

Subject:

RE: Ling yen mountain temple ticket

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----Original Message----

From: Kawai Sim [mailto:kawaisim@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:59

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Ling yen mountain temple ticket

The Ling Yen mountain temple is very helpful. They give free lunches to prevent people from eating any sort of produce. The Buddhist youth program they have is a good chance to give back to the community and with the benefit of receiving volunteer hours. The Ling Yen mountain Temple provides us Buddhist a place to meditate and be mindful. It is also a place of getting rid of your sins. I weekly attend their youth program wholeheartedly. I encourage people of Vancouver to come visit the Ling Yen mountain temple and learn about how to give back to the community and to transcend into the western pure land, to be from the cycle of life and birth.

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:08

To:

'aaron li'

Subject:

RE: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: aaron li [mailto:almightylad@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:58

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

To the Mayor and Councillors at the city of Richmond, I am writing to you regarding the rezoning of LingYen Mountain temple. As a regular to the temple and a volunteer, i feel that the city of Richmond would benefit from the expansion of the temple. The temple itself gives to the community. The temple has free vegetarian meals every day, and annual raking leave service. The temple also has a youth program to help promote leadership and and take part in community services.

The Temple is in need for expansion because currently, the temple has a huge community, and equipment and room are insufficient. Not only will the expansion help improve LingYen Mountain Temple's evergrowing community, but it would provide the necessary room and equipment.

Thank you for taking your time to read my thoughts and comments.

Best Regards, Aaron Li

rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:08

To:

'Angus Li'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Angus Li [mailto:angusbeef1998@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:53

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

To the Mayor and Councillors at the City of Richmond, I am writing to you regarding the revised rezone application of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

I feel the expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple would be a great addition to the city of Richmond, one of the reasons being that nowadays there is a huge amount of Chinese immigration, the majority of them practicing Buddhism. And the size the current Lingyen Mountain Temple is right now, is not fit to accommodate the amount of practicing Buddhism. And the Lingyen Mountain Temple doesn't just benefit Buddhists, it benefits the community. We rake leaves for the community, offer free meals, and provide a tranquil retreat to anyone seeking refuge. All that, and many more are the reasons you should confirm the expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

Thanks for your time, Angus Li



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:08

To:

'Alvin Feng'

Subject:

RE: LYMT

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Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson
Acting Director, City Clerk's Office
City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1
Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: miansson@richmond.ca

----Original Message----

From: Alvin Feng [mailto:alvinfeng1031@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:42

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LYMT

Hello, my name is Alvin:)

I fully support the rezoning of linguen mountain temple because it provides spirit teaching to the people of richmond which hugely impacts and lowers the CRIME RATE of richmond.

This makes richmond a better city, grows the econocmic strength and ATTRACT a lot more rich Chinese from china



rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:08

To:

'nicholas kong'

Subject:

RE: Buddhist Temple letter

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City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: nicholas kong [mailto:dragonkong44@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:38

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Buddhist Temple letter



### Dear Mayor of Richmond

My name is Nicholas Kong I am currently 15 years old and I attend Steveston London secondary school, I live at 10111 Addison Street Richmond British Colombia Canada. I have been going to the temple almost every Sunday since I was 3. The Buddhist temple on No.5 has taught me many useful life lessons. Volunteering at the temple has changed my perspective of volunteering. When I was young I thought that volunteering was a boring activity that requires several hours of hard labor and work, but at this temple it makes me want to be more involved with the community. This temple is like a second home to me. This "second home" has helped the community with leaf racking nearby houses with permission, serving free food to people that enjoy vegetarian food and just recently donating to the Richmond food bank at times when they need it most. And the thing I learn most at the temple is to always give to the community because it creates good merits letting us live with happiness in our minds knowing that we made someone happy that day. Thank you very much for taking the time to read my message and I hope for you, your family and friends to have a happy holiday this 2013 year.

Sincerely: Nicholas Kong

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:07

To:

'Laurie Xue'

Subject:

RE: lingyen mountain temple rezoning application

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From: Laurie Xue [mailto:lxue3000@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 23:18

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: lingyen mountain temple rezoning application

Hello Mayor and Councillors

I'm Laurie Xue I live at 9320 NO.3 road Richmond I live here 13 years.

I'm very agreed Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning. That temple do a lots of charity, such as free lunch, meditation, donation to the

disaster area. such as recently Haiyan typhoon, Japan tsunami .Haiti earthquake. WenChuan China earthquake. Our family got a lot helping from the masters. I see the temple grow up. I'm really hope the rezoning plan to get proof. That will benefits extensively people.

Thanks

Laurie Xue



rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:05

To:

'Curtiss Cheng'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Curtiss Cheng [mailto:ctscheng@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 23:57

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Fwd: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Councillors of Richmond:

My name is Curtiss Cheng, my address is 6235 Williams Road, and I've been a resident of Richmond since 1993.

I'm writing to you regarding Lingyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application. I want to let you know that me and all of my family members are all strong supporters of this application, and would love to see this application move forward as soon as possible.

Lingyen Mountain Temple is an important member of this beautiful and multicultural community. Not only it is an important place for Richmond's Chinese Buddhism community to gather, at the same time, it also involves with different charity and nonprofit organizations to help those in need.

That's why I strongly believed that the expansion of the temple, will bring countless benefits to Richmond for the years to come. Please don't hesitate me at <u>778-997-0616</u> if you have any questions.

Thank you very much in advance for your effort and consideration. Looking toward to hear from you soon.

Sincerely Yours,

**Curtiss** 

Name: Peng Yun Wang Address:1-6099 Alder Street, Richmond. BC. V6Y0A8

Thank you for your time to take a look this e-mail, I wish the government will accept their proposal.



# Carolina Wang

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:05

To:

'Alex Lee'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Alex Lee [mailto:alex leeca@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2013 00:02

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mr. Mayor and Concillors -- City of Richmond, B.C.:

As human beings, we need to build our characters strong by doing the following three things in our community.

- 1. Keep away from bad, evil, wicked, cruel, dangerous things.
- 2. Do some service to others to contribute something to relieve their suffering in some service.
- 3. Try to develop their mind to understand and purify their evil thought from the mind.

So, I would like to see "Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application" gets approved as soon as possible so that not only both the residents of the City of Richmond and the GVRD in general but also people from other parts of Canada and and outside of Canada, on a much wider basis, will be able to enjoy the benefits of multiculturalism which is the cornerstone of our country called Canada...

Sincerely, Albert Maung



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:04

To:

'honghong cheung'

Subject:

RE: I say yes to the rezoning of Lingyen Mountain Temple

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From: honghong cheung [mailto:qoodyam@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2013 00:35

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: I say yes to the rezoning of Lingyen Mountain Temple

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Wind-Hong Cheung 9691 No.5 Road Richmond, B.C. V7A4E3

To my dearest Mayor,

My dearest Mayor, firstly, I have to say thanks you for your job to provide us a fantastic Richmond to live on.

I reside on No.5 Road, just opposite to Lingven Mountain Temple.

Regarding the rezoning of Lingven mountain Temple, I am strongly supportive of it.

Diversity of different cultures is the core spirit of Canada, as a Canadian, I am very proud of this. Hence, no matter of what kind of religion development, any place, anywhere, there is no reason to raise any objection.

What the world needs is harmony and peace; we don't need any discrimination.

Best regards, Wing-Hong Cheung 6042720996

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 10:04

Гo:

'cheung spencia'

Subject:

RE: Rezoning application of Lingven Mountain Temple

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From: cheung spencia [mailto:suk.yee.lee@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2013 00:37

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain Temple

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Suk Yee Lee, 9691 No.5 Road, Richmond, B.C, V7A 4E3

Mayor and Council, city of Richmond, Richmond, B.C.

17th Dec., 2013

Dear Mayor and Council,

As a neighbour of Lingyen Mountain Temple, I have some opinions to say:

Despite what the opposition stated about the issues regarding traffic, whenever I cross the intersection of No.5 Road and Williams Road, the traffic there is never congested. This stays true even when the Temple has a large-scale event, such as Chinese New Year and their anniversary.

I do visit the Temple once in a while, for instance, on Sundays. Each visit is enjoyable; every person I meet, including children and youth who help out there, always carry smiles and a positive attitude. It is delightful to see that young people of this society have the opportunity of actively participating and getting involved in their religion.

As Canada is a multicultural country, No.5 Road houses different religious buildings, such as Christian and Catholic churches, India Cultural Centre as well as religious education for youth, they give people peace and hope. I strongly support the rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain Temple.

Best regards,

Suk Yee Lee

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ੇent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 09:56

fo:

'Frances Gan'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Frances Gan [mailto:francestgan@qmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2013 01:15

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

To: Whom It May Concern

The main reason why I'm writing this email is because I support the third phase of the Temples expansion and I will list the reasons below.

- 1. They have free vegetarian meals provided to the public everyday for lunch. Sometimes, there are too many people in the main dining hall and so they have to sit outside in the cold or during the summer when it is hot because there is no space. Also, vegetarian food is good for the health and it is a form of compassion since we are not killing animals. It is also encouraged in our ecological footprint to eat less meat.
- 2. On Saturdays there are free English classes for adults to give them a chance to learn about Buddhism. Most of the people that attend are not Asian since we do not discriminate against race and welcome all races to join our classes. Dinner is also provided on Saturdays for the people attending the English class and it is only on Saturdays.
- 3. During Sundays, there are free Buddhist Children and youth classes between the ages of 6-25. They are all given a chance to learn about Buddhism and to promote it in their daily life and to teach them how to become a proper human being and how to benefit society. The Buddhist Youths are taught to become compassionate human beings by teaching them the way to treat people and how to keep a calm mind if things do not go your vay. Also, the Buddhist youths are given a chance to socialize and to learn about leadership. Last but not least, friendships can also last a lifetime between them.



4. Even though we do not advertise on TV or on newspaper because of word of mouth due to our free vegetarian lunches we don't have enough room for people to come enjoy our vegetarian lunches. There is actually a waiting list for the free Buddhist Youth and Children classes since there aren't enough classrooms provided for these kids and youth to learn.

In short, this is why we need to expand our Temple in Richmond. As you can see with the reasons I have mentioned above there is just not enough room for everyone to come to the Temple.

Please let the application go through so we are able to continue providing free vegetarian lunches and free Sat and Sun classes for everyone that is willing to join.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely, Frances Gan

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 14:20

Го:

'Kao emily'

Subject:

RE. Lingyen mountain temple rezoning

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----Original Message----

From: Kao emily [mailto:kao yun tien@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:01 PM

Fo: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen mountain temple rezoning

My name is Emily Yun-Tien Kao and I live in Richmond for about 4 years. I support the rezoning of Lingyen mountain temple.

Thank you

Sincerely Emily

從我的 iPad 傳送



From:

Nikolic, Diana

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 15:58

To:

'Edwin Pang'

**3ubject:** 

RE: linyen mountain temple rezoning

Wong Fong,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your message.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message has been included in the file.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

Regards,

Diana Nikolic, MA (Planning), MCIP, RPP Planner II (Urban Design) Development Applications Department Tel: 604-276-4040 dnikolic@richmond.ca

www.richmond.ca

From: Edwin Pang [mailto:edpang8222@qmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, 19 December 2013 12:38

o: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: linyen mountain temple rezoning

我叫 Wong Fong, 家住在 Richmond,已有 20 年以上. 我今天寫 email 給你就是想表達我支持加拿大 Lingyen Mountain Temple 因為那裡給了我一個心靈得以安寧的地方. 我去那裡學佛,念經,忘卻了塵世間的煩惱又可以吃到美味的素齋,健康了我的身體. 當我有困難時,師傅們總給予我幫助和解決而我是單身媽媽. 師傅們常教我怎樣才教好小孩,使我在 Lingyen Mountain Temple 學到許多不同做人道理和善心,讓我生活有了信心. Lingyen Mountain Temple 就像是我們的大家庭,我愛 Lingyen Mountain Temple 和需要Lingyen Mountain Temple. 所以堅決支持擴建 Lingyen Mountain Temple. 懇請你們給予支持. 謝謝,

Wong Fong

From:

Nikolic, Diana

Sent:

Thursday, 19 December 2013 15:57

To:

'edpang8222'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE (REZONING APPLICATION )

Dear Wong,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your message.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message has been included in the file.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

Regards,

Diana Nikolic, MA (Planning), MCIP, RPP Planner II (Urban Design)
Development Applications Department Tel: 604-276-4040
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www.richmond.ca

From: edpang8222 [mailto:edpang8222@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, 19 December 2013 11:46

To: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE (REZONING APPLICATION )

我叫Wong Fong .I live in10588 shepherd drive Richmond,

已有20years以上,我今天寫email给你就是想表達我支持加拿大Lingyen Mountain Temple,

因為那里给了我一個心寧

Sent from Samsung Mobile

pc: Councillors Wayne Craia

December 17,2013

Mayor Brodie Malcolm

City of Richmond

6911 No 3 Road

Richmond, BC

V6Y 2C1

Copied & distributed to all.

Support Linguen Mountain Temple's expansion!

Dear Mayor Brodie Malcolm,

First of all, as a resident of Richmond, I really would like to thank for your effort to Richmond. There are so many immingrants in Richmond. Different people have different religions. So many churches and temples in Richmond serve people very well. Richmond is so multicultural that people including the native and the immingrants always think Richmond is a good hometown for them.

My friend told me some news about Linguen mountain temple. It is said the temple is planning to expand. In my view, I think it is a good plan, cause the temple is a part of the city. If the temple can serve more people and if the temple can serve people better, it is good for the development of the culture of the whole city.

Best wishes for you!

Your sincerely,

Paul Ho Paul Ho

#1 7760 Minoru Blvd.

Richmond, V6Y 1Z5

City of Richmond RECEIVED DEC 172013

THERESA PAN

1008-6733 Buswell St
Richmond, BC,V6Y 0E3

Dear Mr Mayor and Councillors:

I am Theresa Pan. I immingrated to Canada in 2000. I like Canada so much , cause it is such a peaceful country , Canadian people are so friendly .

I have been the resident of Richmond for 7 years. Since I am a Buddhist, I always go to Lingyen Mountain Temple. It is a very good place. In Lingyen Mountain Temple, I meet many new friends. We helped each other and we do the buddihst cultivation together. I feel so good. Because of Lingyen Mountain Temple, I get away from my homesick.

Also, I really appreciate the city hall of Richmond. Because of your support, Linguen Mountain Temple can supply us all these service.

By the way, I think the expansion of Lingyen Mountain Temple is such good news to everyone. I totally support this plan.

Merry Christmas!

Theresa Por

Theresa Pan

City of Richmond RECEIVED DEC 17 2013

MAYOR'S OFFICE

December 17,2013

Mayor Brodie Malcolm

City of Richmond

6911 No 3 Road

Richmond, BC

V6Y 2C1

Support Lingyen Mountain Temple's expansion!

Dear Mayor Brodie Malcolm,

My husband and I are told about Lingyen Mountain temple's expansion. My husband and I have the same idea about the temple's decision. We both believe this decision is good for the development of Richmond's culture. If the temple can give Richmond people more valuable resources and assistance, that means Richmond can give people more valuable resources and assistance. In this way, we can let people get more resources for their daily life. Thus we totally support this expansion of the temple.

Best wishes for you!

Your sincerely,

Mingin Ho Mingen Ho

#1 7760 Minoru Blvd;

Richmond, V6Y 1Z5

City of Richmond RECEIVED DEC 172013 MAYORSOFFICE



Yuk Kiu Chu, 4-9020 Dixon Ave Richmond BC V6Y 1E4

Dear Mr mayor and councilors,

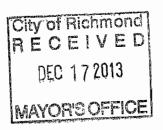
My name is Yuk Kiu Chu. My address is 4-9020 Dixon Ave Richmond I immingrated to Vancouver in 1984. I have lived in Richmond for around ten years .

I heard about the expansion plan of Lingyen Mountain temple recently. I think it is a very good plan to Richmond people.

There are more than 100 thousand people living in Richmond right now, which Chinese people is more than 40% of it. Most of Chinese people are Buddihists, so we need more temples to fulfill all these buddhists, need. Lingyen Mountain Temple's expansion plan helps to fulfill the buddhists, need. After the reconstruction, I believe the temple may suppley enough space for all these people. In this way the temple may offer better service to the public. That's why I support the temple's reconstruction plan 100%.

Best wishes for you all!

年玉橋 YUK TU Chu



From:

Nikolic, Diana

Sent:

Friday, 20 December 2013 08:22

To:

'Lilian Yang'

Subject:

RE: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Ms. Yang,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal, has been included in the file.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

Regards,

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From: Lilian Yang [mailto:lilianyang39@yahoo.ca]

Sent: Thursday, 19 December 2013 23:49

To: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Diana,

I have been lived in Richmond for more than 6 years, during this time, seeing the development for Richmond, quite encouraging. My daughter and I always go to the South Arm Park for playing. We live on Williams Road and Garden City road. My daughter is autistic and she is almost 9 years old. I also take her to Lingyen Mountain Temple often every week. She likes the food there and loves to running on the square and playing in the Garden of the temple. Nowadays, more and more people coming, the temple seems too small for so many people.

I do support Lingyen Mountain Temple's Phase 3 Expansion, sincerely hope you grant approval for the expansion proposal. I believe the rezoning of the temple will bring lots of advantages to City Richmond.

Thank you very much for your precious time!

Yours truly.

Lilian Yang

From:

Nikolic, Diana

3ent:

Friday, 20 December 2013 08:23

To:

'Wvita'

Subject:

RE: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Ms. Wang

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From: Wvita [mailto:vita7981@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, 20 December 2013 00:20

To: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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Dear Diana,

Richmond has been my home for the past 4 years. My husband and I believe in Buddha and visit LingYen Mountain temple often. We live on No. 3 Road and Williams Road. These 2 years more and more Buddhists go to the temple and it is actually too small. I really think the Phase 3 Expansion of LingYen Mountain Temple will benefit Richmond residents as well as the other city's residents.

This Rezoning project will provide a spectacular view for Tourists, for our residents. It also will provide more job opportunities for Great Vancouver, develop the economy in Richmond. The expansion will give more people to get religious and culture education...

I sincerely hope your could approve the expansion proposal for LingYen Mountain Temple.

Thank you in advance,

Yours truly,

Wendy Wang



# Memorandum

Finance and Corporate Services Department City Clerk's Office

To:

Mayor & Councillors

Date:

December 17, 2013

Joe Erceg

General Manager, Planning and Development

Wayne Craig

Director of Development

From:

Hanieh Berg

File:

12-8000-01/2013-Vol 01

Acting Manager, Legislative Services

Re:

Correspondence regarding Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Attached please find 65 letters of correspondence regarding the Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application (RZ 10-547046).

Hanieh Berg

Acting Manager, Legislative Services

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TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION From: City Clerks Office

From:

MayorandCouncillors,

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:33 PM

ſo:

'Emilie Wang'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 16, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council for their information.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for information. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson

**Acting Director, City Clerk's Office** 

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Emilie Wang [mailto:aab.emilie@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 11:23 AM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Jubject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Mayor,

My name is Congying Wang, currently lives at 5331 Clifton road, Richmond (Since 2006). I am writing to response to the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

I am in support of this project, I believe this is a great demonstration of Multiculturalism in our City of Richmond. I am involved in Charity works for many years, I believe what Lingyan Mountain Temple has bought to the community are remarkable.

In response to the current concerns that bought to the open house, I believe that the use of agriculture land will be very will used in the partnership with Kwantlen University. As alumni of this school, I believe this agriculture project will bring the future new type farming to the City of Richmond. As of Parking space and traffic issue, I do not think this will be a big impact on the No.5 traffic especially on the Sundays.

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From above suggestion please take in consideration of the LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

Congying Wang

2013/12/16

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Bent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:37 PM

To:

'JOSEPH CHUA'

Subject:

RE: Lingven Temple Project

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From: JOSEPH CHUA [mailto:jcchua@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 11:32 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Lingyen Temple Project

Dear Hon. Mayor Malcom Brodie & City Councilors,

I am a resident of Richmond City for the last 3 1/2 years. When we came to Canada in 2010, we chose Richmond because of it is one of the most well managed and livable city in Canada. It has good climate, amenities, public access and transportation. It is also a showcase of multi-cultural diversity where immersion of new immigrants is not a problem.

However one of the most compelling reason for choosing Richmond is the presence of multi-faith and religious community. When we visited Canada in 2004 & 2006 prior to our decision to migrate, we visited the Lingyen Temple to asked for spiritual guidance. So when the immigration was approved in 2010, it was not hard for us to decide to live in Richmond.

The temple has been our sanctuary for the past 3 1/2 years which provides us with spiritual guidance. It has helped transition to Canadian life easier for me and my family.

I believe this opportunity should also be present to all new immigrants. As Richmond City intends to continue to attract new investors and immigrants, we should allow the temple expansion to accommodate more worshipers. It would also be good for the economy as the faithful from other BC provinces come not only to worship but to spend like shopping, dining, entertaining and other activities.

May the city of Richmond continue to flourish under your able guidance and that of your city council.



Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be part of this wonderful city.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH C. CHUA

419-9288 Odlin Road, Richmond City, BC Canada V6X 0C3

□rom:

MayorandCouncillors

∍nt:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:38 PM

To:

'wangEmilie'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: wangEmilie [mailto:c333111@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 11:46 AM

a: MayorandCouncillors

c: Nikolic, Diana

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Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Jianhua Wang 5331 Clifton rd, Richmond, BC

Dear Mayor/ Ms. Nikolic,

My name is jianhua Wang, moved to Richmond in 2006. I am writing to response to the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

I am writing to give my support to the project. I would like to see the project gets approved by the City of Richmond. I believe the Temple serves the community well. They give free lunches every day, they gives a peaceful place for someone to go to, and talk to the masters.

They donates every Sunday to the Richmond Food bank and many more works done by the youth team. They educates students to read and write other languages. I really think this supports the key elements of multiculturalism in the City of Richmond.

ianhua Wang



From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:40 PM

lo:

'zhujialin0307'

Subject:

RE: STOP LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: zhujialin0307 [mailto:zhujialin0307@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 12:07 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

ubject: STOP LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION



richmond市长议员您好我只会写中文所以请见谅关于6号路灵岩山寺的扩建我不赞同我居住在7080 no3 rd 我和我的太太在09年来到温哥华第二天走进了灵岩山寺可是给我们的感觉就是处处要花钱至于免费的午餐会让我们在功德箱里放钱我的岳父在去年生病我们找到师傅请教结果就是要花几千块钱买金佛给二期扩建的寺院我岳父得病就会好我们信以为真当时没有带现金发现还可以刷卡让我大为不解我不赞同我们richmond。再出现这样的地方以下是他们寺院为了扩建给市民发的邮件:

### 諸位師兄師姐:

提醒您最遲于明天把您寫給 Richmond市長及議員的郵件發出,後天相關部門就將審計我們的計畫,所以明天是他們會閱讀信件的最後一天了;拜託諸位不但自己一定要寫,還要儘量多地勸請您居住于 Richmond 的親朋好友一同參與。

為方便不了解具體資訊的蓮友寫信,在此重複一下郵件一定要包含的內容:

✓ 姓名

- ✓ 住址
- ✓ 居住于Richmond的年限

郵件可以寫成中文或英文(鼓勵以英文撰寫),但標題中一定要包含 「LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION」 字樣。

信中請您多強調靈巖山寺對社區的貢獻,比如免費午餐、臨終關懷、修心場所以及慈善捐助等等,或者靈岩山寺對您個人或家庭的利益等。

市長及市議員的郵寄地址為: mayorandcouncillors@richmond.ca

如果您有任何問題,均可提出,我們會盡力解答。

感恩您的支援!!!

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From:

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To:

'hong tao'

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From: hong tao [mailto:viviantaohong@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 12:24 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

尊敬的市长及议员们:

您们好!很感谢您在百忙之中能阅读民意邮件。我是居住在 108-7080 No. 3 Road, Richmond BC V6Y OB5 的居民,姓名陶虹,英文名 VIVIAN。在 Richmond 居住了有一年多,之前一直在温哥华居住。从一登陆加拿大就开始寻找好的修行道场拜佛,2007 年我一直在 49 街的世界佛教协会拜佛。由于一次偶然的机会开车去美国经 99 号公路看到了在 99 路以西的庄严庙宇,随后就一直想好好找找这座寺院。起初的第一次下 STEVENSTON Hwy.并没有找到 LINGYEN MOUNTAIN。后来在 RICHMOND 社区活动中问到一些老移民,在 99 号高速公路旁的寺院是哪座,大家很兴奋的说这家寺院在周日有免费的佛童学校,教育孩子学校中国传统的文化及儒家和佛家思想。当时就非常兴奋的记下了地址,于是再次找到 LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE,一到寺院的时间正是上午 10 点半左右,有义工带我参观了寺院并热情的邀请我参加寺院中午的素食午斋。当时就很惊讶如此严谨和庄严的佛堂在中国是很难找到的。所以毅然决然的就将女儿送到寺院参加周日的佛童学校的学校,当时女儿 6 岁。从 2008 年至今,孩子在寺院里学到了很多知识,更是学习到了很多中国礼仪礼教上的知识且礼貌乐于助人。对于我来说是移民加拿大这些年最大的收获。

五年来一起跟着寺院成长,让我们大人也学会了相互帮助,服务社区。寺院每天坚持为公众提供免费午餐,每月都有社会福利单位人士参观及就餐,还有一些 TEENAGE 的学生前来学习参观及享用免费素食午餐。



秋冬季节寺院的师父及义工会将邻里的街道打扫干净。遇到大的节日和庆典,师父及义工很有条理的协调交通。尽可能的不打扰到周边居民。过年过节师父也会携带寺院自己种植的有机水果及自己制作的精美素食探望邻里。任何天灾的难民也得到寺院广济资粮的救助。

对于大温地区有临终关怀的求救电话,24小时都有师父带领义工上门为家属及病危临终之关怀助念。

对于在成长叛逆期的青少年,周六周日都有佛青修习班。教育 TEENAGE 的青少年懂得感恩父母之爱,回馈报答社会。让其在良性的成长轨迹里健康成长,了却了父母对此叛逆期孩子成长的担忧。

这些年正因为有了这么好的寺院,让我这个单亲妈妈在精神上有了很多的支柱。师父对我的关心及帮助,让我在新的地方重新开始自己的美好生活,我是受益匪浅。

进来寺院的信众越来越多,寺院的扩建迫在眉睫。我真心的希望市长及各市议员能支持寺院的扩建计划让更多的老百姓能在加拿大有这么好心灵休息的道场。让社会更多人在和平祥和的寺院里修心。

感恩您的理解与支持!

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Vivian H. Tao J&L JULI HOLDING (CANADA) LTD www.jlrigging.ca

⊂rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:43 PM

To:

'zShirley'

Subject:

RE: L.Y. M.T. Rezoning Application

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Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 12:57 PM

o: MayorandCouncillors

Jubject: L.Y. M.T. Rezoning Application

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张晓红 Xiaohong Zhang 的市长及委员会成员 327-8031 Colonial Drive, Richmond B.C., Canada v7v5b7.

尊敬的市长及委员会成员

你们好

我移民加拿大10年,是公民, 已经在 richmond 市居住了7年多。我热爱 Richmond. 它是最体现多元文化的一个城市,No. 5 路上不同文化的宗教殿堂林立,是一道靓丽的风景。我们引以为豪。

我每年都会在新年的时候,带着家人和朋友,去 L. Y. M. T 祈福。现有的殿堂确实太小,每次都有很多

人无法进入大殿。确实有扩建的需要。

经过几个月的时间,我仔细学习了解了 1. y. m. t. 的扩建计划,我非常希望看到这个计划可以在市政委员会通过。因为这个计划实实在在可以让 Richmond 市和所有的居民受益很多。

首先, L..Y.M.T 常年对外提供免费的午餐, 临终关怀以及心灵修行的辅导。这些服务极大的帮助了很多贫困家庭, 和那些 暂时深处困境的人, 使他们能够平静的面对困境, 积极努力向上, 缓解了市政的压力, 对改善社区的治安有很大的帮助。

其次,他们推出的农业计划能够很好的美化社区的环境,净化周边的空气。

最重要的是实施这个计划的工程会在几年内为 Richmond 的居民提供很多的工作机会。

所以我很期待这个计划的通过。

非常感谢你们的辛勤

张晓红敬呈 12-16-2013

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:46 PM

To:

'Alvina L'

Subject:

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From: Alvina L [mailto:alvinapoly@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 6:37 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

My name is Alvina Lee and my address is 202-9299 Tomicki Avenue, Richmond V6X 0C5.

I strongly support the above rezoning application. I live in Richmond since 2011 and pay visits to Lingyen Mountain Temple 2 or 3 times a week. Even when I was residing in Vancouver from 2008 to 2010, I paid regular visits to the Temple also.

I find the Temple contributes a lot to the society: they provide free lunches, they give us guidance on how to live a meaningful and righteous life, they provide activities to the children and teenagers, they care for the seniors and those in the hospice, they lead religious services, etc. etc.

Please approve the rezoning application for the expansion of the Temple so that more people in the Richmond society can benefit from it.

Thank you, Alvina Lee



The supports I' ve got go from L.Y.M.T. far beyond psychological support. By studying in L.Y.M.T. Sunday school, My daughter learns to be more responsible, be polite, be willing to help others and be more diligent, which I know is unbelievable. One more thing I shall add to this, which is that unlike other teenagers, she is not rebellious at all. For my son, he also learns a lot from L.Y.M.T Sunday school though he has a lot more to learn. He cares about others more than before and is learning to be responsible, too. Not only my children learned and are learning more and more merits in L.Y.M.T., I also learned a lot of things there. The most import one is I can control my temper and mood much better now.

The value of L.Y.M.T. to myself and my family as well as a lot other people is measureless. Thanks to L.Y.M.T.; thanks to the masters in L.Y.M.T., thanks to all the volunteers in L.Y.M.T., I retrieved my happiness, my confidence and my affection with my children and even my life. My appreciation also goes to the mayor and councillors of Richmond though they may no longer are because they allowed a so wonderful and great place to be existed and enlarged once and allowed so many wise masters to live there who are ready to provide help to anyone who need help at any time.

In order that more people can benefit from this unbelievable all free service, I strongly appeal your honorable mayor and councillors to approve L.Y.M.T. rezoning application. You will sure be glad to see how it will benefit a lot of Richmond residents and yourself for whatever.

Thanks a lot for your understanding and support!

rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

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From: HeBin [mailto:hebin001@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 6:36 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUTAIN TEMPLE REZONING

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in favour of Lingyen Mountain Temple(LYMT)rezoning.

To be honest, I am not interested in any religion. The reason I am writing this e-mail is that I went to LYMTsometimes to have free lunch. Since I accidently found this great place at website stating that their lunch is good and their serve is nice and tried once, I went there with my family or friends from time to time only for their free lunch.

I know a temple is for people to worship, but for me, the delicious lunch is the one that attracts me there. The dining room is clean and tidy. The food is tasty. The attendants serve very well. The most amazing thing is that with dozens of people (some times around a hundred) eating in the same room, it's quiet and organized, which is really rare, especially in Chinese society.

I am not a vegetarian, never be. However, I like the food in LYMT though they only provide veggies. I never thought that vegetables can be so tasty, too. The dishes are not only delicious, but also diverse and abundant. They usually have 3 to 4 dishes and sometimes they even have dessert.

Having a meal like this for a person will cost at least 15 bucks in a restaurant not including tips and it's all free here in LYMT. Though they accept donation, it's all by willingness. For several times, I just walked away from ny seat and nobody tried to say or stop me for donation.



However, I had a bad experience once there. I guess it's a special day and hundreds of people were there when I arrived. I had to sit in the yard in a chilli weather to finish my lunch. Although hot soup is provided, I didn't enjoy the meal that day while sitting in the yard while it's not shinny. So I believe LYMT does need a larger place to accommodate more people.

In my opinion, a place that provides tasty free lunch will not be too large. Please give your permission to enlarge LYMT. I believe nobody wants to have a lunch in yard in a forecast day.

Sincerely yours

Bin H. 13-6833 Livingstone Place Richmond, BC V7C 5T1

From:

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To:

'Dan Yang'

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From: Dan Yang [mailto:yang1dan@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 3:53 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Importance: High

Dear Mayor & Councillors':

Has been a Richmond resident for more than 4 years, I would like to express my support for Lingyen Mountain Temple (refer to L.Y.M.T. below)Rezoning Application.

Being a single mom with 2 young children, life is really tough to me. What makes things more difficult is that I have no relatives in this city or its vicinity. Luckily, I managed to find support that comes from L.Y.M.T. This support is not financially, but mentally, which is much more important to me. The support cannot be too emphasized in helping my family and me.

In fact, the started from my divorce, which is suffering and desperate torture to me. I even wanted to suicide and leave my two young children, who were only 9 and 4 years separately. Maters and Volunteers from L.Y.M.T. soothed me with their smiles and useful words. They guided me to view the whole thing from a difference point and help me to back to life and take my responsibility. Furthermore, by participating their volunteer system, by helping other people, I gradually become happier and happier.

Somebody may say that a psychologist can do this, too. Since I never went to see a psychologist, I cannot judge. But there is one thing I am sure is I don't have to a penny the valuable and wise advise from the sincere masters and I don't need an appointment.



From:

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Sent:

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To:

'shenzhengyi'

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From: shenzhengyi [mailto:szywjh@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 3:18 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING

获悉加拿大灵严山寺扩建第三期大道场,我本人及全家[双手赞成]。其理由:1,为社区居民提供修心 养身的理想场所。有利民众心灵环保。减少犯罪,减少抑郁,减少自避症的发生。2,为大温哥华地区 提供优良人文环境。3,增加新的旅游景观,带动周边地区商业发展,增加就业机会,缓解失业率。4 定期走访老人院,为老人送温暖。5,捐献食物予食物银行,帮助贫困人士。仅 12/15/13 一天捐赠食 物达 8000lbs ,现金 5000CAD。6,参与大型慈善活动,造福海内外。如近期菲律宾海燕风灾,几年前 的日本海啸引发核泄

露;中国汶川大地震,台湾8\*8水灾等。所收善款全部转交慈济,受惠予灾区民众。 善行不胜枚举,仅列重大事件。望市府,善长,社会各界人士鼎力相助,造福一方。

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From: 3ent:

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----Original Message----

From: Oringa Yip [mailto:happyoringa@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 2:38 PM

fo: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

To whom it may concern,

My name is Miu Ching Oringa YIP, I support the rezoning of the above captioned application. I am a Canadian citizen residing at 2835 Alamein Ave., Vancouver, BC. V6L 1S4 Canada.

Thank you.

Cheers, Oringa sent from iPhone

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:50 PM

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'Francis Ma'

Subject:

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From: Francis Ma [mailto:fortunema@telus.net]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 2:15 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

ubject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION.

## Dear Mayor and Councillors,

My name is Francis Ma and I have been living in Richmond since 1998.

One of the City's concern is the traffic flow, but my point of view

is that the Temple's followers go the temple mainly on the weekends,

Buddha's birthday and Chinese New Year's day. The traffic on No.5

road is not as busy as weekdays.



This temple plays an important role to promote harmony, understanding.

compassion, and helping each other in Richmond's community at large.

The temple has offered 100,000.00 vegetarian free meals each year for

people of different culture to come to know each other.

It is because of the increasing number of people coming to the temple

every week,

they need a bigger dining room and a bigger praying hall to accomodate

more people who like to participate the temple's activity.

It is for the benefit of the Richmond's community not only the

Buddhist followers.

I hope the temple's expansion application will be approved in the near future.

Best regards, Francis Ma 4-3111 BECKMAN PL RICHMOND B.C. V6X3R3

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:59 PM

To:

'??? Emily'

Subject:

RE: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

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From: 陳怡良 Emily [mailto:emily515919@yahoo.com.tw]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 10:47 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Jubject: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

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I am Masamichi Ishii I live in Richmond, I would like to tell you some of the good deeds Ling Yen Mountain Temple do to community . Every month the temple would have a food drive to donate food to the people who need help . We would create a pile of food and give it to the food bank . I really enjoy the past 4 years learning in the temple .Master and teacher teach us how to care , give, and love others. I hope that everyone can live happily . we don't have enough space to study and play when we go to temple every Sunday, all of our classmates wish to have our own classroom, because we are sharing big room with other 8 classes. I know there are some other kids wants to join our Sunday study, but Master said we have no more space to give them, I wish this time you can help us to get permission to expand our temple, so more and more kids can join our Sunday study.

From:

MavorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:57 PM

To:

'Lisa Ho'

Subject:

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From: Lisa Ho [mailto:chiuhsiaho@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 7:42 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

to my dearest Mayor

i am Lisa Ho, i settled in Richmond BC 20 years ago. as part of this community, i want to say something regarding LYMT expension.

as a house wife, i strongly support this expension, because the expension would accompany more people or followers and their family members, such as kids. Also, LYMT often provide free meal on weekend, as it attracted more people to enjoy hot dishs. the expension would slove this problem.

i have several friends coming all the way from Seattle for preyer, the expesion would help Richmond to attract more people to Richmond. this would have ripple effect on surrending business, such as spending money on housing, food, gas ect. . . Also LYMT is a nice place to spend over the weekend, i oftenly take my friends and family to LYMT. Especially those visitors from Asia. they are surprised how success the LYMT in North America. this could be added a landmark to Richmond.

lastly, more and more residence in Richmond are coming from Asia, LYMT could provide a place for the new comers for socialize and help the new comer to settle in this new environment.

Lisa Chiu Hsia Ho 8160 Mowbray St Richmond

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:57 PM

To:

'Yollanda'

Subject:

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----Original Message----

From: Yollanda [mailto:yollanda.zhou@yahoo.ca]

ent: Monday, 16 December 2013 7:34 PM

fo: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I'm Yollanda Zhou and I live in #3-7091 Blundell rd. Richmond, B.C. I have lived here since

Since I was very little I would go to the temple often, now I am volunteering there every week, I think it would be great if there was more space, it gets quite crowded. By expanding the Lingyen Moutain Temple it will encourage more people to go and they teach

you things you can learn from nowhere else which will help us become a better person.

Thank you



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:56 PM

To:

'vi iiang'

Subject:

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From: yi jiang [mailto:yijiang23@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 7:21 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Yi Jiang 211-7288 No.3 Road Richmond V6Y 3Y1

16 December 2013

Mayor and Councillors of Richmond Richmond City Hall 6911 Number 3 Rd Richmond, British Columbia V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

My name is yi jiang, living in Richmond for over three years. As a Richmond resident I hope that the Richmond City Hall can accept Linguen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

In 2009 my friend took me to the Lingyen Temple after I had two serious car accidents and family problem. I was very stressful and depressed. I would never forget the most helpful things the masters did for me, offering me free lunch everyday and teaching me how to do meditation at main hall, I found peace through it. Right now I am fully



recovered from suffering and have returned to work for two years. I still go to the temple as a volunteer and have been seeing masters help others as the same as they did for me. Master often encourage me to contribute time and money to those people who need help without national boundaries, racial boundaries and the boundaries of belies.

with more and more people to the temple to visit, study, meditation and having free lunch everyday, there are no spaces for them, only the extension to benefit more people.

As far as I am concerned, I support Linguen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

I am looking forward to hearing good news from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Yi Jiang

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:56 PM

To:

'wanli'

Subject:

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From: wanli [mailto:wanli-1970@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 7:12 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been lived in 10460 Southgate, Richmond for more than 5 years and now send you this e-mail to support LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE (L.Y.M.T.) rezone.

I know L.Y.M.T. because my son volunteers every Sunday there. At the beginning, I strongly opposed my son to go there due to its religious background. However, a teenager is not that easy to against. I finally yield to my son after 3 years. Now I may say it's not a bad idea for him to go there.

Kevin was shy before. But he is becoming a little bit more open now. He used to be upset easily for trifle things and now he learned to let them go. Kevin is always a kind, sweet boy and we all love him so much. But as other teenagers, he sticked to computer for too long time and would not go to bed until 1 o'clock in the morning. After being volunteered in L.Y.M.T., he tried to shorten his computer time and spend more time on study. Though not that much, I can still see the difference. Once, he even survive without computer for 2 whole days.

As a mom, I am glad to see the positive change of my son. Though I don't go to L.Y.M.T., but I believe it's a good place to go, especially for youth. So I vote for its rezone and enlarge. I wish the mayor and the councillors will vote for it, too.

Li Wan

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:56 PM

To:

'Qingzhou Zang'

Subject:

RE: Comments on Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Qingzhou Zang [mailto:zqz50@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 6:42 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

**Jubject:** Comments on Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

## Dear Mayor and Council,

I, Victor Zang, have been living in the address of 8588 Heather Street, Richmond for half a year. I attended the meeting for the Temple expansion, held at Lingyen Mountain Temple on Dec 14, 2013. The project will promote a harmonic society for worshippers, practitioners and visitors in the temple. We should also build a harmonic community and friendly environment. The design of the expansion has taken into account them.

The factors that may influence on the neighbourhood are listed below:

Factor	Influence
Traffic	Yes
Agriculture	Yes
Privacy	Yes
Pollution	No
Noise	No
Water	No
Radiation	No
Harm	No

Three factors need to be concerned. The farmland rezoning for agriculture have reached an agreement with Kwantlen Polytechnic University. The neighbourhood privacy can be kept by lesigning the appropriate height of the temple and by trees planting. The traffic can be improved by two flyovers at the intersections of Steveston and Willams with No 5 Road if there is the budget. In a word, the temple expansion will promote a harmonic society, community, and friendly



environment.
Please contact me should you need further discussion.
Thanks,
Victor

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:55 PM

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'zhangmaggie'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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----Original Message----

From: zhangmaggie [mailto:degerjin@hotmail.com]

ent: Monday, 16 December 2013 5:37 PM

.o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

My name is Lei Zhang, I have lived in 88- 6888 Robson Dr Richmond , I have two boys . My big one was a teenager he always made me disappointed so that I even regretted coming to Canada when I lived here from 2009 to 2011. One day on 2010 I went to Lingyen Mountain Temple the master gave me more support and the counsel let me know Buddhism , I follow the master's teaching , my little son has enrolled in the sunday classes since April 2010, I have been a volunteer for three years in temple . I server the food in the free lunch and caring mom in Sunday class. Now my family is happy and warm . The temple give us mind support I am very appriciated. I hope the application will be passed.

**Thanks** 

Lei Zhang

发自我的 iPad

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:54 PM

To:

'Nickel Cyanide'

Subject:

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From: Nickel Cyanide [mailto:ed201112@qmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 4:55 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear The Mayor and Councillors

We are the resident of Richmond and we have been living in this beautiful city for 5 years.

On the weekends, our family likes to visit the LingYen Mountain Temple, to pay homage to the Buddha and enjoy the free vegetarian food. As new immigrants, we face many new challenges and troubles. When we went to the Temple however, we can feel the peace and calm inside our heart. The only inconvenient we have about the Temple is that the parking lot and the dinning place is too small. When we heard the LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application, we felt very happy. The application can bring us Richmond residents a more beautiful sightseeing place, a more multicultural city, and a more convenient way for people to communicate. The rebuilding of the Temple will not affect traffic on week days as most of the people we know only go on weekends. We sincerely hope that the application will pass. Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely, Ning Ni and Wu Gong 6331 Taseko Crescent, Richmond





From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:10 PM

To:

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From: 恩字麦乐啊砸 [mailto:37764069@qq.com] Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 11:35 PM

o: MayorandCouncillors; Nikolic, Diana

Jubject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Mayor,

My name is Weisheng Wang, lives in Richmond for last 7 years . I am writing to support to the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

I am in support of this project, I believe this is a great demonstration of Multiculturalism in our City of Richmond. I am involved in Charity works for many years, I believe what Lingyan Mountain Temple has bought to the community are remarkable.

I believe that the use of agriculture land will be used with the partnership with Kwantlen University. My daughter is an alumni of Kwantlen, their programs are practical for students to learn actual skills. The parking and traffic problem will be not resulted from the expansion since the workshop is on Sundays.

From above suggestion please take in consideration of the LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

Weisheng Wang Resident of 5331 Clifton Road, Richmond



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From: tian [mailto:youhtian@126.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 11:33 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

#### 尊敬的 RICHMOND 市长和议员们:

你们好。我的名字是 CATHY TIAN 我们全家生活在 RICHMOND 已经 5 年了,我家的地址是#39-12920 JACK BELL DR. V6V 2V9 我们都是加拿大公民。我们来到加拿大已经 8 年多了,对灵岩山寺有非常深刻的了解和认识,下面我就说说我们全家在灵岩山寺里所有的见闻及感受。

灵岩山寺里每天都为来寺庙里上香礼佛的莲友们准备了非常美味而且是免费的素食供大家享用,尤其是在节假日和周末,来这里拜佛吃素食的人群非常多,师父和义工们从来不说苦,不怕累,精心制作各种精美可口的饭食给大家食用,保证每个人都吃好吃饱,高高兴兴的来,平平安安的回家。有的莲友如果遇到了困苦伤心难过或者不解之事,找到庙里来,师父们都是耐心和蔼的给他们进行开示劝解和解忧,使这些人可以放下心结,安心过生活,这在一定意义上也促进了社会的安宁和和谐。

灵岩山寺里有专为儿童开办的免费的佛童班,在这里不但教授孩子们学习一些佛经知识,还教他们各种佛门礼仪,社交规矩,中文,音乐,画画,手工,劳动等等各种各样的知识和技能,使孩子们在这里不但学会了各种知识,更学会了如何待人接物,善待他人及一切动物,爱护地球和生物,保护环境和资源,这些教育对于孩子们来说都是非常宝贵的财富。

灵岩山寺里的师父们不但敞开胸怀欢迎着每一个来庙里上香礼佛吃素食的人,同时也关心着世界上那些需要帮助的人,她们经常走出去为社会上那些需要的帮助的人献出自己的爱心。日本大地震,寺庙里不但组织进行了捐款,还亲自去到日本的会所为地震中逝去的人进行超度助念,让那些亡灵可以早登极乐世界。寺庙里还有组织去老人院进行慰问并赠送精美礼品,为街道社区进行义务扫落叶,为印度尼西亚海啸募捐,为食品银行进行募捐,为家里去世的人进行临终关怀和助念等等一系列对社会有意义和帮助的活动,而这些活动都是庙里的师父和热心的义工们免费发心做的。

灵岩山寺对大众和社会做出的贡献,我们都看到眼里并且非常的感动,因此我们全家都非常支持此次灵岩山寺的扩建工程。加拿大是一个多元文化的国家,是一个非常具有包容性的具有爱心的家园,我们为我们成为了加拿大人而感到自豪,也希望市长和议员们可以尊重我们的宗教自由,让这片造福于 RICHMOND 华人的好事情尽早得以实现,谢谢!

YOU HONG ,TIAN (CATHY) 及全家

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:09 PM

fo:

'Wang Amy'

Subject:

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ent: Monday, 16 December 2013 10:58 PM

fo: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

my address: 10491 leonard rd richmond bc

V7A 2N7

my name: yu hong wang

#### 亲爱的市政府:

我来richmond已经4年了,经常星期天早上9点多开车沿willams到5号路

**去灵**严山寺上香,路上车很少,许多人还在家里享受周末的早晨,灵严山寺交通管理的很好,把车辆安排的很有秩序 ,我没有见过灵严山寺门口堵车。

**灵**严山寺环境很优美,寺院很整洁,种植了各种美丽的花草,她的扩建会让5号路变得更美丽。 richmond 华人很多,灵严山寺的扩建,也是正常的需求。

真心希望灵严山寺扩建申请能成功。

十分感谢政府的关心!谢谢!

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:09 PM

To:

'peggy he'

Subject:

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Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 10:57 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

尊敬的市长和各位议员们

我叫 PE1 ZHANG HE,家住 4 — 8291 General Currie Road, Richmond, 我已当了 13 年的市民了。我喜欢这个城市,因为它是多元文化的象征。5 号路上的加拿大灵岩山寺,给我留下深刻印象。今天我写信给你们,就是请求你们能够支持加拿大灵岩山寺的扩建工程,因为它是我们信众的一个家,我们需要它。可是现有的场地已不能满足信众不断增加的需要,每年的朝山和素食节活动,数以千计的信众前来参加,灵岩山寺提供免费的午餐给信众,因为场地有限,许多信众只能在广场上吃,如果遇到下雨天就很不方便。灵岩山寺有佛童、佛青班,因为教室有限,许多孩子只能排队等候。我们需要灵岩山寺,不仅是因为它每天提供免费可口的素食午餐,它还是一个慈善捐助的代表,曾先后多次组织捐款给受灾的地区和国家以及本地的儿童医院及捐助食物给食物银行,它更是人们修行净化心灵的一个大道场,信众们在这里接受佛法教育,培养慈悲心,以后在社会上做一个遵纪守法的好公民。所以,我在这里再次恳请市长和各位议员们支持加拿大灵岩山寺的扩建工程,并至诚感谢你们在百忙之中抽空读我的信。

最后致以最崇高的敬礼!

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

3ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:09 PM

To:

'carolyn chen'

Subject:

RE: Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning application

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Yours truly,

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From: carolyn chen [mailto:carolynijchen@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 10:27 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Jubject:** Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning application

To Whom it may concern:

My name is Carolyn Chen. I've lived in Richmond for the past 20 years. Two years ago, I have to move back to Vancouver since my husband's mom is getting old and he just went through a career change. However, I still own a condo in 9628 Ferndale Rd and co-own two small apartments with my friends at Ryan Rd. Please consider me as Richmond residence who wants to share my thoughts about this expansion project.

My friend introduced me to the temple when my uncle passed away 7 years ago. I spent months in the Richmond hospital assisting my aunt taking care of my uncle after work. I understood how overwhelming and painful it was for the family to deal with loss of loved one.

Few years later, I had an opportunity to participate in a 3 day Dharma service retreat. I started to learn more about the temple's teaching. However, most of the time, I would just observe and assist the masters with the few of the easy chores of the temple. After work, I would practice meditation at the temple which helped me to relax. I used to wake up at 2:00am and couldn't sleep till 6:00am. one year, I bought a TV for my bedroom as a Christmas gift for myself so I could listen to the TV sounds which helped me to sleep. Although, I have a pretty successful career, the price to pay was too high as I felt anxious and stressed most of the time.

During the past 4 years, I learned to take focus away from my issues and problems and learned to observe my blessings, learn to give, share and strive to have a harmonious work place and family. I'm a happier person. My husband observed my changes and started to come to the temple as well.

The Masters also provide palliative counseling assistance. I had opportunities to participate 5 palliative chanting sessions during the past 2 years. This service provided comfort and guidance for patients on how to go through the last challenging moments of life. Through Master's counseling, and practice of the chanting service, the family also learned how to deal with loss of the loved one. I felt more knowledgeable about the process. with the guidance of the Masters, I know I can share the experience and assist more people in need for the palliative care.

The temple makes effort and takes the time to listen the concerns of the neighbours and the City of Richmond staff. The Masters, the Architects, the expansion project team and the City have spent lots of time review the options and I believe the team has presented a sounding proposal that addresses majority of people's concerns about height of the building, traffic concerns and continue usage of the farm land.

The City of the Richmond has always respect and encourage multiculturalism. The temple shares the same vision. It opens the door to the public daily from 7:00am to 9:40pm. Anyone can come to temple to learn more about Buddhism practice, participate in the volunteering programs, youth groups so they can practice sharing and serving others in need, or enjoy free meal services. It's an exciting to be able to participate in this expansion project. This project will initiate great work which enable people from different walks of life to work together, resolve differences and achieve a common goal through the process. The construction work will also provide job opportunities for Richmond.

The temple has been making donations to different charities since its incorporation without high profile promotion. The teachings of the temple also provide guidance for people to purify and calm down the hearts to achieve better health and happiness. All of these will help contribute a positive feedback to the Richmond community.

I respect the decision of the Mayor and City Council but I strongly request the team to consider and approve the expansion of the Ling Yen Mountain temple for the benefit of the Richmond residents.

Thanks again for taking the time to allow me to share my thoughts and experience.

-Carolyn

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:09 PM

To:

'chenNina'

Subject:

RE: Supporting for LinYan Mountain Temple Rezoning

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From: chenNina [mailto:clpchen@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 10:25 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Jubject: Supporting for LinYan Mountain Temple Rezoning

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

We are the resident of richmond, I came to Canada from China two years ago and have inhabited in this lovely city from that time. At the beginning time, it was a tough time for my family, new immigrants. We are lucky to know the LingYan Mountain Temple which is a place full of peace and hope. Due to the temple, my family have already got used to the new city and our new life. My elder son has also become a Buddhist Children. Its benefit isn't restricted to the help to new immigrants and the education to kids. It provides the chanting for dying person and free lunch.

My family extremely support the rezoning of LinYan Mountain Temple which can allow more people to have chance to access to Budda and get help. We will appreciate if you can give permission to the application of LinYan Mountain Temple Rezoning.

Sincerely,

Li Ping Chen Tao Wu Zheng Wu

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:09 PM

To:

'shuling chang'

Subject:

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From: shuling chang [mailto:chang19901123@yahoo.com.tw]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 10:11 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Cc: Emma

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application

## Dear mayor and councilors

I am a permanent resident of Canada. I have lived in Richmond for more than one year I love this beautiful city, I am Buddhism, So I visit Lingyen Mountain Temple every Saturday and Sunday.

It is a nice place to have, but it can get very crowded sometimes. Lingyen Mountain give us a lot of supports

such as collect food for foodbank activity, chain for person that they need .....ect..

Thus I highly recommend and support that Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning.

Sincerely, Susan C.

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:08 PM

To:

'shuling chang'

Subject:

RE: Lingven Mountain Temple rezoning application

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From:

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Sent:

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To:

'xuwen Deng'

Subject:

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From: xuwen Deng [mailto:youwinhealth@yahoo.ca]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 9:50 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Linven Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Hi, My name Perry Zhu and I have had this health clinic YOUWIN HEALTH ENTERPRISES LTD. at #205-8600 Cambie Rd. Richmond B.C. CANADA V6X 4J9 for over 13 years. And I've lived in Richmond for over 8 years. In the process of dealing with patients, I've found that many health problems are not just from their body and organs but a big part is because they are mentally unstable or from stress. I've told them to go to Linyen Temple to learn about their views such as letting go, relaxing, releasing stress, and not taking everything so seriously and heavily. learning to use different views to see the world and their lives and thinking in other people's shoes. An I've found that their health issues were quickly solved and it's solved at the root of the problem! This is better medicine than any physical medicine out there. This has also saved lots of medical resources for us and can benefit many more people if there were only more space at the temple. Therefore, Linyen Temple is like a big hospital. It has helped our society release many people from their miseries not only in terms of health issues but also in terms of their mental and family issues. Only when the Temple is expanded can it help more people and make Canada a better and healthier country and society for it's citizens.

Thank you!

⊂rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:08 PM

To:

'Alex Wen'

Subject:

RE: Linyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Alex Wen [mailto:alexwenemail@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 9:44 PM

o: MayorandCouncillors

Jubject: Linyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor Mr. Brodie and all respectable city councillors:

I have been a resident of the City of Richmond for almost ten years. During these constructive years I have seen the city prosper wonderfully and be home to a extravagant selection of different buildings, peoples, and all kinds of curious and compelling cultures. As far I see, there is no reason to stop this glorious cultural expansion that has transformed us from a small fishing village over a century ago into a bustling gathering of all kinds of advancing cultures from small Christian chapels to great buildings of Jewish faith.

Regarding the current issue of the Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application, I believe it can be seen as an astonishing and unique opportunity for the city to grow and nurture the emerging Buddhist population in Richmond. Richmond will be confirmed as a sanctuary of religious acceptance; a role model for other municipalities who yearn to possess such a unrivaled magnitude of lush cultural diversity. The city itself will hail more business; tourism will skyrocket; and the surrounding community will be bathed in compassionate events from colossal food drives to free lunches every week.

Mr. Brodie, please do not halt such an enormous opportunity of growth for the whole city. By approving the rezoning application, let's solidify Richmond's reputation of being a diverse, cultural and compassionate city, and place the first cornerstone of the city's bright future.

Sincerely, Alex Wen 60-11631 7th Ave. Glichmond, BC

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:08 PM

To:

'Xuwen Dena'

Subject:

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From: Xuwen Deng [mailto:xuwendeng@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 9:31 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Linyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Hello, My name is Wendy Deng, I live 10320 Leonard Rd Richmond BC and I have been living in Richmond for about 10 years.

LinYen temple is not just a temple but it's like a school. It gives everyone and especially our kids the knowledge that the school board doesn't teach. whether some one can be successful and become a help to our society doesn't solely depend on their technical abilities but it also depends on their ability to communicate with others and be with justice, this is what this temple teaches us and our next generation, and right now, the temple is doing the best they can to teach this to as many kids as possible but there just isn't enough space for everyone to learn, the place I live now is right next door to William Bridge elementary school, so it is every difficult for me during school time when I try to get our from my driveway, but I have never thought of complaining or wanting the elementary to shut down because this is a school where Canada's future is produced, it determines whether or not our future is bright and capable, therefore, transportation at Linyen Temple also should not be an obstacle in helping the kids be the best they can be and giving them the unique but essential education they need.

I hope The Linyen Temple's application can be accepted and passed! Thank you!

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

\_ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:07 PM

To:

'ishii emily'

Subject:

RE: Expansion of Ling Yen Mountain Temple

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From: ishii emily [mailto:emilyishii@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 9:16 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Expansion of Ling Yen Mountain Temple

To Whom it may concern.

My name is Emily. I currently lived at 30-9628 Ferndale Rd Richmond. I have moved back to Richmond BC since 2007. My family lived in Richmond since 1993 and I've witnessed how Richmond had grown from a smaller suburb city to a well developed City that attract thousands of people each year from different ethnic background who want to live here. This is why lots of investors and developers who want to participate and share with the City's vision and help contribute and make this city a better place to live.

As a single mom who works hard to raise two young children, it's difficult to maintain the quality of life as most of time, I will be distracted by life's worries. The Masters at the Ling Yen Mountain Temple show me how to live a discipline life by their examples. Volunteering & participate in services at the temple a few hours each week help me to take focus away from my day to day problems; I learn and practice to think positively and patience whenever I encounter adversity.

My children also attend the Sunday Children school at the temple. They have improved a lot under the teaching of the temple during the past 4 years. There is a need for the temple to expand so they have more resources that can provide better service to the local community.

I understand that the temple and the City had multiple discussions about the expansion projects. The temple follows the recommendation and takes time to listen to the need and concerns of the community so the revised expansion proposal can address the majority of the concerns of the neighbours & the city staff.

As a voter, I respectfully and strongly request the Richmond City Council to consider and approve the expansion of Ling Yen Mountain Temple for the residences of Richmond.

Emily Chen

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:07 PM

To:

'airi ishii'

Subject:

RE: temple

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From: airi ishii [mailto:airimymelody@gmail.com] Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 9:12 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** temple

Hello the city of richmond. I just wanted to let you know that we really need your help! We hope you can consider helping us rebuild our LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE bigger! It would really help our buddhist community, as we do not have quite enough space for the classrooms for the buddhist children! Every year, the number of Buddhists that go to Lingven increases, and now some people have to stand outside! Again, as a Buddhist, I would really appreciate your help and the whole Buddhist community would appreciate it as well! We really look forward to the good news and thank you all for your cooperation!

-Airi Ishii

From:

MavorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:07 PM

To:

'Liu Binggi'

Subject:

RE: For your information about LYMT

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From: Liu Bingqi [mailto:peterbql@yahoo.com] Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 9:08 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: For your information about LYMT

Hi, there

My name is Peter Liu, live in Richmond for 5 years. My address is 12-7420 Moffatt RD, Richmond, BC.

I heard the expanding proposal of Lingyen Mountain Temple. It is definately a great plan. It will attract more people around the Great Vancouver even the visitors from worldwide to Richmond, not only to worship Budda, but also to expand market in Richmond. It definately will benefit the Richmond's economy. I am in favor of the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning proposal.

Thanks. Peter Liu

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:06 PM

Го:

'ryvercrab .'

Subject: -

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Third Phase Rezoning Application.

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From: ryvercrab . [mailto:ryvercrab@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 8:42 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

**Jubject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Third Phase Rezoning Application.

The monastery has been extremely hospitable to myself, my family and many of those around me. As the number of visitors continues to grow, I fear that the existing temple will be ever restricting. It would be extremely beneficial for the city as well as everyone who may or may not have relations with the temple if the 3rd Phase were to be approved completely.

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:06 PM

To:

'Candy'

Subject:

RE: ILingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

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From: Candy [mailto:candyzhao2003@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 8:34 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: ILingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

Dear Mayor,

I'm a new immigrant in Richmond. I like this city very much and feel home here. One of the main reasons is there's great Lingyen Mountain Temple in this city, every time I go there, I feel relaxed and happy from my heart & soul...

Today I write to you is to invite your support to Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

Believe Lingyen Mountain Temple can accommodate more Buddhists in a better place and better way with the rezoning, which will also add shine to the multi-culture image of Richmond.

Your kind understanding and support will be highly appreciated.

Warm Regards

Yanping Zhao

215-8180 Jones Road Richmond BC V6Y 3Z6

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To: Subject:

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From: 朱立超 [mailto:zhu3345257@hotmail.com] Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 8:33 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor,

I have been living on Heather Street in Richmond for three years. From what I have remembered, the Lingyen Mountain Temple has always been a really nice place to go to in Richmond. The masters there are willing to share their wisdom with you and answer all your questions about life and Buddhism. The volunteers are helpful and friendly to every visitor. About two years ago, I joined the volunteer youth group myself. So far, I have learnt a lot from this experience, and the Buddhist knowledge has been motivating me to become a better person.

If the rezoning application can be approved, I believe that Lingyen Mountain will be able to carry out more activities with the enlarged capacity, which will be fairly beneficial to the local community. I strongly support this project.

Sincerely,

## Allen Zhu

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:06 PM

To:

'Guorong Sui'

Subject:

RE: About the Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application

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From: Guorong Sui [mailto:grong sui@yahoo.ca]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 8:26 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: About the Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application

## Dear Mr. Brodie and all the City Councilors:

My name is Grace. My family and I have been called Richmond home for eight years. I am writing to ask you to kindly approve the Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application.

Two months ago a friend recommended me to take my seven-year-old daughter Jasmine to Lingyen Mountain Temple for the free vegetarian lunch on weekends.

Jasmine was a picky-eater and she rarely ate veggies. At first I didn't expect that she would like it. However, it's so amazing

when I saw her enjoy the vegetarian lunch each time. She is getting healthier now. When I learn more about the Temple

I appreciate it more. It's a peaceful place and it always teaches us how to be a good person. Last Sunday they had a big event.

People and the temple donated a lot to food bank. The only concern is the temple is not big enough now. Please kindly consider

this situation and approve the temple expansion.

Thanks!

incerely,

Grace Sui

8280 Garden City Road, Richmond

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:05 PM

To:

'xuhanfei'

Subject:

RE: About LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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Yours truly,

# Michelle Jansson Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: xuhanfei [mailto:hanfeixu@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 8:24 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: About LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

To whom it may concern:

I have lived in Richmond for 10 years, and heard about Lingyen Mountain Temple shortly after I moved here. My friend invited me to the temple for the free vegetarian lunch. We also found that this was a peaceful place to practise Buddhism. I send my two kids to there to learn Buddhism and be a volunteer to serve the people. They all built a good personality and how to treat others nice. Right now more and more people know the place and want to send their kids to there. I am glad to know the temple application will be updated. I hope you may consider my feedback. Thank you very much!

All the best

## Hanfei Xu

204-6511 Gilbert Road, Richmond V7C 3V9

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:05 PM

To:

'lan Tsang'

Subject:

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----Original Message----

From: Ian Tsang [mailto:ianktsang@icloud.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 8:18 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Rezoning application

Dear Mayor Brodie, Councilors,

Seasonal Greetings.

My name is Ian Tsang, my family and I have been Richmond residents since 1974.

I am writing this to support the Rezoning of the Temple. I am sure you are well aware of the Temple's outstanding reputation due to the many good works it has done for the community of Richmond.

I would like to draw your attention to a key issue which is just one of the many reasons I support the Temple's Rezoning. Over the last many years, the number of people turning to Buddhism has increased significantly, all these people need a place to worship and practice their faith.

My wife and I attend the Temple regularly, over the years I have observed a constant increase in our Buddhist community. There is a definite need for expansion. It only stands to reasons that with more space to accommodate those who wish to take Buddhism to heart, the Temple will be able to better serve the society and promote compassion; peace and harmony among all peoples.

Best regards

Ian K Tsang MB, FRCPC.
Clinical Professor Emeritus

crom:

MayorandCouncillors

3ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:05 PM

To:

'Ling Wallington'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen mountain temple rezoning application

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----Original Message----

From: Ling Wallington [mailto:lingwallington@gmail.com]

Gent: Monday, 16 December 2013 8:04 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Cc: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: Lingyen mountain temple rezoning application

Dear Sir and Madam

Re: rezoning application of ling yen mountain temple My name is ling Wallington i am writing to support the rezoning and expand the temple

I live in Vancouver but whenever I have the time I will go to the temple with my husband, it is a good place to study the Buddha philosophy , when u walk in the temple you totally feel relax and at peace if more people come to the temple the city will become more peaceful , Thank you for your attention

Ling n al Wallington

Division of Rheumatology Faulty of Medicine University of British Columbia

Sent from my iPad

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## **MayorandCouncillors**

rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:05 PM

To:

'wang cheng wan'

Subject:

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From: wang cheng wan [mailto:sw18822wy@icloud.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 7:58 PM

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

To whom it may concern,

I am a citizen of Richmond and have been living here for 11 years. My correspondence address is 103 5488 Arcadia Rd., Richmond, BC., V6X 2G9.

I want to share with you some of my experiences about this temple. My son is now attending their Sunday school. In the temple, they taught a lot of good things and good manners. Also, they trained my son to see things through different point of views. When he encountered something, he is able to see things rationally. These kind of trainings give him an opportunity to analyze any problems he encounter in his life while our current educational system is more focusing on knowledge basis. I feel so gratitude that my son has this chance to learn both ways in Richmond.

I've heard some of children age like my son who have not been admission to the school. They can't take more children to the school due to the limitation of the space.

While the school is taking a lot of efforts to their students, the students don't need to pay a penny to the school. They brought so much valuable to the whole community and asked for nothing in return. If I am not supporting an organization like that, where else should I support, I wonder.

I strongly encourage everyone to support them and hopefully, we can see the new building soon.

Yours Faithfully,

Cheng Wan

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:05 PM

To:

'Iris He'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: Iris He [mailto:irishe1998@gmail.com] Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 7:52 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Jubject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Iris He 211-7288 No.3 Road Richmond V6Y 3Y1

16 December 2013

Mayor and Councillors of Richmond Richmond City Hall 6911 Number 3 Rd Richmond, British Columbia V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am Iris He, born in Canada, a grade 10 student. I have been living in Richmond at 211-7288 No.3 Road for over three years.

I have been studying at Buddhist School on every weekend in the Lingyen Mountain Temple since 2009. Not only do masters teach me Chinese, more importantly they teach

me how to improve my moral intelligence such as to appreciate differences; to decipher unethical choices; to empathize; to have an awareness of your obligations; and to treat others with compassion and respect.

Right now, when I have time I would always work as a volunteer for the association societies, the communities, the school and the temple to help people from their needs.

At present with the increasing number of students, the classroom is not enough; the Lingyen Mountain Temple needs to expand the space for more children and youth who would like to learn about Buddhism and Chinese cultural.

As a youth I hope that Richmond's mayor and councillors will make a very good decision in supporting Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application for us to see a very bright future in Richmond.

I am looking forward to hearing a good news from you in the near future.

All the best

Iris He

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:04 PM

To:

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Subject:

**RE: LYMT Rezoning Application** 

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From: 徐寶銅 [mailto:paotunghsu@gmail.com] Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 7:45 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LYMT Rezoning Application

to my City of Richmond Mayor

i have been living in Richmond this lovely city for over 15 years, as part of this community. i am here to experss my opinion on the LYMT application on its expension. in my view, i think this expension would add Richmond's High Way to Heaven another landmark. of course, in shorty it would creat jobs during the construction, for long run, more jobs would be needed such as maintance crews and related jobs. as part of tourism city, LYMT expension would attract more friends and family to visit Richmond from all over the world, expecially Asia. this would mark Richmond as a centre of religion in north America.

Pao Hsu 6151 Livingston Place, Richmond BC V7C5J6

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:20 PM

(o:

'Kao emily'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen mountain temple rezoning

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----Original Message----

From: Kao emily [mailto:kao yun tien@hotmail.com]

ent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:01 PM

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen mountain temple rezoning

My name is Emily Yun-Tien Kao and I live in Richmond for about 4 years. I support the rezoning of Lingyen mountain temple. Thank you

Sincerely Emily

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:20 PM

To:

'Dan Y'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING

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From: Dan Y [mailto:s02095@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:31 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

I have been lived in 9402 Pauleshin Cres, Richmond for more than 5 years. I would like to support LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE rezoning.

If you ever attended any retreat in LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE, you will feel the peace and delight inside. So did I. In fact, for somebody, they don't even have to walk into their grand hall. Even in the yard, a lot of people can feel the peace and tranquility. Standing or sitting inside the hall, annoyances and worries fade out; peace and pleasure gradually fill out your whole heart and your whole body. With that feeling, when you walked out LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE, you will reluctant to do any bad thing. If more Richmond residents can mange to go to the temple, the city will be more peaceful and less violent.

Scientists have proved that meditation is good for health. In LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE, everybody can have free meditation practice. After maybe half an hour meditation, you will feel so refreshed and energetic.

I do hope more people will come to LINGYEN MOUNTTAIN TEMPLE so our city will be a much better place to live. This requires a larger temple in order to hold more persons. So please vote for LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING.

Thanks a lot for your support!

Huiyong Feng

From:

MayorandCouncillors .

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:20 PM

To:

'dianaguqin'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

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From: dianaguqin [mailto:dianaguqin@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:55 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

**subject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

My name is Diana tong. I have lived in Richmond by 14 years and my address is #1280-4380 no3 road in Richmond. Please consider the reason why I support long-term mountain temple for their third Stage extension plan. Because I can feel Foster's inner peace through group chanting meditation sessions. Thanks!!

Sent from Samsung Mobile

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:20 PM

To:

'Joshua Li'

Subject:

RE: About Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Joshua Li [mailto:joshualixiang@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:51 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: About Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Councillors of Richmond,

I'm Xiang Li, 31 yrs old, lived in 10100 Deagle Rd, Richmond. I have been prondly a resident of Richmond since 2004. My family visit Lingyen Mountain Temple more than 3 times every month. These years our city population grows bigger and bigger, this temple is kind of small, so I think this temple need more space to suit people's religious need. As I heared that they are submiting a rezoning application to City of Richmond, I support this application because of the reason stated here.

Best Regards,

Xiang Li Dec 17, 2013

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

∂ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:20 PM

To:

'Chang Wei'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE RZONING APPLICATION COMMENTS

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From: Chang Wei [mailto:cwei8680@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:42 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE RZONING APPLICATION COMMENTS

From: Jack Changdi Wei December 17, 2013

Position: Finishing Lab Coordinator Company: Richelieu Hardware

Phone: 604-273-3108 ext. 3224, Cell: 604-787-0691

Address: 150 - 12851 Rowan Place, Richmond, BC, V6V 2K5

#### Dear Mayor and Councillors of Richmond:

It is honored to let me having a chance to contact with you to express my comments regarding rezoning Application of LingYen Mountain Temple.

LingYen Mountain Temple is the spiritual home for thousands of people like me. Every Sunday, I have been going to the group chanting meditation sessions for four years, which benefits my work and my family life very much! I have had tension headache for about ten years, and family doctor has given me all kinds of medication but those did not work for my headache. After I started the chanting medication, my headache has been reduced a lot.

I used to get stress out quite often at work when the work pressure was high, however, I find it much easier to handle the stress because I find my inner peace through the chanting meditation, which balance my emotion and extend my capabilities.

I have asked many people who come to the Temple, they feel very happy and peaceful. I wish more people will come to LingYen Mountain Temple to get their benefits. Unfortunately, the current hall is too small, in the big events there are no enough seats every one who comes.

This application maters to many people in our community, we thank you in advance for your approval!!!

**Yours Truly** 

Jack Changdi Wei

From:

MayorandCouncillors

3ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:19 PM

To:

'Amy Zhang'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING

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From: Amy Zhang [mailto:amyzhang7559@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:10 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING

Mayor and Councillors:

I have been lived in Richmond for 3 years. I would like to support LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE rezoning.

Richmond is a multicultural city. This is not only a fact but also an aim of Richmond city. Among various cultures, Chinese culture is definitely a significant part. Chinese people walk along every street. Chinese can be heard in every mall and supermarket. Chinese characters are easily to be seen everywhere. Among all of these, LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE is the one that has most Chinese culture factors. Nobody can deny that its architecture is a typical Chinese style. It's so obvious that even you've never been to China, you can tell it. I believe that most Richmond residents know the building even though some of them never went in. It's really great!

I cannot wait to see their proposed new buildings, which must be more grand and gorgeous!

## Amy Zhang

Home address: 10051 Hollycroft Gate, Richmond, BC

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:19 PM

To:

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From: 郝思雨 [mailto:7707stephanie7707@qmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:06 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

ubject:

Dear mayor:

We are new for this city. I like this city very much, and this city has much surprises. We are from China, my family believes in Buddhism. Originally, we feared that there is no temple, but when

we came here, my friend told me there have. It's surprise.

Lingyen Monuntain Temple Property Boundaries for many year in Richmond, that is very convenient, and people very friendly. I hope this temple can become bigger . Because many people believe in Buddhism who come there . I really hope mayor can help us to build this temple, thank you

Stephanie

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:19 PM

To:

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Subject:

RE: Support LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING

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From: 何青 [mailto:qingtong he@hotmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 12:39 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Support LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING

Hello, my name is Qing He. I worked in Richmond, the pearl castle bubble tea food court . I always come to Richmond during my spare time. I really love LINGYEN mountain temple! When I face difficulties and challenge in my love, it helps me overcome my problems! It is a really peaceful temple. People are very helpful and kind! So please support the temple REZONING! Please!! We will really thank you!

From:

MayorandCouncillors

3ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:18 PM

To:

'Nicole Pena'

Subject:

RE: Support the LINYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING

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----Original Message----

From: Nicole Peng [mailto:721175008@qq.com] Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 12:27 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Support the LINYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING

Hello, my name is Nicole . I live in 1006, 9133 Hemlock Dr, Richmond . I support LINYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING. It is a really good temple! It purifies people' mind and heart. It also help me when I have faced difficulties in my life. So please support the temple REZONING! We appreciate and will thank you very much!

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:18 PM

To:

'Aaron Xia'

Subject:

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From: Aaron Xia [mailto:aaronxia@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 12:00 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: ABOUT LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Mayor and councillors,

I am Aaron Xia, I have lived in Richmond for 13 years. I am currently residing at the following address 4-8291 General Currie Road Richmond B.C.,

I am writing you this letter because I want to express my sincere endorsement for the third expansion project of the ling Yen Mountain Temple.

The temple is a magnificent place where people can feel at home regardless of there religious or ethnic background. I have been going to the temple ever since I was a very young. Every time I visited the monastery it has given me an incredible inclination that no word can describe because the masters are very compassionate and understanding. They always put the needs of other people before their own. Besides all that the temple provides complementary meals and has been actively involved in the community, examples of that would be providing material aid to the food bank. I love going to the Temple and I hope that you can support the project. Thank you very much.

Your Sincerely Aaron Xia

-rom:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:18 PM

To:

'lucky star'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application

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From: lucky star [mailto:luohongii@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 11:29 AM

o: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Lingven Mountain Temple rezoning application

Hello,

My name is Lucky and I live at 6800 Eckersley Rd, Richmond. I have been living in Richmond for 10 months. I was told that Lingyen Mountain Temple is going to be rezoned, and I would like to express my interest to this project, and I hope the government will also have interest to this project.

Regards,

Lucky

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:18 PM

To:

'beimeihong ongmani'

Subject:

RE: LingYen Mountain Temple Extension Project

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#### Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

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From: beimeihong ongmani [mailto:dearjoanweidudu@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 11:22 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LingYen Mountain Temple Extension Project

#### Dear Major and Councillors,

My name is Joan Wei, I have been moved from Toronto to Mortfield Road ,Richmond city for about 5 years. . I am a canadian citizen.

I heard about the Lingyen Mount temple project application from my daughter, she is a volunteer in Lingyan temple since 2010. I am writing this letter to you here to express my support to this project.

I still can remebered those days when I first immigrant to Canada. Everything is new and have to restart from zero, I feel lonely and helpless. This situation continues till I moved to Richmond, because I found Lingyen mountain in Richmond. I could not express how much Lingyen temples helps me and my daughter. My daughter enrolled in the class for kids in 2009 and now she has become a member in Youth class. She learned to help others and how much happiness this helping can bring to herself. During these years of study, I really noticed that many more kids and youths want to come to the class has been rejected because of limited capacity.

We are lucky ones and benefit a lot from the temple and we want more people can benefit from it just like us. I sincerely hope that this extension project can be approved and it will contribute more to our community! Wish you all a happy holiday!

Joan Wei

⊂rom:

MayorandCouncillors

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To:

'Sarah Shen'

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From: Sarah Shen [mailto:shenrsa@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 11:10 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

I'm a resident live in Richmond and I hope a new Lingyen Mountain Temple can be built in Richmond in the future.

Every time when I went to the original one, it was crowed because more and more people have faith in Buddhism.

Not only it can provide convenience for more people but also can promote the economy in Richmond by inducing more people come here.

Hope the suggestion can be considered!

Best Regards, Sarah

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## MayorandCouncillors

From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:17 PM

To:

'ALEKSANDAR SATARA',

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple's expansion proposal

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Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: ALEKSANDAR SATARA [mailto:acasatara@shaw.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 10:55 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Cc:** 'Buddhism Seminar'; FortuneMa@telus.net; 'Wanna Huen'; INFO@VANIBPS.ORG; info@buddhistdoor.com; info@ddmba.ca; 'S S'; bpbookshopca@gmail.com; TEMPLE@buddhisttemple.ca; 'D Towe'; tlky@axionet.com; 'Lixin An'

Subject: RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple's expansion proposal

## ALEKSANDAR SATARA

VANCOUVER, BC

TO: CITY OF RICHMOND

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple's expansion proposal

## LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE

" A PLACE OF PURE MIND

OR PLACE OF PURIFICATION OF MIND "

THIS BUDDHIST TEMPLE, PUNIVERSITY AND HOSPITAL WITH MAJOR PRACTICES OF

"PURE LAND – PURE MIND"

PSICOLOGY, PHILOSOFY, SPIRITUALITY, CULTIVATION, CREATE INTANGIBLE AND HUGE BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY OF RICHMOND AND WIDER TO BC.

THEY PROMOTE VEGETARIANISM AND WITH THEIR PURE INTENTIONS TO HEALTHIER LIFE-STYLE THEY OFFER THOUSANDS BUDDHIST CELECTIAL DELIGHTFUL VEGETARIAN FREE MEALS TO PUBLIC.

THEY OFFER MANY FREE BOOKS, SCRIPTS, DVDs FOR THE PURPOSE TO PURIFY OUR MINDS AND BODIES, AND THEIR PRECIOUS LIBRARY IS OPEN FREE TO PUBLIC.

## **BENEFITS**:

LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE EXPANSION with more Masters and bigger SANGHA will give more benefits,

merits and virtues without measure to Richmond Community and wider to BC Province.

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It will influence further prosperous development of Richmond, and maintain Richmond as very peaceful community.

Bigger Temple expansion is actual Great Offering to City of Richmond, and with its future possibility to accommodate more Buddhist cultivators and with their mind cultivations, will pour forth numberless benefits to Richmond Community.

Actually more practices with more Buddhists and Sangha in New Temple are going to deliver more benefits in all directions through Richmond's different systems.

Expended Temple with its cultivator will perfume all living beings in Richmond.

All Buddhists with New Temple will bring forth purified minds, and in a single thought attain prosperity of Richmond Community.

Actually, no one can calculate or measure benefits of Temple's Expansion.

The Temple cultivators with their skills from meditations promote main Motto "All to be respectful in Richmond Community".

The Spirit of New Temple Expansion will fully pervade and oscillate with Happiness in all directions through Richmond Community.

The Spirit of New Temple Expansion radiate subtle way protection from any kind of disturbances.

The Spirit of New Temple Expansion stimulate whatever positive is sought in Richmond Community, to be all brought to accomplishments.

THEY OFFER FREE MEDITATION CLASSES AND DISCUSSIONS TO PUBLIC.

1. loving-kindness MEDITATION:

Loving-kindness is the application of love to suffering .

In Buddhist tradition, one breathes out ("sends") happiness and breathes in ("receives") suffering.

**BENEFITS OF THIS MEDITATION::** 

The benefits of Loving-kindness practice are increasingly identified by contemporary research.

It is identified a number of benefits from the practicing of Lovingkindness meditation, including:

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One sleeps easily, wakes easily, dreams no evil dreams. One is dear to human beings, dear to non-human beings.

Neither fire, poison, nor weapons can touch one. One's mind gains concentration quickly. One dies unconfused.

MASTERS SCRIPTS also upholds fully ripened Lovingkindness development as a foremost antidote to ill will!

One who attends properly to the liberation of the heart by loving-kindness, unarisen ill will does not arise and arisen ill will is abandoned.

The liberation of mind by loving-kindness surpasses them and shines forth, bright and brilliant.

Buddhists believe that those who cultivate loving-kindness will be at ease because they will see no need to harbor ill will or hostility. Buddhist teachers may even recommend meditation on loving-kindness as an <u>antidote</u>to <u>insomnia</u> and nightmares. It is generally felt that those around a person full of lovingkindness will feel more comfortable and happy too.

Cultivating loving-kindness is thought to contribute to a world of love, peace and happiness.

Meditation on loving-kindness is considered a good way to calm down a distraught mind and an antidote to Anger.

Someone who has cultivated loving-kindness will not be easily angered and can quickly subdue anger that arises, being more caring, more loving, and more likely to love unconditionally.

THERE IS OLD SAYING: "WHERE ARE BUDDHISTS, THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF PROSPERITIES"

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# **CONCENTRATION MEDITATION::**

SINGLE POINTED MIND OR SINGLE THOUGHT POINTEDNESS, DEVELOPS HIGH CONCENTRATION FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME, WITH MORE CONTROL OF ONE'S MIND AND WITH VERY EASY DISSOLVING ANGER, ILL WILL, AND OTHER DELUSIONS AND ILUSSIONS.

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**INSIGHT MEDITATION:** 

# **DEVELOPING RIGHT VIEWS**

ALL ABOVE MEDITATIONS BENEFITS CREATE MORE QUALITIES AND BENEFITIAL SKILLS TO PEOPLE LIVING IN RICHMOND COMMUNITY.

Complete Complete Services

IN LAST 20 YEARS, CITY OF RICHMOND, WITH MAJOR POPULATION OF BUDDHISTS, WAS DEVELOPED WITH FAST PROSPERITY.

AND THIS PROSPERITY FOLLOWS IN NEXT 20 YEARS, BY BUILDING MORE BUDDHIST TEMPLES, TO BE EVEN MORE PROSPERIOUS, PEACEFUL AND HORMONIOUS COMMUNITY, THAT IS GOING TO ATTRACT PEOPLE FROM OTHER CULTURES, AND ORIANTATIONS.

FROM ABOVE, CITY OF RICHMOND CAN BECOME MORE PEACEFUL AND DESIRABLE PLACE FOR LIVING AND WORKING IN.

KIND REGARDS,

ALEKSANDAR SATARA
VANCOUVER, BC
(HAD WORKED FROM JAN. 2000 TO 2010 IN RICHMOND)

O-MI-TO-FU
(AMITABHA BUDDHA==INFINITE LIGHT INFINITE LIFE)

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MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:17 PM

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'Gina Shao'

Subject:

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From: Gina Shao [mailto:jy-shao@live.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 10:27 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingven Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

To whom it may concern,

My name is Gina Shao, I am 18 years old and residing at 8060 Ryan Road for the past 6 years.

I fully support the rezoning application of the Lingyen Mountain Temple due to many reasons. The temple is a great place to practice Buddhism, it brings the Chinese culture to our multicultural society, provides free vegetarian meals/food service to the public, consists of programs which are beneficial to all ages, and most of all, community service to make Richmond a better place.

I have been going to the temple weekly since I was 5 years old, and the people there have taught me many life lessons that has shaped the person I've became today. Unfortunately, as years gone by, space is becoming very limited for the temple to provide its full potential service to the public, and all the members of the temple wish to expand our facility fulfill this ultimate goal.

Sincerely

Gina Shao

From:

MayorandCouncillors

`ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:17 PM

ío:

'???(jenny)'

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From: 高儷娟(jenny) [mailto:k098981@yahoo.com.tw]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 9:50 AM **To:** MayorandCouncillors; Nikolic, Diana

Jubject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Respectable Mayor and Councillors:

My name is David Tai, I've live in south surrey 2092 148 street and I have been attending the ceremonies and festivals that have been held at this temple for over 10 years. I wrote this letter to support the third expansion for Lingyen Mountain Temple.

The calming, warm sensations that this building emit; Lingyen Mountain Temple has become more and more populated over the past few year. Every time I go there, I am surprisely feel free from work pressure, that every time I go there.

On sunday, I see children coming to the Buddhist Children program, a program that children are tought proper manners, arts, tradition and the Chinese language itself. As well, there is the Buddhist Youth program in which teenagers come in and learn to searve people and learn to help community. All of these program are great beneficate not just to Richmond community but also for whole grate Vancouver area. I think that the third expansion is a great thing for Richmond, as a community it bring peaceful and harmony to community in which people from various culture, racial, groups learned that they can respect each other, value each other and care each other; this is the best way of stoping violence and bring peaceful toward community. Finally please support Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application Proposal. Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

From:

MayorandCouncillors.

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:16 PM

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From: 田佳卉 [mailto:feixiangppy@hotmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 9:41 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

#### 尊敬的市长

您好,我是田飞,已经住在 richmond 有 4 年了。。我祈愿 Linyen Mountain 能够扩建因为现在去寺庙祈愿的人越来越多,中午斋饭的时候已经远远不能够容纳所有人,很多时候都要在外面广场上吃饭。。祈愿能早日扩建让更多人能够同享。。谢谢。。

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From: 她 [mailto:790987@qq.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 9:38 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

亲爱的 Mayor 和尊敬的 Councillors,

#### 你们好

我此次写信是为两位女士代笔,她们将近 70 岁,不会用电脑也没有电子邮箱,但是希望表达她们支持 Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Appliation 的声音。这两位女士的名字电话与住址如下:

- 1、王普吉, Tel:604-277-0308 Add: #5-7240 Langton Rd, Richmond, BC
- 2、沈菊花, Tel:604-231-0875 Add:#526-8238 Saba Rd, Richmond, BC

她们住在 Richmond 超过 20 年,对 Lingyen Temple 有很深的感情,在这里生活很久但是不会讲太多英文,通过 Lingyen Temple 她们找到精神居所,偶尔做做义工参与活动,并且通过这里帮助其他人,回家后更好的处理生活中的矛盾,更好的教育子女做个安分守己的好人,听说要建第三期道场,她们非常兴奋和支持,是 Lingyen 让她们对社区有信心,对 Richmond 更有归属感。虽然年纪增长,但是她们愿意通过 Lingyen 为社区做贡献,参与捐助活动,帮助需要心灵抚慰的人们。

她们深切的认同建立第三期道场是非常有意义并且非常必要的事,因为既可以美化城市,展现多元文化,又同时可以帮助更多人解脱烦恼,参与佛事,建立和谐家庭和社会,如果需要的话,她们愿意做出自己最大的努力通过 Lingyen 帮助社区。请考虑这些不会讲太多英文但是生活在 Richmond 的老年人她们需要的更多的是精神的慰藉和寄托,使自己因为语言不足却能更好融入加拿大生活,希望发挥自己作用。她们希望通

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过表达自己支持的声音,使市政府通过 Lingyen 的第三期建筑申请。

谢谢并诚挚的问候。

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am here writing on behalf of 2 senior ladies, they are 70's, don't know how to use computer and don't have an email. They wish to express their support voice to Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application. Their information as below:

- 1、Wang, Pu Ji, Tel:604-277-0308 Add: #5-7240 Langton Rd, Richmond, BC
- 2、Hsin Chuan-Hua, Tel:604-231-0875 Add:#526-8238 Saba Rd, Richmond, BC

They have been living in Richmond over 20 years, have deep passion to Lingyen Temple, they only speak little English even though they've live here for a long time, but through Lingyen Temple, they found an ideal spirital place, actively involved as volunteer and participate in events, helping others who is at about the same age and younger people at Temple to community, help others and themselves to better deal family issues, next generations ethical education to be a good-behaved, self-deciplined adults.

Being heard of this rezoning application, they are very excited and 100% support, Lingyen got them confidence in involving and belongs to community. Even though aging, they willing to devote more to community through Lingyen such as donation, volunteer, comforting others. They deeply believe that the 3rd phase of Lingyen Temple build is very meaningful and necessary, not only a good looking building but also promote multicultures, help many other people to overcome different issues, take part in Temple activities and event, creat a harmony atmosphere and society. They are willing to helping community with their best efforts. Please listen to the voices from a group of senior people who doesn't speak much English lives Richmond many many years, all they need is a good place to rest their heart, make them more involved in daily activities in Canada with language barriers, they wish to express their support of Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application, please make it happen.

Thank you with warm regards,

Faye

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From: 张雅蓉 [mailto:zhangyarong502@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 9:35 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Hello,

The plan of rezoning for Lingyen mountain temple is very good. I always come to here because its philosophy is peaceful, harmonious, and purification of the soul. People come here can share their experiences and help each other. Also, lingyen mountain temple is kind of a charity and never force people. There are many volunteers, and

they provide free food for people who come to. In addition, canada is a multicultural country. If the plan can be implemented, the communication of Chinese and Western cultures can be further enhanced.

Best Regard! Xiuli Yang

54-3711 robson court Richmond, BC, V7C 5T8 Cnanda

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## **MayorandCouncillors**

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Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:15 PM

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From: YKSteffen [mailto:steffen521@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 8:44 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to put in my support voice to Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

I 've been living in Richmond for 7 years, Richmond has always been my first choice to live, as the city is beautiful, convenience, friendly and with growing Chinese populations and business make us so easy to resettle as a newly landed immigrants to Canada, One of the most important benefits for me to live in Richmond is we have Lingyen Mountain Temple here, it always bring me a strong feeling of belonging, a home from home, a spirital place to get peace and relax.

With many changes has been made to the rezoning application, I understand the new building height is lowered to 80% below 12m, 15% equals to the current building, only 5% is a little bit higher but mainly roofing for special architecture features which makes dewells live closeby more supportive. I also heard there is an on-going corp agreement with Kwentlan for

agriculture programs and many optimizing project is designed to get its farm land better accommondate to the corp program.

For many many years, Lingyen Temple has offered many help to Chinese community, Richmond has 47% residents of Chinese and majority of us are Buddist, it means a lot that we have such a great place to visit rather than other cities who doesn't have such a great benefit to their community, we are so proud and appreciated.

The rezoning application is very important to us because it is already not big enough to hold more people and big events. with population growing, we do need a bigger temple for children classes and big events, definitely will help more people, creat a more secure and harmony community, also will promote multiculture in Richmond and Canada. Please say yes to this rezoning application, we all appreciated for your permit and wish to have a bigger community spirital place to visit on regular basis.

Thank you for the attention, I wish more people can get help and relax in a new and bigger beautiful temple building.

Best regards,

Steffen Yang 604-362-5666 7960 Bennett Road, Richmond, BC V7C 1N2

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From: FGrace [mailto:fayefang2000@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 8:09 AM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

Thank you for taking time to read this email. I am writing to share a true story about how did I get my family life back under great guidance from Masters at Lingyen Mountain Temple in Richmond.

In March of 2013, I suddenly came to know that my husband cheated our 8 years marriage, I was in a deep sadness and can't overcome the darkest stage of my life, I can't sleep nor eat, non-stop drinking and smoking, my husband stayed with me all the time, tried his best to comfort me, begging for forgiveness, I still hated him so much even thought about to kill him and myself, he finally took me back to Lingyen Temple where I usually visit during the past 7 years. Masters from Lingyen Tample talked with us individually for hours and hours. I came to realize many things that I never paid much attention in my marriage, I choose to forgive my husband as there is a old saying: There are many choices in life, the bravest choice is not kill or hurt back but mercy and forgive(sorry for my bad translation)...

During the next few months, each time I can't help myself, I went to Masters, the Masters treated us as their lost kids, I totally opened my heart to share my pains, they always have their best way to make me calm down. Later on, my husband and I attended a big event held in Temple, stayed there for 3 days, Masters gave us free meals, free rooms and free classes. My husband honestly confessed to Masters and swear to Budda that he knew he was so wrong and will never make the same mistake twice. I felt quite relief and started putting myself together and struggled to get out of the painful and crazy stage. It has been 9 months, we live back to a normal family having a happy life, we both learned how to face new life and taking more care of each other.

We appreciate so much that Richmond City Councile gave us Lingyen Temple and Masters are always there, we felt so lucky to live in Richmond who got us such a meaningful and peaceful place in community, so closely. Now we heard there is a rezoning application on going, please make this happen. Above was my true story of which I really don't want to go back and recall what has happened, but I want to share only with you as I believe many families and individual person has their own

issue, a bigger Tample definitely can help more of us, it means a lot for Chinese populations in Richmond, also means a lot for a harmony families and communities.

Thank you very much for your time and attention, we do really appreciated for your kindly considerations. Please listen to our tiny voice from a very quiet group of people. I am available at anytime if you want to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Grace - Fei Fang Tel: 604-365-3189

Add: 109-7220 Lindsay Rd, Richmond, BC, V7C 3M6

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Marie Control Hope and Marie

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for information. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

#### Michelle Jansson

#### Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: 紫金玄光 [mailto:windows246@qq.com] Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 7:06 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

# LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

尊敬的市府官员: 您好

我,余飞宏 Feihong Yu,和妻子,孙丽霞 Lixia Sun,是 2011年登陆加拿大的,从登陆后一直住在richmond 市,我们的现住址是 11260 Westminster Hwy Richmond BC,邮编 V6X1B3.

我们是在一次去看电影的路上经过五号路时,留意到这里有一座寺院,然后才有了第一次的拜访。知道了这座寺院是灵岩山寺,那次给我们留下了深刻的印象,师傅们严守佛教戒律,并用自己的一言一行教化众生,弘扬佛法。

在这之后,灵岩山寺就成了我们常去的地方,随着我们对佛学的近一步学习,我们对师傅们的敬佩之心就越来越浓,如果您能了解相关的佛学戒律,我相信您也会和我有同样的感觉。我和妻子参加过灵岩山寺举办的法会,亲身体验过师傅们的修行生活,这种感觉变更加深刻。简单列举几点供您参考,师傅们每天凌晨两点四十五起床,开始一天的修行,不仅要自己修行,接待慕名而来的信众,教化众生(其中有针对小孩子们和青少年的项目)还要为信众提供免费的茶水素食斋饭。特别是平时每逢周六日,特别是法会期间,前来参拜的信众人数是很惊人的。师傅们还根据佛理,组织义工去医院为垂死的病人送去临终关怀......师傅们就这样年复一年,日复一日的默默为我们这个社区做着贡献,不仅居住在 richomond 的居民为此收益,其他市区的居民信众也都在很大程度上受益匪浅。

当我们得知灵岩山寺第三期工程的项目时,我们真的为此感到很激动。我们都希望可以看到政府批准 计划通过。我们一定会加入义工行列,为第三期道场的兴建工程尽自己一份力,为我们社区的美好明 天贡献自己的力量。

Best Regards!

Feihong Yu & Lixia Sun

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 2:15 PM

To:

'Lian Zhang'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: Lian Zhang [mailto:zhanglian2009@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 12:10 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Mayor and Council:

My name is Lian Zhang,my address is 6833 Lucas RD in Richmond. I came to Canada since 2007. I have a daughter, she is 8 years old. Every Sunday I drive my daughter to temple for learning mandarin. The buddhist are very nice. They teach kids how to be good. They also teach kids drawing, singing, handworking. My daughter very enjoy it. Every Saturday and Sunday there is free lunch in the temple. people in the temple, they will find happy, calm, satisfied, relax.

My family ,my friends and I,we all Support expansion LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely!

Lian

From:

Nikolic, Diana

Sent:

Wednesday, 18 December 2013 07:57

To: Subject: 'Alvin Feng' RE: LYMT

Alvin,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal, has been included in the file.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

Regards,

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From: Alvin Feng [mailto:alvinfeng1031@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 20:43

**To:** Nikolic, Diana **Subject:** Fwd: LYMT

## Begin forwarded message:

From: Alvin Feng <a learning = 1031@hotmail.com > Date: December 17, 2013 at 8:42:24 PM PST

To: "mayorandcouncillors@richmond.ca" <mayorandcouncillors@richmond.ca>

Subject: LYMT

Hello, my name is Alvin:)

I fully support the rezoning of linguen mountain temple because it provides spirit teaching to the people of richmond which hugely impacts and lowers the CRIME RATE of richmond.

This makes richmond a better city, grows the econocmic strength and ATTRACT a lot more rich Chinese from china

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## Nikolic, Diana

From:

Nikolic, Diana

Sent:

Wednesday, 18 December 2013 08:00

Го:

'Eri....n Long'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Erin,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

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Regards,

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From: Eri....n Long [mailto:superstarqirl1997@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 21:50

To: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

To whom it may concern,

My name is Erin Long and I have been going to Lingyen Mountain Temple for 8 years, ever since I was 8. My family often visits the Temple, and I also volunteer there. It is a peaceful place, one that I enjoy very much.

The Temple is in need of bigger spaces to accommodate the increased amount of visitors. I have attended the Buddhist Children's Sunday School for many years, and this program has also expanded. The Temple and its visitors would benefit greatly from this rezoning.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope you will take my letter into consideration.

Erin Long

From:

Nikolic, Diana

Sent:

Wednesday, 18 December 2013 08:02

To:

'honghong cheung'

Subject:

RE: I say yes to the rezoning of Lingyen Mountain Temple

#### Good morning,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

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#### Regards,

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**From:** honghong cheung [mailto:goodyam@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2013 00:46

To: Nikolic, Diana

**Subject:** FW: I say yes to the rezoning of Lingyen Mountain Temple

From: goodyam@hotmail.com

To: mayorandcouncillors@richmond.ca

Subject: I say yes to the rezoning of Lingyen Mountain Temple

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2013 16:35:13 +0800

Wind-Hong Cheung 9691 No.5 Road Richmond, B.C. V7A4E3

## To my dearest Mayor,

My dearest Mayor, firstly, I have to say thanks you for your job to provide us a fantastic Richmond to live on. I reside on No.5 Road, just opposite to Lingyen Mountain Temple.

Regarding the rezoning of Lingyen mountain Temple, I am strongly supportive of it.

Diversity of different cultures is the core spirit of Canada, as a Canadian, I am very proud of this. Hence, no matter of what kind of religion development, any place, anywhere, there is no reason to raise any objection.

What the world needs is harmony and peace; we don't need any discrimination.

Best regards, Wing-Hong Cheung 6042720996

From:

Nikolic, Diana

Sent:

Wednesday, 18 December 2013 08:04

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'cheung spencia'

Subject:

RE: Rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain Temple

#### Good morning,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

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#### Regards,

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**From:** cheung spencia [mailto:suk.yee.lee@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2013 00:46

To: Nikolic, Diana

**Subject:** FW: Rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain Temple

From: suk.yee.lee@hotmail.com

To: mayorandcouncillors@richmond.ca

Subject: Rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain Temple

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2013 00:36:32 -0800

Suk Yee Lee, 9691 No.5 Road, Richmond, B.C, V7A 4E3

Mayor and Council, city of Richmond, R.C.

17th Dec., 2013

Dear Mayor and Council,

As a neighbour of Lingyen Mountain Temple, I have some opinions to say:

Despite what the opposition stated about the issues regarding traffic. whenever I cross the intersection of No.5 Road and Williams Road, the traffic there is never congested. This stays true even when the Temple has a large-scale event, such as Chinese New Year and their anniversary.

I do visit the Temple once in a while, for instance, on Sundays. Each visit is enjoyable; every person I meet, including children and youth who help out there, always carry smiles and a positive attitude. It is delightful to see that young people of this society have the opportunity of actively participating and getting involved in their religion.

As Canada is a multicultural country, No.5 Road houses different religious buildings, such as Christian and Catholic churches, India Cultural Centre as well as religious education for youth, they give people peace and hope. I strongly support the rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain Temple.

Best regards,

Suk Yee Lee

From:

Nikolic, Diana

3ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 19:19

ſo:

'Hank Chang'

Subject:

RE: Ling Yen Mountain temple

Dear Mr. Chang,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal, has been included in the file.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

#### Regards,

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From: Hank Chang [mailto:imchang.h@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 19:08

To: mayorandcounsellors@richmond.ca; Nikolic, Diana

Subject: Ling Yen Mountain temple

Season's greetings to whom it may concern,

My name is Hank and I live in Richmond, on 4251 Pendlebury Rd.

My email is concerning the construction of Ling Yen Mountain Temple on No. 5 and Williams Road. In Canada, especially the Greater Vancouver region, one can see the vast influence of culture as well as the great mixture of different individuals from different ethnicity that come together for greatness. The presence of many monuments in Richmond has decidedly made it one of the most influential cities wherein people gather for the celebration of cultural differences. Ling Yen Mountain Temple is one of these monuments - with its annual events as well as many other services - it will help the City of Richmond flourish and make it a great place to visit. It would be for your best interest as well as ours, as citizens of the city, to see the city flourish and expand to a greater height than it is today.

I know you wish for the best of this city, and I know you can make the best judgments and what is right for the citizens. We share a common goal and vision, so know that we are on your side.

Cheers.

Hank Chang imchang.h@gmail.com hankby@hotmail.com

From:

Nikolic, Diana

Bent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 18:10

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'Helen Luo'

Subject:

RE: Expansion of Lingyen Mountain Temple

Helen,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal, has been included in the file.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

Regards,

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From: Helen Luo [mailto:oceanialuo@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 18:06

To: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: Expansion of Lingyen Mountain Temple

Helen Luo

10760 Roselea Cr.

Richmond B.C

December 17, 2013

Mayors and Councillors,

City Hall, Richmond

6911 NO. 3 Road

Richmond, BC

V6Y 2C1

Dear Respectable Mayors and Councillors,

There exists a temple of considerable size at the end of Williams, and I am one of their youth volunteers. I believe the time has come to consider an expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple, and I am writing this letter for your permission to do so.

You might think that Lingyen Mountain temple is quite big already, and it is sheer extravagance to expand it-but I assure you we are not wasting that space. Every single Sunday the flow of visitors is so great that many must sit in the hallways to enjoy their lunch.

Some deem us as "unhelpful to the community because we do not often participate in fundraisers. However, I believe that our contributions are largely underrated because they are difficult to prove. I speak for many when I say that the temple has taught me much about life-even from a non-religious point of view. Above all, it has taught me how to be a virtuous person-is that not a universal goal? And if the sharing of knowledge and kindness do not count as contributions, then what does?

Lastly, the design of the third phase of construction is exceptionally beautiful. If nothing else, consider it as a splendid cultural addition to the city of Richmond.

Sincerely,

Helen Luo

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## Nikolic, Diana

From:

Nikolic, Diana

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 14:59

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'Dani Liu'

Subject:

RE: LMT

#### Danielle,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal, has been included in the file.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

Regards,

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----Original Message----

From: Dani Liu [mailto:liudanielle99@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 14:44

To: Nikolic, Diana

Subject:

Dec. 17, 2013

To: Ms. Diana Nikolic

I go to Lingyen Mountain Temple almost every week as a part of the Buddhist Youths. I think that the people there are always very considerate of each other and try their best to do good for each other. It's always so peaceful there and it's like another family of mine. Right now, I feel that the Temple isn't big enough for the amount of people that wish to go there. I hope the construction of the third phase of LYMT will be approved by our city government.

Sincerely, Danielle L. 3451 Springfield Dr. Richmond



From:

Nikolic, Diana

ent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 10:30

ío:

'???(jenny)'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mr. Tai,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingven Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal, has been included in the file.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

#### Regards,

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From: 高儷娟(jenny) [mailto:k098981@yahoo.com.tw]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 December 2013 09:50 **To:** MayorandCouncillors; Nikolic, Diana

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

# Dear Respectable Mayor and Councillors:

My name is David Tai, I've live in south surrey 2092 148 street and I have been attending the ceremonies and festivals that have been held at this temple for over 10 years. I wrote this letter to support the third expansion for Lingyen Mountain Temple.

The calming, warm sensations that this building emit; Lingyen Mountain Temple has become more and more populated over the past few year. Every time I go there, I am surprisely feel free from work pressure, that every time I go there.

On sunday, I see children coming to the Buddhist Children program, a program that children are tought proper manners, arts, tradition and the Chinese language itself. As well, there is the Buddhist Youth program in which teenagers come in and learn to searve people and learn to help community. All of these program are great beneficate not just to Richmond community but also for whole grate Vancouver area. I think that the third expansion is a great thing for Richmond, as a community it bring peaceful and harmony to community in which people from various culture, racial,

groups learned that they can respect each other, value each other and care each other; this is the best way of stoping violence and bring peaceful toward community. Finally please support Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application Proposal. Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

From:

Nikolic, Diana

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 09:08

o:

'wenjenny'

Subject:

RE: I hope this expansion plan well approve.

Dear Ms. Lu,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal, has been included in the file.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

Regards,

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**From:** wenjenny [mailto:jenny wen1979@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 02:05

To: Nikolic, Diana

**Subject:** I hope this expansion plan well approve.

Dear officer:

My name is **Wen,Lu(Jenny)** I am a server of starlight casino. My adress is 11200 SEATON RD Richmond, BC V7A 3G2 and I am living there for 5 years already. The reason for support **lingyen temp exdpansion** 

a. multicultural b. city view pretty c. free veggie food everybaby d. free sunday school

I hope this expansion plan well approve.

Lu Wen

From:

Nikolic, Diana

Rent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 08:21

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'Connie Hsieh'

Subject:

RE: Lingven Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Ms. Hsieh,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal, has been included in the file.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message.

#### Regards,

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From: Connie Hsieh [mailto:conniehsieh.richmond@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, 15 December 2013 20:27

To: MayorandCouncillors

Cc: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor & Councillors,

I would like to give you some of my opinions about Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

First of all, let me introduce myself a bit. My name is Connie and I live in 6011 Thetis PL, Richmond, BC V7C 3ZA. I have been living in Richmond for 15 years. I love to live in here and I've seen how the city have grown.

I think Richmond will definitely more than welcome to see the temple's expansion. I have been there for several times and I did enjoy their food and people served there. They are so friendly and nice. All of their volunteers are so humble and so nice to every visitor.

It is a nice and peaceful place that help me to calm my mind; especially, when I hear the nuns are singing (sounds like humming to me).

I know they are running out of space. Even though they would like to benefit more and more people like me, they can't do much about it. Right now, only one English workshop available every week. I hope they can run more spiritual courses for all the people in Richmond to learn.

I think we all know how religion benefit people and I just want to show you my support of their expansion.

Sincerely,

Connie

From:

Nikolic, Diana

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 08:17

.'o:

'E TAM'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application (No.5 Road)

Dear Mr. Tam,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Among the items being considered is the applicant's proposed Traffic Impact Study, which considers traffic and parking issues.

Again, thank you for taking the time to forward your message. Your email message has been included in the file. Regards,

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----Original Message----

From: E TAM <a href="mailto:edward tam@shaw.ca">[mailto:edward tam@shaw.ca</a>] Sent: Saturday, 14 December 2013 22:57

To: Nikolic, Diana

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application (No.5 Road)

Dear Diana Nikolic,

Regarding the captioned application, I've been explaining to friends and people that our government's main concern is the traffic. Many dis-believed saying "If that's the case, why they approve so many high buildings at already heavy traffic area? .. about money?".

No, I'd recommend they are not like that, our government also support charity organizations. People would hope to see both "economy and love" in their community.

I am asking your considerations please approve this application. Majority Richmond residents will agree with it.

Best Regards,

Edward Tam
(a resident in Richmond since 1989)

#138 - 5880 Dover Cres, Richmond, B.C. V7C 5P5

778-898-0861

From:

Nikolic, Diana

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 08:26

O:

'RICHARD LIN'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mr. Lin,

Thank you for taking the time to submit your support for the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple.

At this time, staff are working with the applicant and reviewing the development proposal. Your email message, which states your support for the proposal has been included in the file.

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Regards,

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**rom:** RICHARD LIN [mailto:richardcanada@gmail.com]

**Jent:** Monday, 16 December 2013 00:10 **To:** MayorandCouncillors; Nikolic, Diana

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor, Reviewer & Councillors,

I've heard about the expansion of the temple and like to show my supports for the project.

As my understanding, the temple's expansion plan is receiving more supports from community and more and more people would like to see it happen. That's because it could benefit all of our communities.

First of all, I heard that they are going to have a wonderful agriculture plan with Kwantlen Polytechnic University which will be quite efficient way to use the agriculture land in Richmond and also, create a wonderful opportunity for university students to be able to practice in the real world, not just on the book.

Secondly, as the beautiful province of BC, we attracted thousand of hundred tourists all over the world to visit BC. I believe our city, Richmond, the gateway of BC would really like more visitors to spend and enjoy more time on the city. More visitors spending time here means that It will bring more financial benefits to the business in Richmond such as Restaurants, Hotels and travel agencies. Also, it will help us to promote our city to the whole world. With the unique architecture of the temple they proposed, Richmond will not only the transport hub but also will become the most attractive city for tourists to visit in BC.

Thirdly, religion does help to purify our society. With unique feature of having different religions on No. 5 Rd., I'd really like to see more and more people participate them and make our society more wonderful and safe place to live.

In short, I am writing this email to express my support of project. I am looking forward to seeing it happen.

Best Regards, Richard Dear Ms Diana Nikolic,

I live in Richmond for about 1 year. I sincerely ask for your grant approval for Lingyen Mountain temple's Phase 3 application. I feel people in this temple are so friendly. When I go to the temple, they are so nice to me.

Sometimes I have some sufferings, people of the temple always encourage me and give me some idea of how to get peaceful for my heart.

I think we really have to support this temple. I like it so much. I think many people may have the same idea as me when they go to the temple.

Merry Chritmas and Happy New Year to you!

Your truly , Debbie Lee

11700 Aztec st, Richmond, BC, Canada Dellai I

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 14:20

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'dianaguqin'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

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Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

#### Michelle Jansson

### Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: dianaguqin [mailto:dianaquqin@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2013 1:55 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

My name is Diana tong. I have lived in Richmond by 14 years and my address is #1280-4380 no3 road in Richmond. Please consider the reason why I support long-term mountain temple for their third Stage extension plan. Because I can feel Foster's inner peace through group chanting meditation sessions. Thanks!!

Sent from Samsung Mobile

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ेent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 14:10

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Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

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From: tian [mailto:youhtian@126.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 11:33 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Jubject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

#### 尊敬的 RICHMOND 市长和议员们:

你们好。我的名字是 CATHY TIAN .我们全家生活在 RICHMOND 已经 5 年了,我家的地址是#39-12920 JACK BELL DR. V6V 2V9 .我们都是加拿大公民。我们来到加拿大已经 8 年多了,对灵岩山寺有非常深刻的了解和认识,下面我就说说我们全家在灵岩山寺里所有的见闻及感受。

灵岩山寺里每天都为来寺庙里上香礼佛的莲友们准备了非常美味而且是免费的素食供大家享用,尤其是在节假日和周末,来这里拜佛吃素食的人群非常多,师父和义工们从来不说苦,不怕累,精心制作各种精美可口的饭食给大家食用,保证每个人都吃好吃饱,高高兴兴的来,平平安安的回家。有的莲友如果遇到了困苦伤心难过或者不解之事,找到庙里来,师父们都是耐心和蔼的给他们进行开示劝解和解忧,使这些人可以放下心结,安心过生活,这在一定意义上也促进了社会的安宁和和谐。

灵岩山寺里有专为儿童开办的免费的佛童班,在这里不但教授孩子们学习一些佛经知识,还教他们各种佛门礼仪,社交规矩,中文,音乐,画画,手工,劳动等等各种各样的知识和技能,使孩子们在这里不但学会了各种知识,更学会了如何待人接物,善待他人及一切动物,爱护地球和生物,保护环境和资源,这些教育对于孩子们来说都是非常宝贵的财富。

灵岩山寺里的师父们不但敞开胸怀欢迎着每一个来庙里上香礼佛吃素食的人,同时也关心着世界上那些需要帮助的人,她们经常走出去为社会上那些需要的帮助的人献出自己的爱心。日本大地震,寺庙里不但组织进行了捐款,还亲自去到日本的会所为地震中逝去的人进行超度助念,让那些亡灵可以早登极乐世界。寺庙里还有组织去老人院进行慰问并赠送精美礼品,为街道社区进行义务扫落叶,为印度尼西亚海啸募捐,为食品银行进行募捐,为家里去世的人进行临终关怀和助念等等一系列对社会有意义和帮助的活动,而这些活动都是庙里的师父和热心的义工们免费发心做的。

灵岩山寺对大众和社会做出的贡献,我们都看到眼里并且非常的感动,因此我们全家都非常支持此次灵岩山寺的扩建工程。加拿大是一个多元文化的国家,是一个非常具有包容性的具有爱心的家园,我们为我们成为了加拿大人而感到自豪,也希望市长和议员们可以尊重我们的宗教自由,让这片造福于 RICHMOND 华人的好事情尽早得以实现,谢谢!

YOU HONG ,TIAN (CATHY) 及全家

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Rent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 14:09

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'Wang Amy'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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----Original Message----

From: Wang Amy [mailto:wangyuhong999@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 10:58 PM

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

my address: 10491 leonard rd richmond bc

V7A 2N7

my name: yu hong wang

#### 亲爱的市政府: `

我来richmond已经4年了,经常星期天早上9点多开车沿willams到5号路

**去灵**严山寺上香,路上车很少,许多人还在家里享受周末的早晨,灵严山寺交通管理的很好,**把**车辆安排的很有秩序,我没有见过灵严山寺门口堵车。

灵严山寺环境很优美,寺院很整洁,种植了各种美丽的花草,她的扩建会让5号路变得更美丽。richmond 华人很多,灵严山寺的扩建,也是正常的需求。

真心希望灵严山寺扩建申请能成功。

十分感谢政府的关心!谢谢!

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 17 December 2013 13:37

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'JOSEPH CHUA'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Temple Project

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From: JOSEPH CHUA [mailto:jcchua@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 11:32 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Temple Project

Dear Hon. Mayor Malcom Brodie & City Councilors,

I am a resident of Richmond City for the last 3 1/2 years. When we came to Canada in 2010, we chose Richmond because of it is one of the most well managed and livable city in Canada. It has good climate, amenities, public access and transportation. It is also a showcase of multi-cultural diversity where immersion of new immigrants is not a problem.

However one of the most compelling reason for choosing Richmond is the presence of multi-faith and religious community. When we visited Canada in 2004 & 2006 prior to our decision to migrate, we visited the Lingyen Temple to asked for spiritual guidance. So when the immigration was approved in 2010, it was not hard for us to decide to live in Richmond.

The temple has been our sanctuary for the past 3 1/2 years which provides us with spiritual guidance. It has helped transition to Canadian life easier for me and my family.

I believe this opportunity should also be present to all new immigrants. As Richmond City intends to continue to attract new investors and immigrants, we should allow the temple expansion to accommodate more worshipers. It would also be good for the economy as the faithful from other BC provinces come not only to worship but to spend like shopping, dining, entertaining and other activities.

May the city of Richmond continue to flourish under your able guidance and that of your city council.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be part of this wonderful city.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH C. CHUA

419-9288 Odlin Road, Richmond City, BC Canada V6X 0C3

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:05

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'Cindy C

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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**From:** Cindy C [mailto:hunniebearu@qmail.com] Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 3:41 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

My name is Cindy Cheng I am a residence of Richmond of twenty years. I currently reside at 6235 Williams Road Richmond BC V7E1K6.

I am writing this letter to support Lingven Mountain Temple's rezoning application.

Everyone has his/her own very unique and individual experiences when it comes to spiritual and religious journey. I would like to briefly share mine to enumerate my motivations in writing this email.

Religion had not played a significant role in my life up till when my mother was gravely ill and inevitably passed away on November 18, 2013 in Richmond Hospital. Throughout the time of this difficult journey, started when she was initially being diagnosed by an oncologist in 2011, received her rounds of chemotherapy and radiation treatments, till when she was finally placed into palliative care in the Richmond Hospital, despite the harsh circumstances, my family and I, even up till today, still feel immensely grateful because our medical team was not only knowledgeable but compassionate beyond words could describe. This fall, when the medical team finally declared that they were running out of options to cure and to extend my mother's life, my family felt like we were being abandoned, And quite honestly speaking, supports from the city and the hospital ended when my mother stopped breathing. Yet more than ever, that was the most critical time when my family and I desperately needed supports of any kind.

Masters and volunteers from Lingyen Mountain temple stepped in at this desperate time. From the deathbedside chanting to helped my mother to end worldly suffering and enter into 'heaven,' daily meditations that calmed the livings' mind and soul, masters' teachings to face, accept, and embrace the inevitable, to free literatures full of Buddhism wisdom that not only fixed us, but more importantly enlightened and empowered us. When the medical system and existing government reached their limits to provide an answer, religion came into our lives and quite literally saved us. I walked into the temple with a broken heart, yet came out with a vow to extend this bliss that I experienced to as many people as possible.

We are entering into an ageing society. Sickness and death <u>will</u> be one of the main challenges that we will face as a society. I strongly believe that if we don't make room to foster spiritual practice, psychiatrists and social workers will be in demand. Their relative effectiveness is debatable, but most likely more costly in the long run.

Ever since Lingyen Mountain Temple became my spiritual home, I have seen meditation halls full of truth seekers, and dining area too small to accommodate all the visitors that the meals had to serve in the hallway. As more residents come to religion for help when facing difficult times in their lives, it will be a shame to turn them away because of lack of space. After all, the right to seek for strength and peace, in my humble opinion, is a fundamental right and should be free of conditions.

Thank you very much for taking your time reading my email. I hope this email provided a different perspective from a Richmond resident who is passionate about helping people finding and claiming their ultimate peace, On this ground, I support Lingyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application.

Most sincerely, Cindy Cheng

"Knowledge speaks, wisdom listens."-Jimi Hendrix

From:

MayorandCouncillors

}ent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:03

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'Soh Lim Poh'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple - Rezoning Application

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From: Soh Lim Poh [mailto:pohsohlim@yahoo.ca]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 9:22 AM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple - Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

We are regular visitors of the Lingyen Mountain Temple in Richmond, B.C.

The Temple provides free vegetarian food to visitors on Saturdays and Sundays. Currently, the Temple is also collecting food for the Food Bank. As the Temple is doing a lot of good for the people in Richmond and eslewhere, their application for rezoning should be favourably considered and approved.

The present space of the existing Temple is inadequate and they need to expand. We and others too have benefitted from the Temple for their good work. The Temple help visitors and devotees to become more peaceful and compassionate. This in turn helps to bring about a more peaceful and less violent society.

On compassionate grounds, kindly approve the application for rezoining.

Best Regards,

Berlinda and Paul Poh.

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:02

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'Peter Zhou'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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----Original Message----

From: Peter Zhou [mailto:peterchowsha@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 5:05 PM

io: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

My name is Peter Zhou, lived in 3-7091 Blundell Rd, Richmond, BC, V6Y 1J5. I have lived in Richmond since 2001.

I attended Open House of Lingyen Mountain Temple expansion in this summer, I support the proposal due to below reasons:-

- 1. More and more Chinese people reside in Richmond, and the primary religion is buddharism, Lingyen mountain temple is the place for the people to come and chant. However, the current temple is no longer to accommodate increasing people, expansion plan has to be considered and implemented.
- 2. Lingyen Mountain Temple is one of Richmond multicultural windows.
- 3. Lingyen Mountain Temple's expansion will benefit the community by providing free vegetarian lunch and encourage people to be vegetarian.

I hope Lingyen Mountain Temple expansion proposal can be approved.

Thank you!

Sincerely, Peter Zhou

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:02

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'candy li'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: candy li [mailto:candydavid888@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 5:43 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

## LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

市长及市议员您们好:

我是 zhaoxia li,我住在 RICHMOND,我住在 RICHMOND 已经 6 年多了,我的住址是 204-7260LINDSAY ROAD RICHMOND BC。

我很希望 LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONG APPLICATION 可以顺利通过,因为: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE 是一个非常静化心灵的地方,寺庙里的师傅们教会我们如何放下贪,嗔,痴。(贪,是对于喜好的过分偏执; 嗔,是对于讨厌的过分偏执; 痴,是根本的不明事理的实相而做出贪或者嗔的反应。)教会我们心态平和的去生活,这能降低犯罪率的发生。寺庙里的师傅们和莲友们还会去医院里对病人做临终关怀和助念活动,这对社区的和谐生活做出很大帮助。同时寺庙里的师傅们还会帮我们解决心理上的不少压力,这会让我们非常喜欢去那里。更好的是寺庙里的师傅们还会经常对一些慈善机构做一些捐款和捐物,做非常多有利于社区的事情。同时寺庙里的师傅们每天都会准备免费素斋提供给大众,让人们不要吃肉,减少疾病,让人身体更健康。所以我非常希望 LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONG APPLICATION 可以顺利通过。

祝您工作愉快!

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:01

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RE: Regarding the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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----Original Message----

From: 润珊 于 [mailto:felaryu@hotmail.com] Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 6:08 PM

o: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Regarding the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Run shan Yu, and my address is 301-7200 Lindsay Road, Richmond. I have been living in Richmond for 8 years now. I am writing this email with regards to the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

For many years, the Lingyen Mountain Temple has been a major religious institution for local Buddhists, and the nuns in the temple has been teaching Buddhist doctrines which not only guide people onto the right path, but also teach them how to achieve a peaceful lifestyle by avoiding greediness.

Not only do Buddhist citizens benefit from the presence of the Lingyen Mountain Temple, citizens who do not practice Buddhism are positively influenced as well. The nuns and the volunteers of the temple often visit the patients in the hospitals, giving them companion and consolation. The temple also constantly holds events to help raise donations for the community charity institutions.

I believe the approval of the Lingyen Mountain Rezoning Application would be very beneficial for our community in that the peaceful mindset the temple teaches people will help lower crime rate, and the charitable things the nuns and volunteers do provide immediate help to those who are in need, regardless of their religions. The entire Buddhist community would really appreciate your approval of this application.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration.

Best Regards, .un shan Yu Dec.15th/2013

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:01

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'zhujane'

Subject:

RE: IINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: zhujane [mailto:janez.68@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 6:38 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**'ubject:** IINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

#### 尊敬的市长、市议员您们好!

我是一名居住于 RICHMOND 近十年的守法市民(现居住于7200 LINDSAY ROAD RICHMOND BC) 我热爱这座城市。我们一家都是虔诚的佛教信众,LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE 不仅仅是我们的家还是一方净化心灵的圣土,那里教会人们隐忍,引导人们戒除贪、嗔、痴、恨,拒绝暴利,积极进取乐观平和的面对生活,对社区的安定做出极大的贡献,因此恳切希望是政府能审议通过 LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION,相信这必定是一个有利于本市治安良好发展的计划谢谢!

祝一切顺利

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:00

/o:

'Antony José Ma Junior'

Subject:

RE: Support for Lingven Mountain (Buddhist) Temple's Expansion Proposal

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From: Antony José Ma Junior [mailto:ajmjnr@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 6:58 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Support for Lingyen Mountain (Buddhist) Temple's Expansion Proposal

Antony Jose Ma Junior

Unit 110 - 8020 Ryan Road

Richmond, BC

V7A 2E5

15<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

Mayor Malcolm Brodie

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The City of Richmond		
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6911 No. 3 Road		,
Richmond, British Columbia		
V6Y 2C1		
Canada		
Re: Lingyen Mountain (Buddhist) Temple's expansion proposal		
Esteemed Mayor and Councillors,		
I am writing in full support of the expansion proposal of Lingyen Mountain Temple proposal would further serve the spiritual needs of the diverse community not only in Rich inclusively in the Lower Mainland and beyond. If implemented, citizens would enjoy furth Temple's dedicated spiritual, educational and healthy lifestyle resources to name but just a speaking, the Temple has been my main source of consolation and guidance over the past of continuous residency in Richmond. It has been my spiritual home where I sought spiritual suffering. It has been an oasis of peace and solitude where I could temporarily retreat for rethe shackles of life's many problems at its doorstep. The expansion would indeed provide safety for more visitors and congregational members of the Temple, of which I am most has will continue to be.	mond, but her efficiency few. Persona five years of realing in timespite and shapreater comfo	of the ally ny nes of ake off
Yours truly,		

Antony Jose Ma Junior.

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:59

Го:

'EllaTang'

Subject:

RE: Temple Rezong

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From: EllaTang [mailto:jh0331jh0331@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 7:44 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors **Subject:** Temple Rezong

市长及市议员您们好:

我叫 Ella Tang,我住在 RICHMOND, 我住在 RICHMOND 将近 6 年。我的住址是 6200 Lynas Lane, RICHMOND BC。

我很希望 LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONG APPLICATION 可以顺利通过,因为: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE 对我们华人的帮助很大。寺庙里的师傅们教会我们用心态平和的去生活,这能社会的治安很有帮助。寺庙里的师傅们和莲友们还会去医院里对病人做临终关怀和助念活动,这对社区的和谐生活做出很大帮助。同时寺庙里的师傅们还会帮我们解决心理上的不少压力,这会让我们非常喜欢去那里。更好的是寺庙里的师傅们还会经常对一些慈善机构做一些捐款和捐物,做非常多有利于社区的事情。同时寺庙里的师傅们每天都会准备免费素斋提供给大众,让人们不要吃肉,减少疾病,让人身体更健康。所以我非常希望 LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONG APPLICATION 可以顺利通过。

祝您工作愉快!

Ella Tang

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:53

To:

'Tiantian Liu'

Subject:

RE: Lingyan mountain temple rezone

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Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson

Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

----Original Message----

From: Tiantian Liu [mailto:tiantian louis@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 8:35 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyan mountain temple rezone

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tiantian Liu,I have been living in richmond for one and half a year.I hope the expansion of lingyan mountain temple will get approved because: first of all , it is a great place for people to communicate about the multi culture; second, it's one of the most beautiful scenery in city of richmond; third but not last, it is a non profit charity organization to inspire people n also provide with free vegan foods daily.

Thanks very much for your support!

Yours sincerely.

Tiantian Liu

Sent from my iPhone

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:53

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From: 吳月英 [mailto:yuehyingwu@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 8:38 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

iubject: Lingyen Mountain Temple

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Tiffany

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## Nikolic, Diana

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:52

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'Chou Terry'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple

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From: Chou Terry [mailto:terrychou 28@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 8:47 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:52

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'Jason Leung'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Jason Leung [mailto:jcsleung19@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 8:54 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Sir/Madam

This is Jason Leung. I am currently lived at 30-9628 Ferndale Road, Richmond. BC. I have been living in Richmond, BC since 2000 with a different address previously. And I worked in Richmond area as well.

I heard that Ling Yen Mountain Temple are currently applying to City of Richmond for an expansion of its current temple.

Over the previous 5 years, I have seen more and more people went to the temple. And the temple has been strived to use its limited space to serve the community. I understand that the temple was providing free vegetarian mean to public every day. And every time I went to the temple for a weekend lunch, I could find the overflowed people be arranged to sit along the corridor and sometimes even sitting outdoors in the temple. My niece and nephew joint the Sunday school of the temple, and they had to share their study place with the volunteer's workshop. Even though under the subpar conditions, I found that my niece and nephew learned, developed and improved a lot under the teaching of the temple. If there is an expansion approval to the temple, then, they will have more resource to contribute to the Richmond community.

Richmond is a multi-culture community. More and more different ethnic people are participating the temple activities. And all the people got along well. And the temple welcomed the visits and participation of all the local community people.

I understood that Ling Yen Mountain Temple have been making donations to different charities since its incorporation without high profile promotion. And the daily teaching from the temple helped purified and calm down the hearts of the participants. All these will have a positive feedback to the local community.

With the well planned proposals from the temple, with the high of the building lowered + local traffic studied and handled + local farmland preserved. I could only see the temple had been working hard and been able to solve the potential problems from the expansion. The expansion is going to benefit the citizens of Richmond far into future. As a voter, I respectfully and strongly request the Richmond City Council to approve the expansion of Ling Yen Mountain Temple for the citizens of Richmond.

Regards

Jason Leung

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:52

ſo:

'Frank guo'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Frank guo [mailto:frank quo100@msn.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 9:15 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

#### Hello,

I am Frank Guo, working Aten Cananda Technologies Ltd located in 101-11784 Hammersmith Way, Richmond for over seven year. I like Richmond, there are lots of shopping place and great Restaurant.

I heard the expanding proposal of Lingyen Mountain Temple. It is definately a great plan. It will attract more people around the Great Vancouver even the visitor from worldwide to Richmond, not only to worship Budda, but also to shop and dine in Richmond. It definately will benefit the Richmond's economy.

I am in favor of the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning proposal.

Thanks.

Frank Guo

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:51

To:

'yue zhuo'

Subject:

RE: Support LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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----Original Message----

From: yue zhuo [mailto:joe67.tso@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 9:47 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Support LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

To whom may concern,

My name is Yue Zhuo. I lived in Surrey, but I worked in Richmond, My company's address is 11784 hammersmith way richmond.

I fully support LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION. The reason I am doing this not only I am a volunteer of temple, also because I feel I got many support and relief from attending LingYen Mountain Temple all kind of activities. It make me work better, live better, make me become a more positive and optimistic people. So I think LingYen mountain will help even more people, make whole society become more peaceful and successful. Please consider my suggestion. Thanks!

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:51

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'Wendy Yu'

Subject:

RE: Support to the Lingven Mountain Temple Rezoning

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From: Wendy Yu [mailto:wendyu@outlook.com]
Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 10:10 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Support to the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning

Dear Mayor Mr. Brodie and City Councillors,

My name is Wendy Yu and I would like to impart full and outright support to the Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application. I have been living in Richmond for 10 years and I like the No. 5 Rd as our famous "Highway to Heaven". I enjoy seeing different churches, temples, mosques all harmoniously existing along this street. So I give my full suppot to the Lingyen Mountain Temple expansion, which will make this "Highway to Heaven" more beautiful and attractive. I heard some people oppose this application. However, I see the rezoning application has addressed all the concerns. If the council can approve the huge condo development on No. 5 Road and Steveston Highway, I don't see why the council will not accept the rezoning application of the Lingyen Mountain Temple, which will definitely bring more benefits to the city and the community. Please kindly approve this application.

Best regards,

Wendy Yu

60 - 11631 7th Ave, Richmond, BC

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:50

To:

'ANDY HUI'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

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From: ANDY HUI [mailto:ckhuichi@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 10:31 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Application

#### Dear Richmond leader:

My name is Andy Hui, I lived in #308~8660 Jones Rd. Richmond for over ten years.I know Ling Yen Mountain has a plan to expand to 10060 No.5 Road.I want to support the idea to expand the temple because I frequently go to the temple.I go there to learn more about Buddhism, eat a free vegetarian lunch and pay refuge to Buddha.I hope you will agree to expand the temple.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Andy Hui December 15, 2013

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:50

To:

'Tony Chen'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Tony Chen [mailto:chen.tony.tc@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 10:43 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Council at the City of Richmond,

My name is Tony, I have a resident living in Richmond for the last 15 years, my address is: 9620 Glendower drive. I wish to convey my full support towards the Lingyen Mountain Temple expansion plan.

First of all, the successful approval of rezoning and expansion of Lingyen Mountain Temple would provide substantial job opportunity during the short run while the construction takes place. This generates income and revenue for both the local community, and municipal government. Upon completion, the expended Lingyen Mountain Temple will become a tourist attraction bringing increasing revenue and employment opportunity to the tourist industry.

Furthermore, the expansion of Lingyen Mountain Temple will be in joint research partnership with local university in agriculture science aiding to the cause of environmental conservation and academic research. This will benefit the local community in the long run as research development greatly effects industry and revenue.

Finally, the expansion will provide a place of great culture value for both the locals and the immigrants. It brings unity and fusion through the promotion of multiculturalism; helping both newly immigrants and local understand and shorten the cultural gap. In addition, Lingyen Mountain Temple also has branches worldwide; hence, the successful expansion will aid in increasing amount of international events bringing the municipality more opportunity for joint partnership internationally.

In conclusion, the expansion will benefit the local community and the municipality in areas such as economics, educational, and will also help in strengthen the multiculturalism aiding both immigrants and the society.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 604 783 3114.

Warm regards,

Tony Chen

From:

MayorandCouncillors

3ent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:49

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'ERIC WEN'

Subject:

RE: My Support to the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning and Expansion

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From: ERIC WEN [mailto:ericwen@outlook.com]
Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 10:45 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: My Support to the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning and Expansion

Dear Mayor Mr. Brodie and City Councillors,

My name is Eric Wen and I am writing to express my support to the Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application.

I have been a resident in Richmond for almost 10 years. I love Richmond and I have seen the rapid changes in the city within the recent years. The Canada Line connects the city more closely with the airport and Vancouver downtown. People are moving to Richmond. Numerous high-rise condos are built in the city centre and new townhouses are built everywhere in the city. However, other than living and shopping, people also have other needs. Currently I see an unbalanced development in the city. Compared to new condos and townhouses, I do not see as many new developments in other facilities such as new community centres, schools, farms, religious intuitions, other than the Richmond Oval. That is why I strongly support the rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain Temple, which is a religious use expansion and also a big contribution to the farm development. For a growing city like Richmond, it is important to make sure we build places for people not only to live, to be entertained, to shop, but also to farm or to go to churches and temples to have their soul purified. For the above reason, please consider approving the rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain Temple.

Sincerely,

Eric Wen

Address: 11631 7th Ave Unit 60, Richmond, BC

Tel: 604-272-3832

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:49

To:

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Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: 崔萌 [mailto:cyy7783165812@hotmail.com] Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 11:34 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

HI,

My name is Maggie Cui, i lived in richmond for 7 years already. My address is 602-9373 HEMLOCK DR ,RICHMOND B.C. I really hope to see LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE expansion will get approved .cause this temple changed my life ,my thinking .it bring my life positive thinking . make me wanna do more benifit to the city and canada.GIVING people help .the temple also supply free veggie food ,free sunday school .that s why i think this temple will bring lots of benifit for richmond .hope to get approved of the expansion.

Thanks.

from Maggie Cui

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Bent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:47

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'Vanessa W'

Subject:

RE: lingyen mountain temple rezoning application

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From: Vanessa W [mailto:vanessa728@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 12:23 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**ubject:** lingyen mountain temple rezoning application

My name is Vanessa wang.i was been living in richmond for 2 years, the reason for i support LingYen mountain temple explansion is multicultural. I hope this expansion plan approve.

Vanessa wang

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:47

To:

'Roger Chen'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: Roger Chen [mailto:rogerchen0620@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 4:20 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Mayor,

This is Roger(Hung-Shu) Chen ,I would like to share my own experienced in LingYen Mountain Temple by writing this letter to showing this support.

LingYen Mountain Temple I been there for 9 days of Buddhism activity, which gave me a lots of great experienced of Richmond community. Through the Master of LingYen Mountain teaching from this event that I learned not only we could lived harmony with all human but also need to appreciated that all enviorment and all living thing which helps us to shared and lived. In addition, I prayed in the ceremony which gave me more strength to deal with my faimly and friends in peaceful way! Therefore I believe that LingYen Mountain temple did help and gave us a very postive influence in this community.

Please received my sincenely appreciation to LingYen Mountain Temple and I do believe this is one of the best organization in our community which could educate and contribute their power of this area.

Thank you very much of your time for read my own opinion

Sincerely Roger Chen

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## Nikolic, Diana

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ેent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:46

ío:

Craig, Wayne

Subject:

FW: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: MayorandCouncillors

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 10:44 AM

To: 'ankaylee'

Subject: RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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From: ankaylee [mailto:kayleean@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 10:20 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear mayor and councillors,

My name is ZIYI AN. My address is 6051 TAKLA PL, RICHMOND, B.C. I have been living here for ten years. Today I'd like to share my one story with you.

I have been depressed on and off for two or three years ago. Back then, I wanted people to know how I feel and sometimes I tried to hide it and tried to ook like I am happy. It makes me exhausted. I don't know how to get help for others. At my lowest point, my friends took me to LINGYEN MOUNTAIN

TEMPLE.I got a lot of comforts there. They are very kind and make me rethink what kind life I really want. They look after me, they can understand me and accept me then i have no other reasons to feel depressed. Finally, I feel happy again.

I think this temple is really important to our community. Like they keep providing free food, they keep giving us therapies, and they are also very generous to contribute food or money donations.

I hope you can approve LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLIICATION.

Thank you very much.

ZIYI AN

#### Nikolic, Diana

From:

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Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 10:46

To:

'KPAN'

Subject:

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From: KPAN [mailto:xn6688@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 8:32 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyan Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Please approve Lingyan Mountain Temple Rezoning Application!

My name is Xiangning (Katherine) Pan, a Richmond resident since January 2004, moved in current address (40-7831 Garden City Road, Richmond, BC) since June 2007.

In the same year, My daughter started her sunday school with Lingyan Mountain Temple, and I became a vonlunteer there. It is a great place for us, we both make friends, enjoy the time and learn a lot.

As a single immigratant mother, the temple is the best place to coach me overcome difficulties and get peaceful spirit. My daughter grows up from Children class to Youth class, she serves Sunday lunch to the public happily. There has many single family like us, our lives get lights and color because of Lingyan Mountain Temple.

The Temple helps the community in many ways, free lunch to the public whole year round, liabrary, varity services for all age groups. Especially the Chinese New Year event, it brings the feeling of home for all chinese community.

47% of Richmond residents has Asia roots, multi-culture is the key value of Canadian Value. The growth population of chinese needs a bigger temple.

Please approve the rezoing application of Lingyan Mountain Temple!

At the Holiday Season, I sincerely wish you and your family a happy Holiday and New Year! Wish a brighter future for Richmond City and all Richmond residents!

Regards, Katherine Pan

#### Nikolic, Diana

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:19

To: 'Eddy Theodoric'

Subject:

RE: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

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**From:** Eddy Theodoric [mailto:eddy.theodoric@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 16 December 2013 11:04 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Re: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

Dear Mayor Brodie and all the Councillors,

I have been working in Richmond for almost 3 years, my office is at #130-13751 Mayfield Place, Richmond, in fact in the next few months I will be living in city of Richmond as I am in the process of buying a house here to be close to my office. What triggered me to write this letter was because I learned lately about the expansion plan for Ling Yen Mountain Temple and it seems they got quite a bit of hassle over the years, which surprise me quite a bit while an injection site in Vancouver got approval in no time, a contradictory reality in lower mainland?

Over these few years I have been utilizing the temple after work for me to meditate to reduce my stress related to work and life, the nuns are very accommodating, ready to listen to our daily problem while no others will. The tranquil place and calm energy really give a balance to our modern speedy life, and I do notice of their constraint in term of space for different functions they needs, where I witnessed they had to convert the rooms from one function to another which was time consuming and cause delay to accommodate visitors like myself.

Anyway, I don't want to write a long letter, the bottom line is the fine place like this temple should be supported because in itself the function has helped our government with the constraint budget to deal with growing psychological issue of our modern society. I believe with bigger facility they can help the Richmond community in particular and our society in general even more. I fully support their new expansion plan and see no adverse effect especially with all the adjustments being done to address the neighborhood concerns.

If you have anything you want my clarification, feel free to write me to my email address.

Best Regards,

Eddy Theodoric

#### Nikolic, Diana

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:17

ío:

'kao dana'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple reconing application

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Yours truly,

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From: kao dana [mailto:danafamous@hotmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, 14 December 2013 2:55 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

'ubject: Lingyen Mountain Temple reconing application

Dear sir.

My name is Yen-Nan Kao and my address is 7580 Malahat Ave, Richmond V7A 4G9. I have live in Richmond for more than 19 years.

I am writing regarding to the expanding proposal of Linguen Mountain Temple. I agree with the rezoning of the temple because this building will be the approve of the multiculture of Richmond city. And as the grown of the Richmond immigrant population, it is necessary for them to expand the temple.

As for the parking problem, I work in Burnaby and have driven from my house (close to No3 Rd and Steveston Hwy) via Williams Rd and No.5 Rd nearly everyday, and I never seen a traffic jam near this area. There may be traffic problem during the event of this temple however there are only 3 or 5 events a year.

My mother passed away in 2012, she was a volunteer at LingYen Mountain Temple for 10 years. She did not speak English, She knew a lot of friends and learned to participate our community through this temple. I believe this is a good influence for my family - an immigrant family.

hank you very much for listening to our voice.

With Best Regards,

Yen-Nan Kao

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#### Nikolic, Diana

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:14

To:

'Rozzer Luo'

Subject:

RE: 3rd phase rezoning application of LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE

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From: Rozzer Luo [mailto:rozzer luo@hotmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, 14 December 2013 9:30 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: 3rd phase rezoning application of LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE

Dear Mr. Major and Sir/Lady whom may concern

There are five members so far in my family and all are living in Richmond (6411 Gilbert Road, Richmond). LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE changed our lives after our first visit someday in 2007.

We were not Buddhist before we moved Canada six years ago. We were newcomers and not relative at that time, life is difficult very fairly and we decided to move Vancouver Island in order to get close to my friends. We visited LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE under guidance of one neighbor and got know the master in temple. We were surprised that all visitors in that small yard were so kind and willing to assist us, this was the first time to us that we were cared about since I moved here. In the coming month, we cancelled our moving plan and visit temple every weekend. Now, my whole families are believing in Buddha. My wife and I do volunteer job for temple every week. My eldest boys are studying in temple school every Sunday. At Weekend when we go to temple, whatever to work, study or have a vegetarian lunch is our enjoyed moment.

LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE benefits our community on many aspects. There are Buddha school which contain up to 120 kids for teenage and children respectively. They are taught Chinese conventional behavior policies, and how to deal with all kinds of situation what they might be facing to. All the kids who have been studied in Buddha school for certain period will stay away from drag and violence, they learnt how to help others and help their society. On the other hand, TEMPLE is assisting many newcomer to this community, just like my families. They may not offer any job opportunities or financial support but their helping is on mental perspectives. We could find someone to tell our concerns and difficulties whenever I needed and get relief. Therefore, I should say LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE benefits our community.

As far as I know, you and your colleagues are working on TEMPLE's 3rd phase rezoning application, I would like to add a few comments on traffic control. I have been a traffic guider volunteer for long term. I work on Sunday every 2 weeks and attend every big event. Obviously, traffic load will rise up on Sunday, in particular, there is event. But in my experience, all the peak hours happen on holiday or weekend, therefore, it won't disturb the traffic on working day. On

the other hand, all coming visitors which I have met during my duty are quite disciplined, therefore, I believe that our join efforts will solve all the problems in the future.

Now, LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE is our other home, there my other kinds of families who may not live with me physically but in my mental.

I pray that all the application process will go through successfully.

A MI TO FO Sincerely and best wishes

A residents in RICHMOND

Roy on behalf of my whole families

#### Nikolic, Diana

From: Sent: MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:07

To:

'Stella Yang'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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----Original Message----

From: Stella Yang [mailto:stellay7732@yahoo.ca]

Sent: Saturday, 14 December 2013 10:03 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and councillors,

I have been Richmond resident since 2001, my current address is: 3-7091 Blundell road, Richmond, BC, V6Y 1J5.

At the very beginning, my friend brought me to Lingyen Mountain Temple for vegetarian lunch, I was shocked by its magnificent building located in western country, it helped my transition into a new place.

Lingyen Mountain Temple serves free vegetarian meals to the community everyday, it makes donation to charitable organization. The nuns and volunteers also go to hospital to do assisting chanting to patients along their bedside during their last moments of lives. Lingyen Mountain Temple's contributions to the community are too much to list here, all above had never been advertised to media.

Now, all my family members spend almost every Sunday there, either being volunteers or learning Chinese cultures as Buddha kid. We have seen more and more people coming from everywhere, current temple size is not able to accommodate the increasing people, the temple expansion becomes critical. Lingyen Mountain Temple is not just a symbol of religion, it also acts as an educational institute of Chinese culture, healthy culinary introduction to public, it is also a part of multicultural in this city.

I hope it's phase 3 construction application can be approved as early as possible to meet current increasing demand.

Sincerely your, Stella Yang

# LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

市长及市议员您们好:

,我住在 RICHMOND,我住在 RICHMOND 已经 6 我叫潘明 年多了,我的住址是 -7260LINDSAY ROAD RICHMOND BC. 我很希望 LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONG APPLICATION 可以顺利通过,因为: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE 是一个非常 静化心灵的地方, 寺庙里的师傅们教会我们如何放下贪, 嗔, 痴。(贪, 是对于喜好的过分偏执: 嗔,是对于讨厌的过分偏执: 痴,是根本 的不明事理的实相而做出贪或者嗔的反应。) 教会我们心态平和的去 生活, 这能降低犯罪率的发生。 寺庙里的师傅们和莲友们还会去医院 里对病人做临终关怀和助念活动,这对社区的和谐生活做出很大帮 助。同时寺庙里的师傅们还会帮我们解决心理上的不少压力,这会让 我们非常喜欢去那里。更好的是寺庙里的师傅们还会经常对一些慈善 机构做一些捐款和捐物,做非常多有利于社区的事情。同时寺庙里的 师傅们每天都会准备免费素斋提供给大众,让人们不要吃肉,减少疾 病,让人身体更健康。所以我非常希望 LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONG APPLICATION 可以顺利通过。

祝您工作愉快!

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS
FOR INFORMATION
From: City Clerks Office

# MayorandCouncillors

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:00 AM

To:

Craig, Wayne

Subject: Attachments: FW: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION.doc

With attachment

**From:** panming810 [mailto:13901235046@163.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 7:14 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

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Loyda Arneson 22700 Chaldecott Drive Richmond, BC V6V 2T9

Loyda.arneson@gmail.com 604-521-7116

December 16, 2013

His Worship the Mayor Malcolm Brodie Honourable Members of Richmond City Council City of Richmond 6911 No. 3 Road Richmond BC V6Y 2C1 Canada

#### **Dear Mayor and City Council Members:**

Having greatly benefited from Ling Yen Mountain Temple's services to the citizens of Richmond, I would like to kindly ask you to approve the temple's bylaw-abiding proposal for expansion.

I am a **Spanish-speaking** 50-year-old, 15-year resident of Richmond. Earlier in 2013, after losing my job and facing other disappointments, I found myself seeking spiritual assistance, encouragement, and a place where I could meditate to calm my mind.

At Ling Yen Mountain, I found all that, and then some. For the last few months, I have attended a retreat, many chanting services, and a weekly Buddhism workshop for English speakers.

Yes, the temple's membership is mainly Chinese. And yes, a number of resident nuns speak little English. However, as I was to find out, peace, love, compassion, unconditional acceptance, and delicious, free vegetarian meals know no language barriers.

The temple nuns have found ways to nourished me back to spiritual and emotional health and have taught me many priceless lessons that should help me lead a fruitful, happy life. All the while, I have never been asked for money, and the temple has become my second home.

It warms my heart to know that the children who attend Sunday school every week are being taught peaceful, wise, moral ways as well as the love and compassion needed to become well-rounded, law-abiding citizens of Richmond. With larger facilities to serve the increasing demand, the temple can continue the task of forming our children into adults who will make a great impact in the Richmond of tomorrow.

The hard-working, resident nuns I have met are all university-educated women with great compassion for all sentient beings. They left what could've been profitable careers to serve their

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION From: City Clerks Office

# **MayorandCouncillors**

From:

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Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:03 AM

To:

Craig, Wayne

Subject: Attachments: FW: Ling Yen Mountain Temple LetterToCouncilMayor.pdf

With attachment

From: Loyda Arneson [mailto:loyda.arneson@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 4:12 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Ling Yen Mountain Temple

Hi,

Please find attached my letter addressed to the Mayor and to Richmond City Council.

Thanks!

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fellow humans and to spread the message of peace and compassion. Please, help them fulfill their vows by allowing them to expand the temple, so more services can be offered and more people of all races and ages can be helped.

Thank you for listening to my plea and for considering Ling Yen Mountain Temple's application for expansion. Keep in mind that we can only achieve world peace by educating the masses one person at a time.

Yours truly,

Loyda Arneson

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, 16 December 2013 11:04 AM

To:

'Soh Lim Poh'

Subject:

RE: Lingven Mountain Temple - Rezoning Application

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From: Soh Lim Poh [mailto:pohsohlim@yahoo.ca]

Sent: Sunday, 15 December 2013 9:22 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple - Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

We are regular visitors of the Lingyen Mountain Temple in Richmond, B.C.

The Temple provides free vegetarian food to visitors on Saturdays and Sundays. Currently, the Temple is also collecting food for the Food Bank. As the Temple is doing a lot of good for the people in Richmond and eslewhere, their application for rezoning should be favourably considered and approved.

The present space of the existing Temple is inadequate and they need to expand. We and others too have benefitted from the Temple for their good work. The Temple help visitors and devotees to become more peaceful and compassionate. This in turn helps to bring about a more peaceful and less violent society.

On compassionate grounds, kindly approve the application for rezoining.

Best Regards,

Berlinda and Paul Poh.

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 03 February 2014 15:28

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'Jian Zhao'

Subject:

RE: Support Lingyen mountain temple rezoning application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 2, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: Jian Zhao [mailto:zhaojian18@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 02 February 2014 10:18 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors **Cc:** lymtbc@qmail.com

**Subject:** Support Linguen mountain temple rezoning application

Dear,

I am sending this email to support linguen mountain temple rezoning application.

Thanks, James

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 03 February 2014 15:29

To:

'Tingting Carol Zhang'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Tingting Carol Zhang [mailto:carol ztt@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 02 February 2014 4:30 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Sirs,

Our family is in support of Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application. We'd be very happy to see it approve by the City very soon.

Thank you!

Ting Ting Zhang 1505-8297 Saba Road, Richmond BC V6Y4B5

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 03 February 2014 15:30

Го:

'Vanessa N'

Subject:

RE: Regarding the Lingven Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 29, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: Vanessa N [mailto:ngvanessa@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2014 10:24 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Regarding the Lingven Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Council at the City of Richmond,

I have been living in Richmond for about 18 years. The first time I heard about the LingYen Temple was back in 2006. My friend brought me to one of their ceremonies in the summer of 2006. The LingYen Temple has a very beautiful ceremony hall. During normal days when there is no ceremony, the ceremony hall is a very quite and sacred place for meditation. It is a peaceful place that you can come in and let all your defenses down and find your inner peace. I have been grateful to find such a safe and peaceful place for meditation in an urban city like Richmond, and I have been going to the LingYen Temple since then.

As more and more people starts to learn about the LingYen Temple, the Temple is getting more and more crowded, especially during special occasions, like Chinese New Year for example. For the past few ceremonies I have attended, I have noticed that a lot of the participants could not even get into the ceremony hall because it was too crowded. For those who could not get in, they could only stand outside in the cold to watch the ceremony and could not participate. It is always depressing seeing people who have came all the way to the Temple to participate in ceremonies, but could not get in because there is not enough space. Even during normal days, because more people are visiting the Temple, it is not as easy as before to find a spot to mediate without being disturbed by other visitors.

I really hope that the expansion could take place soon so we will continue to have a place for people to come to to find their inner peace in this urban city, and people who come to participate in ceremonies could actually participate and would not have to stand outside in the cold. Sincerely,

Vanessa Ng 30-10280 Bryson Drive Richmond, BC V6X 3Y8

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 03 February 2014 15:32

Го:

'Gloria Tang Li'

Subject:

RE: A Humanistic Aspect of the Lingyen Mountain Temple Canada...

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 29, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: Gloria Tang Li [mailto:gloriatangli@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2014 5:28 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: A Humanistic Aspect of the Lingyen Mountain Temple Canada...

Dear Mayor and Councillors of the City of Richmond,

I am writing not to talk about any aspect about the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple Canada. I write to share with you all a humanistic aspect of the Temple that at present appears mostly unknown the public.

My name is Gloria Li, a 23-year Canadian citizen and a 26-year resident of Greater Vancouver. My husband and I migrated from Hong Kong, Aug 1987, under the professional category.

We rebuilt our careers in Greater Vancouver; I specialized in auditing and corporate governance. One day some 10 years, I found myself with my husband in a temple in Richmond, the Lingyen Mountain Temple Canada, for the first time. I have an accounting designation and a law degree and by profession, am analytical and rational. To me, most Chinese temples are superstitious establishments catering to the desires of devotees who seek blessings and fortune. Yet, I was at ease with the solemnity and serenity of Lingyen, and the Masters' chanting of the Buddhist hymns was very soothing. Since then, I began going to the Temple every now and then. What dawned on me subsequently is the Temple has provided me a timely spiritual base.

5-1/2 years ago, July 2008, I was diagnosed with stage 4, "extensive" Lung Cancer, the smokers sub-type, even though I have never smoked in my life. One Saturday morning at the Temple, I ran into a Master and she started asking how I have been doing. I told her about my illness and the scheduled Chemo treatments at the BC Cancer Agency. I didn't ask the Master what I should or should not do. But the Master as if reading my mind, said, "With good doctors and good treatments, one will soon be able to make a good turn." Then, she dug out 3-4 books from a cabinet and asked me to take them home. One of those books was a book on 50 simple things one can do to deal with cancer, and it carried a caption something like, "the Minute you're told you have cancer

doesn't mean you're dead!" The second book was a book containing many real-life stories of cancer survivors, and it carries a theme, "Turn your cancer cells into Buddhist cells!" The other book or two were on diets and nutrition. In sum, the Master pacified my mind.

Yes, I went through my Chemo treatments; I also completed the following radiation treatments by end of 2008. In my mind, I wanted to be able to repay the kindness of those wonderful people who have beautifully touched my life. Somehow in May 2009, one Sunday morning when I was at the Temple, a Master asked me to join the Temple's Translation Team. It has never crossed my mind about doing any translations, but the Master reassured me, "There's no pressure, just try it out." A week later, I called the Master to say I'll try, and that has been one of my best decisions.

What about other best decisions? About a year after completion of my cancer treatments, one day I clicked onto the govolunteers.ca and the call for volunteers for the Prevention Program of the BC Cancer Agency popped out. Before long, I became a volunteer of the Prevention Program which strives to help educate the public on the risks of cancer and what they can do to reduce those risks. July, 2010, following a training session at the Vancouver Centre of the BC Cancer Agency, I took up a new volunteer role at the Centre in Peer Navigation of Patient Support. Subsequently in Nov, 2010, I took up an additional volunteer role at the Centre for the Chemo Group Teach Program of Patient Support. Yes, taking up those volunteer roles in Patient Support of the BC Cancer Agency have been inconceivably great.

Dear Mayor and Councillors of the City of Richmond, I owe my life to the co-ordinated efforts of a highly dedicated medical team at the BC Cancer Agency who has kindly helped me through not just the initial treatments but also all the way through the ongoing survivorship program. Yet, I'll be a most ungrateful fool not to recognize the selfless and tireless efforts of the Masters of the Lingyen Mountain Temple Canada in pacifying my mind, in nurturing my spiritual well-being and in helping me appreciate not only the beauty of volunteerism, but also how generous and understanding a municipality Richmond is and how beautiful British Columbia is! And I know, I am just one of many who has benefited from the selfless and tireless efforts of those unsung heroes, the Masters of the Lingyen Mountain Temple Canada.

Dear Mayor and Councillors of the City of Richmond, I cannot but ask you all to support a good cause, the Lingyen Mountain Temple, Canada.

Most gratefully yours,

Gloria

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Friday, 07 February 2014 13:28

≀o: Subject: 'Xinghua Wei'
RE: Sincere request

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 6, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Xinghua Wei [mailto:xinghua.wei@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, 06 February 2014 19:20 **To:** MayorandCouncillors; <a href="mailto:lymthc@gmail.com">lymthc@gmail.com</a>

**Subject:** Sincere request

# Respected Mayor Mr. Brodie and City Councilors,

My name is XINGHUA WEI .I am very glad to write this letter to you to ask the city council kindly approve the Lingyan Mountain Temple rezoning application.

I and my family all think the Lingyan Mountain Temple is a very good temple .It is a great place which makes people body and soul getting pure . It is a great place for everyone to be a social donor. And it is a great place which has been training people to be a vegetarian . The Lingyan Mountain Temple makes our City Richmond more beautiful.

But A regrettable thing is that the Lingyan Mountain Temple is too small to Accommodate more people for the free vegetarian lunch and for pilgrimage activity. I and my family Earnestly request dear Mayor Mr.Brodie and City Councilors approve the Lingyan Mountain Temple rezoning application any more. Sincerely hope you give us a good news.

My address is #204-8700 JONES RO. Richmond v6y 3x7 BC.

Warm regards,

**XINGHUA WEI** 

Feb. 06,2014

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Friday, 07 February 2014 13:25

io:

'anniexie3888'

Subject:

RE:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 7, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: anniexie3888 [mailto:anniexie3888@aliyun.com]

**Sent:** Friday, 07 February 2014 12:38

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** 

Hope can surport the rezoning of Lingven Mountain Temple.

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Friday, 07 February 2014 13:30

To:

'Julia Chen'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mtn Temple Rezoning Application

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----Original Message----

From: Julia Chen [mailto:chi hiro @hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 05 February 2014 22:05

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mtn Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Council,

I request if you may grant the permission regarding on the case of the Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application. I believe your decision will bring sufficient benefits for our democratic society.

Thank you for your time and we appreciate your understanding, Julia 6491 Madrona Crescent Richmond BC

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 11 February 2014 10:24

Го:

'Clare Pan'

Subject:

RE: Ling yen mountain temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 9, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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----Original Message-----

From: Clare Pan [mailto:clare1225@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 09 February 2014 21:30

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Ling yen mountain temple

Hello,

I am writing this letter to express my support to the building of Ling yen mountain temple. My name is MIN ZHEN PAN and I have lived in Richmond for 8 years. During these 8 years, I have been to Ling ven mountain for many times and see many people are benefiting from the temple by understanding the Buddhism . For example, they organize some courses for young kids which help them build up their confidence, their minds or even their souls. Therefore, I think the temple does benefit the whole Richmond community. I hope the government would support them.

Best regards, Clare

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 11 February 2014 10:25

To:

'Caroline Yao'

Subject:

RE: Lingven Mountain Temple rezoning application

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From: Caroline Yao [mailto:carolineyaoc@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 09 February 2014 11:45

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

My name is Caroline Yao, living on the Williams Road 5 mins walking distance from Lingyen Mountain Temple. I've been living in Richmond since 2010.

I support Lingyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application because this is a great place to spend time to purify my mind, body and soul as Buddism teaches people to be kind and to do good deeds which will make our community a better place.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 778-997-2296. Thanks for your time.

Best,

Caroline

From:

MayorandCouncillors

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Tuesday, 11 February 2014 10:25

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'David Kirkwood'

Subject:

RE: Buddhist temple expansion.

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From: David Kirkwood [mailto:generic name 0001@yahoo.ca]

**Sent:** Sunday, 09 February 2014 05:11

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Buddhist temple expansion.

Hi Mayor and Councillors.

My name is David Kirkwood. I'm a home owner at 11660 Sealord Road in Richmond. Some people from the temple have been by my house 2 or 3 times in the past couple of years, and of late.. last 6 months or so I've started to see the signs against the expansion pop up around the neighbourhood. I am always polite with my visitors and tell them that, in my opinion if they meet the criteria for expansion as laid out by the bylaws etc. then I am completely in favour. I just wanted to share this opinion with you.

On my many drives in and out of the neighbourhood I have noticed 3 signs against this proposal. It is as a result my opinion again that there are 3 people in the area that are opposed, or opposed strongly enough to care. I do not believe that these 3 people should be able to sway the will of the hundreds of others here, perhaps thousands. Nor, do I believe that there is not some sort or religious belief issue behind their unwillingness.

Each of these people was also against some sort of jet fuel vapour or some such noise. It seems to me they are contrary by nature and should be understood as such. I say for example "The sky is blue" their response may be something like "The sky is blue, but it should be orange".

Anyway, I just wanted to share my opinion with you. I'm pretty sure it is also the opinion of most open minded, balanced individuals in the area. Thanks for taking the time to read this, and please consider it in your decision making process.

David Kirkwood.

# Concerned Citizen

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 11 February 2014 10:26

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'linmickey'

Subject:

RE:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 8, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: linmickey [mailto:line mickey@hotmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, 08 February 2014 14:00

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject:

To mayor and councilors

hi .my name is mickey .i have lived in richmond over 10years until now . i live in 8300 bennett rd richmond bc v6y1n5

i realy like linguen mountain temple .no one is perfect .i see they try as much as they can to make it work .i see many people benefit from them too .no only they are temple .also they are part of our community .the thing they do is get close to sucessful comunity in chinadown

they ofter meal to public .they ofter person who need peaful place to stay . children learn respect and knowledge and judgement form lingyen temple .sayor and younger adult spent time helping people who in needed .thing good thought.do good thing .peaful life .everybody need it .even mayor and councilors work so hard for .

i suppot lingyen temple expansior proposal . more and more people like linyen mountant temple .they need supper form community and city .temple could be big second hand on helping comunity .why do not help each other .lingyen moutain temple and comunity and city make richmong better place to live and economic

please support for temple eapansion proposal

best wish mickey line\_mickey@hotmail.com



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February 7, 2014 File: RZ 10-547046 Planning and Development Department Development Applications Fax: 604-276-4052

Carol Day 11631 Seahurst Road Richmond BC V7A 4K1

Dear Ms. Day:

Re: Correspondence on Rezoning Application RZ 10-547046

Thank you for your letter dated February 3, 2014 regarding the proposed rezoning for the Lingyen Mountain Temple located at 10060 No. 5 Road. Your letter will be placed in the file as part of public correspondence received regarding this application.

We can confirm that the proposed rezoning will be an item on the upcoming meeting of Richmond's Agricultural Advisory Committee, tentatively scheduled for February 13 at 7 PM. Please contact Kevin Eng, Planner 2 at 604-247-4626 to confirm the meeting date and time.

Yours truly,

Wayne Crarg
Director of Development

WC:bk



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February 4, 2014

File: 08-4105-10-16/Vol 01

Finance and Corporate Services Department City Clerk's Office

Telephone: 604-276-4007 Fax: 604-278-5139

Ms. Carol Day 11631 Seahurst Road Richmond, BC V7A 4K1

Dear Ms. Day:

Re: Green Zone on No. 5 Road in Richmond

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of February 3, 2014 in connection with the above matter.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information. In addition, your letter has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for response. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604-247-4625.

Thank you for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson

Manager, Legislative Services

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pc: Mayor and each Councillor (with letter)

Wayne Craig, Director of Development

Joe Erceg, Deputy CAO



To Mayor Malcom Brodie

Feb 3rd, 2014

We are writing to ask that you join us to help save the No. 5 Road Back lands GREEN ZONE.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee is about to meet to hear the Lingyen Proposal to allow for a 250 meter setback for a development on ALR land well past the 110 meter setback allowed under the No. 5 Road Back lands policy. This development would threaten the GREEN ZONE because it would allow for a precedent that could lead to other applications.

The potential date for the AAC meeting is Feb 13th, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Anderson room.

The AAC has twice before supported the proposal and we are hoping that information from Richmond City Council regarding the city's desire to support the GREEN ZONE and move forward with actively engaging stakeholders in the farming of the back lands could change their decision.

There has been three major changes since 2010 when the Lingyen development team last proposed their development.

- #1 "The Gardens" development has netted the City 12 acres of farm land
- # 2 The " Mylora" new owners have proposed donating 20 acres of farm land to the City
- #3 Kwantlen Polytech University has asked for farm land, in perpetuity for the development of a Sustainable Agriculture Institute for the purpose of training in new, state of the art types of farming that would include research.

These changes allow for a opportunity to fast track the GREEN ZONE in the back lands and an exciting new future for lands that have been under utilized for decades.

Our group CalmR is dedicated to working with the city and the Lingyen Mountain Temple to find a compromise that would help to satisfy the needs of the new retreat and the needs of the city for sustainable farming on the No. 5 Road back lands.

Many other community groups have committed to me their desire to help to support the GREEN ZONE and if Richmond City Council shows leadership and commitment to saving the farm lands, the farming community will step up and help as well.

When the City Council of the past created the No. 5 Road back lands policy they could never have imagined that a proposal of this size would ever be submitted to the City and that farm land in Richmond could ever be threatened in the way it has these last many years, so now is the time to commit to the GREEN ZONE along Hwy 99 and make it clear that we will not tolerate its erosion.

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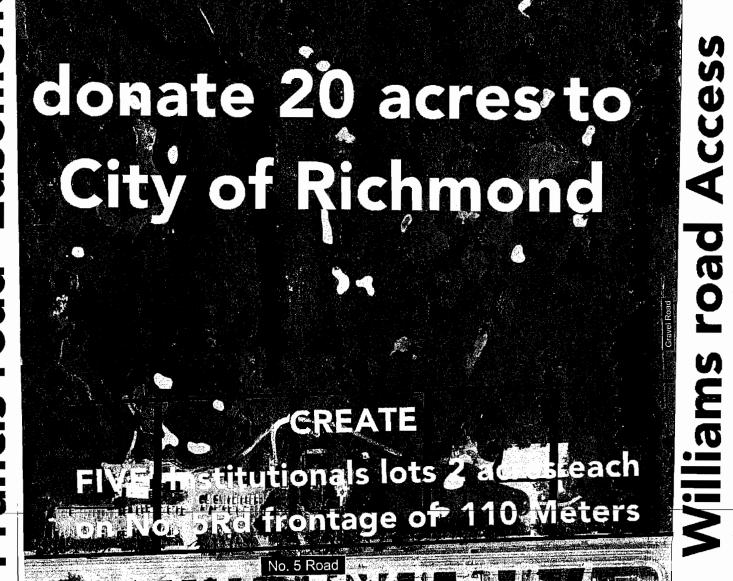
Thank you for your time. Carol Day, Chair CalmR, Committee Against Lingyen Mega Retreat 11631
Seahurst Rd , Richmond BC V7A 4K1 www.calmr.ca 604 240 1986

Carl Doz

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Green Zone 220 Meters Deep Mylora Potentially 20 acres

The Gardens



From: Sent:

MayorandCouncillors

Friday, 07 February 2014 13:32

To:

'Dennis Knight'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Retreat Proposal

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Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Dennis Knight [mailto:dennis.knight@shaw.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, 05 February 2014 16:09

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Retreat Proposal

Dear Sirs, please find attached my signed opposition to the proposed Mega Retreat for the Linygen Temple on

No. 5 Road, Richmond, BC.

regards Patti Knight

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 03 February 2014 15:33

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'ALBERT DRINOVZ'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Retreat Proposal.

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 28, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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----Original Message----

From: ALBERT DRINOVZ [mailto:adrinovz@shaw.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, 28 January 2014 12:07 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

subject: Lingyen Retreat Proposal.

#### Mayor Brodie and council:

I am sending this email as a Richmond homeowner since 1976. I have seen a lot of changes in our area (Shellmont/Ironwood) since I moved into Richmond. Some of the changes I was in favor of, as well as some that I was not. I would say that of all the rezonings, redevelopments, etc. the Lingyen retreat proposal is the one that I am most OPPOSED to. I do have a number of reasons for my opposition but I won't get into them in this email.

Albert Drinovz 11340 Seaton Rd.

Against.

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Friday, 07 February 2014 13:34

To:

'Joanne and Ivan'

Subject:

RE: STOP: Lingyen Retreat Project

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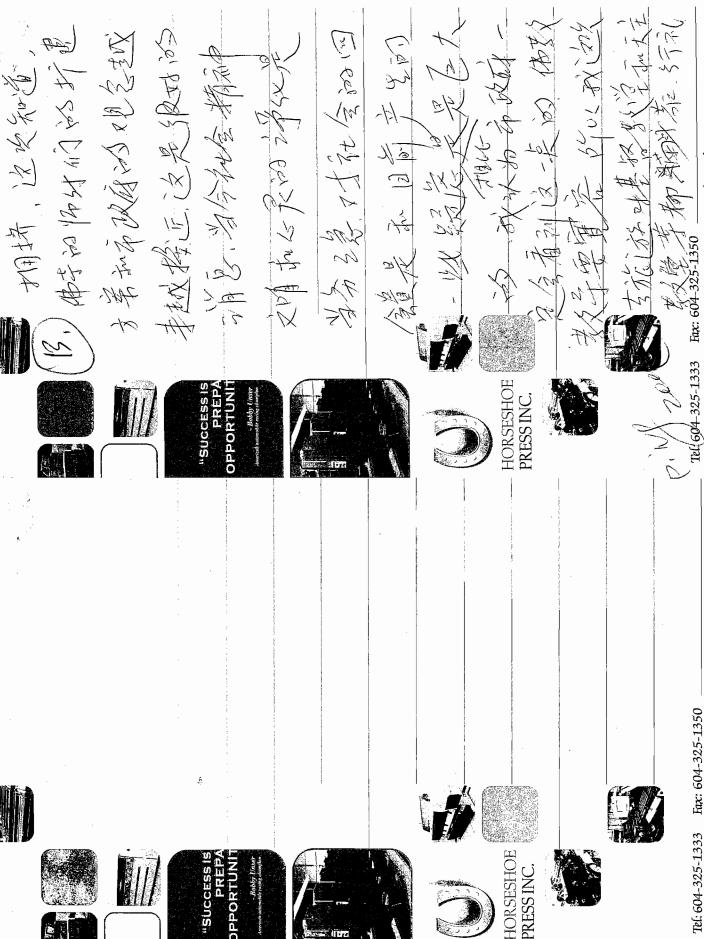
----Original Message----

From: Joanne and Ivan [mailto:joivan@telus.net]

Sent: Tuesday, 04 February 2014 20:24 Subject: STOP: Lingyen Retreat Project

I wish to join C.A.L.M.R in protesting this huge project on #5 Rd, in Richmond.

J. Saunderson



Email: info@horseshoepress.com Website: www.horseshoepress.com

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Wednesday, 12 February 2014 15:57

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'Jacqueline Wang'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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From: Jacqueline Wang [mailto:cosmos63@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 12 February 2014 13:21

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor Mr. Brodie and City Councilors,

I am writing this email to support the Rezoning Application for Lingven Mountain Temple.

I have been a resident of Richmond since 1998, and many of my friends and families are regular visitors of the temple. We enjoy the peacefulness of temple that helps us release stress and find the balance from daily work and life.

Sincerely yours,

Chia-Min Wang

1209-7380 Elmbridge Way

Richmond, BC V6X 4A1

From:

MayorandCouncillors

?ent:

Wednesday, 12 February 2014 15:57

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Subject:

RE: Lingyen mountain temple

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----Original Message----

From: 杨佳 [mailto:joyce-4@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 February 2014 13:04

io: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen mountain temple

Dear Mayor and City Councillors

My name is Jia Hu, and my address is #43-9551 Ferndale Rd, Richmond, and I have been a resident of Richmond since 2009.

Lingyen Mountain Temple is like oasis to me I am grateful that we have such a temple in our city and I hope more people can visit the temple and share this joy I support the expansion project of the Lingyen Mountain Temple because I believe in sharing and that the public will benefit from this Temple Please support this expansion project Thank you Best wishes! 发自我的 iPhone

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Friday, 14 February 2014 14:20

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'Rita Siebert'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple

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Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Rita Siebert [mailto:rsiebert@shaw.ca]
Sent: Friday, 14 February 2014 8:30 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple

Importance: High

Good morning,

We are **opposed** to the 225,733 sq. ft. Retreat proposed by the Lingyen group.

The Siebert Family

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This email is free from viruses and malware because <u>avast! Antivirus</u> protection is	active.

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Friday, 14 February 2014 14:21

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'Kim-GmailLeetsangkim44'

Subject:

RE: In support of Lingyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application

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----Original Message----

From: Kim-GmailLeetsangkim44 [mailto:e.kim.tsang@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, 14 February 2014 1:28 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: In support of Lingyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application

Sent from my iPad

Mayor and councillors

I have been a resident of Richmond for the last 50 years.

I am writing in support of Linyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application .

The temple has been a law abiding and productive member of the Richmond community, providing a refuge for people in need of advice and peace of mind. It is a place that foster forgiveness, compassion and harmony.

The weekly services are always crowded, badly needing space.

In view of the population growth in Richmond and the rest of the lower mainland , I can see that the extension of the temple will be a great benefit .

Yours sincerely , Eugenie K. Tsang. 10231 Lassam Road, Richmond .

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 17 February 2014 11:36

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'Miranda Li'

Subject:

RE: Regarding to Lin Yan Mountain Temple expansion

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 15, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: Miranda Li [mailto:yaxiavv@qmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, 15 February 2014 11:35

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Regarding to Lin Yan Mountain Temple expansion

Dear Mayor Mr. Brodie and City Councillors,

My name is Miranda Li. My address is 6306-5117 Garden City Road, and I've been resident of Richmond since last year 2013.

I immigrated from China to Canada for more than seven years. I leanned about the expansion project from the media, and would like to express my support.

Ling Yen Mountain Temple has great significance to the Chinese immigrants. With the increasing number of immigrants, I feel that there are more people in need of assistance and care. The master of this traditional temple was from China, Su-Zhou province, so we all feel very connected to the temple. We need a religious comfort and not to lose our way. Lin Yen Mountain Temple is not only for the Chinese people here. In contrary, it respects and welcomes every one of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. This can be seen from the diverse visitors who have come for the events and decided to volunteer to help around the other non-Chinese visitors.

In addition, some of my friends living in Calgary, Ottawa, and Toronto all envy the city I live in because I could have easy access to this beautiful temple to pray and learn. This is what they cannot do in other places in Canada. I sincerely hope that the government of Richmond city will support the application of this temple's expansion plan. This is not only to benefit the residents of Richmond; it is for all greater Vancouver and its close by areas. The temple will provide a positive force to calm people's anxiety and to bring peace and harmony to our society.

Regards,

Miranda Li cell: (778)882-5213

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 17 February 2014 11:36

To:

'Hanyan Ulgen'

Subject:

RE: Ling Yen Mountain Temple Project

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Direct (604) 276-4163 · Fax (604) 278-5139

From: Hanyan Ulgen [mailto:yan47@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, 15 February 2014 11:56

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Ling Yen Mountain Temple Project

February 15,2014

Mr. Malcom Brodie

6911 No.3 Road

Richmond, BC. V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor Mr. Brodie and City Councillors,

My name is Hanyan Ulgen. My address is 6305-5117 Garden City Road, and I've been resident of Richmond since 2008.

I immigrated from China to Canada for more than ten years. I learned about the expansion project from the media, and would like to express my support.

Ling Yen Mountain Temple has great significance to the Chinese immigrants. With the increasing number of immigrants, I feel that there are more people in need of assistance and care. The master of this traditional temple was from China, Su-Zhou province, so we all feel very connected to the temple. We need a religious comfort and not to lose our way. Lin Yen Mountain Temple is not only for the Chinese people here. In contrary, it respects and

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### Regards,

Hanyan Ulgen

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 17 February 2014 11:39

Гo:

'Daniel Huang'

Subject:

RE: In Support of LingYen Mountain Temple Expansion Project

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From: Daniel Huang [mailto:jbasix2002@qmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, 15 February 2014 22:35

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: In Support of LingYen Mountain Temple Expansion Project

Dear Mayor:

Upon knowing the opinions from both sides for the expansion project initiated by LingYen Mountain Temple, I, Daniel Huang Chang as one of the Canadian residents in Richmond, would like to raise my own support to the project by sharing my personal experience and some counter arguments against the opposition initiated by the CALMR group.

I've been to Canada for 9 years since 2005. I am not a Buddhist, but I am an academic researcher working at SFU who mostly devotes my time to research and believes the idiom that "seeing is believing". Honestly, I've been to the temple several times and been impressed about the practice of Buddhism and their contributions to the whole community of Richmond.

Every Sundays, they offer free lunch to everyone (regardless of where you are from) and tell some inspiring stories to the participants during the lunch time, in order to encourage people to be nice, friendly, and respectful to other people. With respect to that, not only are they spreading their own beliefs to everyone, but, at the same time, they are also promoting multicultural practice in Richmond. This is important because, to my best knowledge, none of practicing Buddhists have been able to kindly, respectfully talk about their own religions and spread kindness to everyone that generously within the Richmond community for free.

My friends also told me that the LingYen Temple has also offered free day-care for small children on Sundays, trying to introduce the Chinese Culture to the children along with some interesting small stories about Buddha that teach them how to be respectful and cooperative. Because of this, I've even been more impressed and thankful about their contributions, which they've been trying hard to make Richmond a multicultural, interesting, and friendly place to live or visit for people.

However, I've also heard about opinions from the other side (The CALMR Group), and I am totally respectful of their opinions. I agree that the LingYen Mountain Temple should not be treated differently at expense of another, but the fact is they aren't asking for being treated differently for their own benefits/interest. Instead, the Temple is just asking for a permission to expand the current state in promotion of cultural practice/beliefs to wider, larger audiences from everywhere of the world. This is, honestly, they want to benefit more people, and this is totally in line with the multicultural perspective of Canada.

Secondly, to argue against the traffic issue raised by The CALMR Group, My observations were that that traffic has not been an issue for me, nor has it been to my friends during open-public events, even during the peak hours from 3PM to 6PM every day. Empirically speaking, no video recording has been made/released to document the worse traffic conditions during the peak hours nearby the neighborhood, as raised by the oppositions. Even there has been, it was mostly due to speedy cars caught by the police, which occupied one of the lanes for issuing a traffic ticket (as can be seen on Google Map by turning on the traffic mode).

Lastly, the CALMR Group has also argued that the Temple should obey the laws, as this is the ALR land, which has been reserved for agricultural purposes. The CALMR group is totally in support of restricting the land purpose only to agriculture. To my best knowledge, this should not be an 'ssue/problem because one of the plans (or compromises) for the expansion is to make use of the land for farming, which does not defeat the original purpose for the use of the ALR land.

In conclusion, I hereby agree with the project plan and provide my genuine support to the expansion project initiated by the LingYen Mountain Temple, having learned about the arguments & opinions from both sides. I believe that such expansion project would benefit more residents not only promoting the multicultural beliefs in Canada but also spreading respect & friendship for the residents in the community of Richmond.

Best Regards,

Daniel Huang Chang (MA Candidate, Linguistics, SFU)

7060 Bridge Street Unit 20

Richmond, BC, V6Y2S7

Tel: 7788591700

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 17 February 2014 11:40

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'Henry Yeh'

Subject:

RE: I support the expansion project for the Lingven Mountain Temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email ofFebruary 17, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Hanieh Berg | Acting Manager, Legislative Services City of Richmond · 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Direct (604) 276-4163 · Fax (604) 278-5139

From: Henry Yeh [mailto:warlock502@qmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, 17 February 2014 01:46

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: I support the expansion project for the Lingyen Mountain Temple

Hi the Richmond Council:

I'd like to support the current submitted application for the request expansion of the Temple. I've learned from my friends that the Temple has undergone a hard time having the project approved.

Though I've been there once, I think such expansion would benefit more residents in Richmond or other people in the Metro Vancouver area.

I've seen on the Chinese Press (World Journal, for example) the Temple has spent a lot of time and money helping people around the world, such as the Typhoon disaster in Philippine or donation to Food Bank. Particularly, on the day of the Food Bank event, I witnessed a lot of masters (the nuns) and volunteers help the event. If expansion is approved, I believe that this will allow them to help more people in need and spread the belief of love and friendship.

So, I want to support the expansion project for the LingYen Temple.

Best Regards,

Henry Yeh

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 17 February 2014 11:35

To:

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Subject:

RE: Expansion project of Lingyin Mountain Temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email ofFebruary 14, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: | 缘分天空 [mailto:sun66123@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, 14 February 2014 22:35

**To:** MayorandCouncillors **Cc:** <u>lymtbc@qmail.com</u>

Subject: Expansion project of Lingvin Mountain Temple

Dear Mayor Mr. Brodie and City Councilors,

My name is Jing Li, my address is 323/5880, Dover Crs. Richmond, and I' ve been a resident of Richmond since 2004.

I support fully the expansion project of Lingyen Mountain Temple.

Lingyen Mountain Temple has been promoting the idea of vegetarian diet and raising the awareness of the preservation, restoration and improvement of the natural environment. The temple offers free vegetarian lunch to pass the message about the compassionate attitude for no-killing. The visitors have found the meals very delicious and more people have been attracted to go there over the weekends.

However, the space at the temple for dinning is very limited and can't accommodate these many visitors. It has become odd to see people could only dine in the corridors or in the front yard. Even though it has become tough like this, the number of visitors doesn't decrease. Thus, I really hope the government can approve this expansion plan of the temple so that the visitors can have a more spacious dining area to enjoy the meals comfortably. Moreover, it would be wonderful if there is a wider kitchen which can be used for teaching vegetarian meals.

Sincerely, Jing Li

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 17 February 2014 13:39

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Subject:

RE: Please support the re-zoning application for Lin Yan Mountain Temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 17, 2014, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: 陶银妹 [mailto:taoyinmei@gmail.com] Sent: Monday, 17 February 2014 13:15

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Please support the re-zoning application for Lin Yan Mountain Temple

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I live in Richmond since December 2003, home address: 40-7831 Garden City Road, Richmond, BC, V6Y 4A3.

We moved from Toronto to Richmond with my daughter, and we loved Richmond first day on arriving. As senior Chinese immigratant, Richmond is so attracted for it's muilty-culture environment and great Madarin serioces in Banks, Government, Liabrary, School Board, and etc.

Our English is not good at all, but we feel so convenient live in Richmond, cause the Mayor and Council of Richmond take a great care to the local residents whereever they come from.

We are not seriously buddist, but one of the places in Richmond that we like to visit regularly is Ling Yan Mountain Temple. I know a group of senior Richmond residents (about 20 people, they are my morning exersices friends) like to go there weekly. We love the

free veggie lunch, we like the warmness of the masters and volunteers, we like the buddism services which calm us down for those irritating moments in life, we like the liabrary (it is too small now). Especially some great events that the temple held during the year. We feel that we are home, we are not alone, we are supported physically and mantellly, and we are surrounded by caring people with same background and feelings.

My husband and I have introduced the temple to many of new senior immigrantants. As you know, everyone has his/her worries, all my friends feels peaceful and joyful after they visited temple. They get recharged by the possitive energy, and comford by the master's wording.

My english is not good enough to write this to you, so I ask my daughter to translate and type the letter on behalf of me.

Please approve the re-zoing application for this temple, so we would be able to eat in the bigger dinning room instead of under the sun in the yard on those busy days.

Thanks for your kindly consideration, wish you and the council member a great successful year!

Richmond resident, Yin Mei Tao

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 17 February 2014 13:51

ſo:

'K P'

Subject:

RE: Support Ying Yan Mountain Temple re-zoning application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 17, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Direct (604) 276-4163 · Fax (604) 278-5139

From: K P [mailto:kpinvan@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 17 February 2014 13:45

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Support Ying Yan Mountain Temple re-zoning application

Dear Mayor and Council Member,

I ask my daughter to write the letter on behalf of myself to support the re-zoing application of Ying Yan Mountain Temple. My home address is: 40-7831 Garden City Road, Richmond, BC, V6Y 4A3.

I did not visit the temple till summar of 2008 when my elder sister came visit me after immigrated to Canada for eight years. My sister is a buddist, so my daughter brough us to the temple, and my sister liked. To her words, this temple is a peace land, so we started visiting on Sundays from then.

My grand-daughter joined the Sunday school in her tenth, she liked the children program there and made lots friends, I see changes on my grand-daughter, she glow up alone with what she learns in the temple.

I have introduced lots of my friend to the temple, they all like that place. Because of this, I started reading buddist books, and I found it is very helpful on live developping eventhough I am in my 70th, but we Chinese believe learning is a lifetime task.

The temple is seriously out of space. During the busy days, the masters and volunteers have to setup table in the yard to accommodate visiters. In the regular week ends, there will be two lunch sessions, eventhough, sometime, it is not enough.

The temple held various charity events, the most recent ones are the food collection or Richmond Food Bank. I have noticed they do fund raising for all local and international disarster, I am so touched by this. This is the place who cares human being equally and farely without bias, as given is one of the base concept in Buddist culture.

I heard there are noises about traffic problem on No.5 road. As I observed on Chinese New Year Eve, it had no problem at all, I noticed the temple volunteers were parked outside the temple and left the parking lot for the public. It was so nice of them.

All in all, the temple is one of the best places in Richmond for the residents, please approve the application. We appreciated.

Zhihao Pan Richmond resident since 2003

### MayorandCouncillors

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Tuesday, 11 February 2014 10:24

To:

'Clare Pan'

Subject:

RE: Ling ven mountain temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 9, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson
Acting Director, City Clerk's Office
City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1
Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

----Original Message----

From: Clare Pan [mailto:clare1225@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 09 February 2014 21:30

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Ling yen mountain temple

Hello,

I am writing this letter to express my support to the building of Ling yen mountain temple. My name is MIN ZHEN PAN and I have lived in Richmond for 8 years. During these 8 years, I have been to Ling yen mountain for many times and see many people are benefiting from the temple by understanding the Buddhism . For example, they organize some courses for young kids which help them build up their confidence, their minds or even their souls. Therefore, I think the temple does benefit the whole Richmond community. I hope the government would support them.

Best regards, Clare

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### MayorandCouncillors

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 11 February 2014 10:25

To:

'David Kirkwood'

Subject:

RE: Buddhist temple expansion.

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 9, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Yours truly,

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From: David Kirkwood [mailto:generic name 0001@yahoo.ca]

Sent: Sunday, 09 February 2014 05:11

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Buddhist temple expansion.

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Hi Mayor and Councillors.

My name is David Kirkwood. I'm a home owner at 11660 Sealord Road in Richmond. Some people from the temple have been by my house 2 or 3 times in the past couple of years, and of late. last 6 months or so I've started to see the signs against the expansion pop up around the neighbourhood. I am always polite with my visitors and tell them that, in my opinion if they meet the criteria for expansion as laid out by the bylaws etc. then I am completely in favour. I just wanted to share this opinion with you.

On my many drives in and out of the neighbourhood I have noticed 3 signs against this proposal. It is as a result my opinion again that there are 3 people in the area that are opposed, or opposed strongly enough to care. I do not believe that these 3 people should be able to sway the will of the hundreds of others here, perhaps thousands. Nor, do I believe that there is not some sort or religious belief issue behind their unwillingness.

Each of these people was also against some sort of jet fuel vapour or some such noise. It seems to me they are contrary by nature and should be understood as such. I say for example "The sky is blue" their response may be something like "The sky is blue, but it should be orange".

Anyway, I just wanted to share my opinion with you. I'm pretty sure it is also the opinion of most open minded, balanced individuals in the area. Thanks for taking the time to read this, and please consider it in your decision making process.

David Kirkwood.



### Memorandum

Finance and Corporate Services Department City Clerk's Office

To:

Mayor & Councillors

Date:

February 11, 2014

From:

Hanieh Berg

File:

08-4100-00/Vol 01

Re:

Acting Manager, Legislative Services

Ling Yen Retreat Proposal Petition

Attached please find 4 (four) signed petition forms from C.A.L.M.R. (Committee Against Ling Yen Mega Retreat), which have been collected over the past week, and are all in opposition of the proposed Ling Yen Retreat at 10060 No. 5 Road.

Hanieh Berg

Acting Manager, Legislative Services

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PC:

Wayne Craig, Director of Development

Joe Erceg, General Manager, Planning and Development



### STOP: LINGYEN RETREAT PROPOSAL

Lingyen Mountain Temple - 10060 No. 5 Road, Richmond

**TO:** Mayor Brodie and Richmond City Council 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

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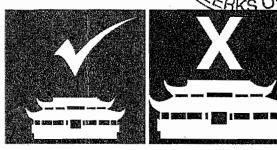
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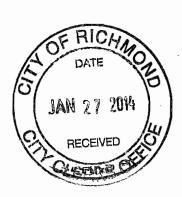
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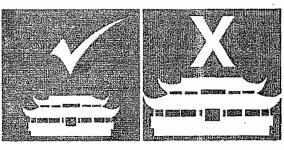
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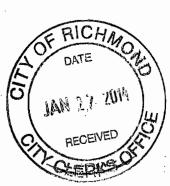
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CALM COMMITTEE AGAINST LINGYEN MEGA (RETREAT)

### MayorandCouncillors

for their information.

TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

From:

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Sent:

Friday, 07 February 2014 1:27 PM

To:

Subject:

'lu Ying'

Pc: Wayne Crosg Toe Erceg RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 6, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor

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Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson Manager, Legislative Services

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Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

----Original Message----

From: lu Ying [mailto:szcatherinelu@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, 06 February 2014 20:42

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

### Dear Mayor:

My name is Catherine Lu and I have lived in Richmond for eight years. Since then, I have been frequenting LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE and it is such a peaceful place for my friends and I to release the stress and to purify the soul. Although I am in no need of such service, I think how they provide free food for whoever might be in need is such a necessity.

The rezoning of the temple would be a great benefit to our community as it can become help to a greater number of people. Also, it would be a sign to showcase our diverse, multicultural city.

Thank you for taking your time to read my e-mail, and I hope that our application can be considered.

Sincerely, Catherine Lu

Febuary 7th, 2014

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TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

### **MayorandCouncillors**

From:

MayorandCouncillors

3ent:

Friday, 07 February 2014 1:30 PM

To:

'Julia Chen'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mtn Temple Rezoning Application

PC: Wayne Craig Joe Erceg

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 5, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Yours truly.

Michelle Jansson Manager, Legislative Services City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

----Original Message----

From: Julia Chen [mailto:chi hiro @hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 05 February 2014 22:05

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mtn Temple Rezoning Application

Dear Mayor and Council,

I request if you may grant the permission regarding on the case of the Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application. I believe your decision will bring sufficient benefits for our democratic society.

Thank you for your time and we appreciate your understanding, Julia 6491 Madrona Crescent Richmond BC

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February 4, 2014

File: 08-4105-10-16/Vol 01

Finance and Corporate Services Department City Clerk's Office Telephone: 604-276-4007

Fax: 604-278-5139

Mr. Kwing Chu Chan 10171 No. 5 Road Richmond, BC V7A 4E5

Dear Mr. Chan:

Re: Lingyen Mountain Temple Expansion

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of February 1, 2014 in connection with the above matter. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

Thank you for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Mighelle Jansson

Manager, Legislative Services

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pc: Mayor and each Councillor (with letter)

Wayne Craig, Director of Development

Joe Erceg, Deputy CAO



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Dear Mayor and city councilors:

Wish everyone in Richmond a prosperous and healthy New Year.

I have been living in the city of Richmond since 1987, and have moved to live right across from the Ling Yen Mountain Temple since 1996 (10171 No.5 Rd.) I have been watching the progress of the temple since it was first established. During the past ten years, I have participated all major events at the temple. As a volunteer at the temple, I have seen more and more visitors of different ethnic backgrounds attended the events as well. Moreover, there are more children and teenagers coming to the temple to study Chinese language and Buddhism. Especially with the rising number of the Chinese immigrants, the parents would like their next generation to study about the Chinese culture. It is obvious that the temple has reached its capacity and is unable to accommodate more visitors from all over the place when there are major events. The major events which attract countless visitors are: Chinese New Year's Eve, the pilgrimage, and the vegetarian meal day. Each of these events draws over a thousand visitors. The temple usually has to prepare two to three thousand portions of vegetarian meals to serve the crowd, trying to unite every one of various religious backgrounds to enjoy each event celebrations.

At Ling Yen Mountain Temple, the vegetarian meal is provided all year round to the public at no cost. A special date has even been set to promote the benefit of vegetarian diet. Many people who have been visiting the temple have now understood that being a vegetarian will gradually improve one's health. With the simple diet of the Buddhist vegetarian meals, one can feel less anxious and less stressful. As the body gradually detoxicates from all of the chemicals consumed, one will suffer less from the illness or aches. It is our belief that the vegetarian diet will improve everyone's health and this, will help to decrease the expense on the medical services in Canada.

As I live right across from the temple, I am the witness that traffic has not been an issue. All of the major events are held on Sundays especially that Chinese New Year's eve event draws the crowd only after eight pm. These events are purposely scheduled to avoid the rush hours. In addition, during each of these major Buddhist events, traffic control operators have been arranged to ensure the smooth traffic flow on Number Five Road. Every event has been carefully organized, such as the transit rides provided by the temple to minimize the car numbers. Based on what I have observed these years, there should be no traffic concern with the expansion of the temple.

In the wide backyard of the temple, the temple masters have lead the volunteers to effortlessly farm the land and plant various fruit trees. Everything used on farming is organic as the temple

also tries to raise the environmental awareness of the public.

Canada is such a beautiful country with its vast lands and multi-cultures. When one enters Number Five road, one can feel the harmonic atmosphere among different religious practices. All different religions co-exist peacefully here, accepting and welcoming diverse opinions. In major Buddhist events such as the Vegetarian meal day, Buddha's Birthday, the Retreat, and the Pilgrimage, Ling Yen Mountain Temple has made great effort in promoting Buddhism to the public of different cultures. It is all of our wish that everyone can come to the temple and be blessed with joy.

Sincerely,

KWILG CHU CHAIN

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February 4, 2014 File: 08-4105-10-16/Vol 01 Finance and Corporate Services Department City Clerk's Office Telephone: 604-276-4007

Fax: 604-278-5139

Ms. Lana Ngai 10880 Seamount Road Richmond, BC V7A 4P6

Dear Ms. Ngai:

Re: Lingyen Mountain Temple Expansion

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of January 25, 2014 in connection with the above matter.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information. In addition, your letter has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development, for information. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604-276-4000.

Thank you for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson

Manager, Legislative Services

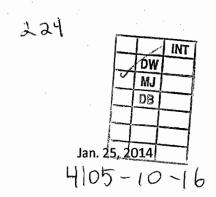
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Mayor and each Councillor (with letter)

Wayne Craig, Director of Development

Joe Erceg, Deputy CAO





### To whom it may concern:

It only takes about 15 minutes to walk from my home to the temple. Each Saturday or Sunday, I like to visit and offer my most sincere prayer to the Buddha and Guan Yin Bodhisattva. The temple is a peaceful environment. Whenever I visit, it allows me to examine my own life closely and purify the inner self. I also pray for blessing for my family. As a Buddhist, I learn to show compassion and respect toward all living beings so I pray for the harmonic community and world peace so everyone will be happy, hopeful for the future and feel less anxious & stressful for life.

Since I come to the temple weekly, I have witnessed more and more people of different ethnic background come to visit, join the prayer sessions, Sunday children school, Buddhist youth group, or participate special events. I personally wish the temple can be expanded so it can accommodate more people. Canada is a multicultural country that respects and embraces culture, people and region from all parts of the world. In particular, Richmond is exemplary multi-cultural city. The Temple shares the same vision as the City of Richmond; it has made great effort in promoting Buddhism and Chinese cultural and its values to the public of different ethnic backgrounds. People learn to practice compassion, hard work, respect and honour for parents & elderly and all human beings. We all strive to spread this spirit of compassion and kindness to the larger community.

Therefore, I sincerely wish the City can support the expansion project so the Temple can accommodate and serve more needs of Richmond's residents. It is my wish that more can come to the temple and be blessed with health, peace and joy.

Thanks again for your time and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Lana Ngai

10880 Seamount Rd

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Richmond, BC V7A 4P6



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### **MayorandCouncillors**

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TO: MAYOR & EACH
COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

From: ent:

MayorandCouncillors

Monday, 27 January 2014 4:04 PM

ıo: Subject: 'xiaoli deng'
RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

PC: Wayne Crang Joe Erceg

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Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson

Manager, Legislative Services

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: xiaoli deng [mailto:dengxiaoli10@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, 25 January 2014 7:56 PM

**o:** MayorandCouncillors

**ubject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Dear sir/madam:

I hope Lingyen Mountain Temple will be granted permission to expand its parking lot. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

XiaoLi Deng

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### **MayorandCouncillors**

TO: MAYOR & EACH
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FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Monday, 27 January 2014 3:53 PM

ſo:

'wangTony'

Subject:

RE: support LINGYEN Mountain Temple updating

PC: Wayne Craig Joe Erceg

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 27, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Phone: 604-276-4006

Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: wangTony [mailto:wdt166@hotmail.com]

`ent: Monday, 27 January 2014 1:31 PM

io: MayorandCouncillors

Cc: lymtbc@gmail.com

Subject: support LINGYEN Mountain Temple updating

Dear Sir /Madam,

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My familyisso glad to hear about LINGYEN mountain Temple updating because my two kids and i will have more room and opportunity to enjoy with other familise everyweekend. It is important for my children to know chinese culture in LINGYEN even other chinese canadian who were born in Canada as Buddhism is an improtant culture in China. Meamwhile, I can see more and more local people go LINGYEN to learn more about China.

For my family, we go to LINGYEN like a community place. My kids ,my wife and i make new friends. We can share and enjoy information ,expirence and food with others. More and more people, specailly old ones, come to LINGYEN to meet each other so the room now is getting smaller, some of them have to wait or leave we hope LINGYAN has more room to share with more people soon.

Yours

Sincerely

Dongtao wang

Jan 27 ,2014

## **MayorandCouncillors**

TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

From: ent:

MayorandCouncillors

Monday, 27 January 2014 3:59 PM

ío:

'atyzhang@yahoo.ca'

Subject:

RE: I support Lingyen Mountain Temple's Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 26, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

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From: atyzhang@yahoo.ca [mailto:atyzhang@yahoo.ca]

**Sent:** Sunday, 26 January 2014 10:39 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Jubiect: I support Lingyen Mountain Temple's Rezoning Application

January 26, 2014

To Mayor Brodie and Councillors of the City of Richmond:

Dear Mayor and Councillors of City of Richmond,

As a resident of Richmond, I am writing to urge the Mayor and councillors to approve the rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain Temple. I have reviewed the revised proposal of the temple and I am satisfied that the Temple has respectfully listened to all feedbacks received and taken their greatest efforts to take the steps to revise their proposal to appropriately address the concerns of all interested groups/parties in the community regarding the Temple's rezoning application.

Therefore, I am writing to ask Mayor Brodie and all councillors of the City of Richmond to APPROVE Lingyen Mountain Temple's Rezoning Application. I strongly believe if you grant your approval to the Temple's application, all residents of Richmond will experience the positive impacts this will have for the City of Richmond.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Annie Cheung 1408-8871 Lansdowne Rd, PHOTOCOPIED

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Richmond, BC. V6X 3X8 Email: atyzhang@yahoo.ca

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### **MayorandCouncillors**

From: MayorandCouncillors

Sent: Monday, 27 January 2014 3:52 PM

Fo: 'ginger sheng'

Subject: RE: I SUPPORT FOR LING YAN TEMPLE

TO: MAYOR & EACH
COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PC: Wayne Crarg Joe Erceq

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Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

**From:** ginger sheng [mailto:gingersheng@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 27 January 2014 3:23 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** I SUPPORT FOR LING YAN TEMPLE

#### Good afternoon for everyone:

I am very happy hereby many realtors to writing this letter to city now.

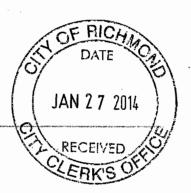
I am living in Richmond, yes, I am a realtor and I am to be Medallion club for many years, I have came to Vancouver over 10years. Since to be a Realtor I had meet so many new comers whose with very low emotion. even me, I am happy bird but I had bad time too when I first time lonely been other country.

The most Chinese believing in BUDDHA. everyone knows the religion group can solve this problem. The new comer can find the place like Ling Yan Temple where can to be familiar, New comer can be stronger and will get positive recommends from Temple. also people can build their own new friend relationship and start new life get more information in LingYan Temple.

As I Knew, Ling Yan Temple has the extra education for children age 6--18 on every Sunday. the training for: English, handwork, Chinese couture(like be truthful.be confidence.be freedom. be respect...), yes, which is free. every country need education for good society system.

The last reason make me support Ling Yan temple extension new project that is Ling Yan Temple offer free meal everyday, lunch and dinner and without meat. vegetarianism is good for human health and earth environment, I am not vegan but I still support this concept. Animal's feces can heat the earth, as most people like eat meat, make many farm stop having green plants to change to having animals, The expert give final report said the animal's feces will make earth temperature going up. also famer will prepare lots of food to feed them. I am a environmentalism, I am agree.

So please give LingYan Temple permit, this is also many Chinese people's voice! and you also support



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the Canada. Thank you very much!

Best regards,

Ginger Sheng -Truthful and Reliable Direct Line: 604-729-9295 gingersheng@hotmail.com Royal Pacific Realty Corp.

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TO: MAYOR & EACH
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FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

### MayorandCouncillors

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 27 January 2014 4:19 PM

Γο: Subject: 'LENORE RADOM' RE: letter to Mayor & Council 012314 PC: Wayne Craig Joe Erceg

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 23, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Yours truly,

#### Michelle Jansson

### Manager, Legislative Services

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: LENORE RADOM [mailto:lenoremail@shaw.ca]

Sent: Thursday, 23 January 2014 6:29 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Cc: 'Carol Day'

Subject: letter to Mayor & Council 012314

Please find attached my letter to Mayor & Councillors re the Lingyen Temple expansion...

Sincerely, Lenore Radom

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#### Dear Mayor & City Councillors:

I am writing to you re: the Lingyen Mountain Temple Expansion Proposal on No.5 Road. We live directly across the road from them and on this New Years Day I saw there a very large attendance at the temple ...since early when we arose at 8.a.m. to even at 3 pm ..still many coming & going, albeit starting to thin out. This increased attendance lasted Jan 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> to approx 8pm. This did not personally affect us negatively and we appreciate them as good quiet neighbours who make every effort to not disrupt the neighbourhood.

#### I wish to address some issues that are of concern to us:

- 1. We have a great concern about our **property value** re the Temple, they continue to assure us that members will want to purchase.
- 2. Our **traffic concerns** are more directed to the sale of Mylora golf course property and the unknown that it holds, as well as the Fantasy Garden expansion that has already added to congestion without it being completed and occupied.
- 3. Back 2/3 property—I wish I could trust & believe that the City would remain committed to the property remaining an 'agricultural corridor' and enforce it being used as such all along the corridor, but somehow I feel a doubt when I see so much of Richmond agricultural land being put beneath concrete. Just look at those mega houses between No.4 & 3 Roads south of Steveston Hwy., South end of No.2 Road, along Blundell Rd, Granville Rd, and the list goes on. Somehow we have allowed ourselves to become dependent on China, Mexico & U.S. for our food source.
- 4. Back 2/3 property as 'farmable'... by 'allowing' these mega structures on 5 Rd., where do you think the water table is going to go, but back onto the back 2/3 property making it non useable...The temple people tell me the fruit trees at the back of the property have mounds of dirt around each one to raise them above the water table. So, IF the Council was to approve 'trading a portion of agriculture property' in the back 2/3 for the existing agriculture property south [10320 No.5 rd] that they own, but lease out.....then why not move the temple right back along the tree line making it less right in our face! OR Why not have the front 2/3 of the property Agriculture and the Back 1/3 for the Temple? Don't suppose anyone is going to go for that!!
- 5. **ByLaws**—are they not made for specific reasons that Council & Planners in earlier years saw fit to implement so the Vision for our City would end up within that vision? We all have had to fit into that for our properties. We considered No.5 Road knowing that across the road from us would not ever be high density, traffic, and noise...thinking maybe school traffic & noise during the day, Church activity on Sundays and perhaps other religious organizations with occasional large events. How we as a community in this area ever fell for the plan at the corner of Steveston Hwy & 5 Road, I don't know, because, it appears to us, to be the beginning of our end as we have known it. By allowing residential & retail has no doubt allowed a 'wedge' in for more changes breaking ByLaws for this area of "agricultural, institutional and only residential being the farm house with the farm".
- 6. The height By Laws were broken for the existing temple for which all of us were ignorant to think would be within the bylaws that previous temples/churches along No.5 road had stayed within. Due to this happening in the first phase the neighbourhood is not about to let this happen again, thus a very negative atmosphere has been created with each of the 4 proposals brought forward since. We have experienced the Temple people to be very good neighbours and I will support that, but we have to think of our property value and the impact directly on us.

: 7.

How the Planners/ Developer can think for one minute that the proposed height will not be visible to Hwy 99 travelling south or north is beyond belief! The existing temple is visible...so unless they are predicting that in 50 years those back hedges will have grown so high to hide the temple, there is **no way** the temple will not be visible, <u>as well</u> the trees that are planned for in front of our view <u>will not mask</u> the temple from our view either, until how many years down the road! I am sorry, but Balloons don't cut it!

- 7. **The Retreat** aspect: I am told by the Temple people that they believe they should be offering free room & board, "that's their way" with their retreats. Very nice! for **small groups** [30 40 Max], **OR**, **once a year** for slightly larger, BUT I do not support this when it means they provide 472 beds/cots or mats requiring extra **permanent buildings** to accommodate that. It seems to me, it might be more acceptable to the neighbourhood if their guests would support our hotel community, let me offer the Holiday Inn close by on No.6 Rd & Steveston hwy, they could even provide a shuttle service to reduce traffic congestion.
- 8. **Traffic & Parking:** Let me again reiterate that I commend them for addressing the parking issues working with other temples, malls etc for parking space...and hiring traffic controllers, thus the 'events' do not impact negatively on us personally being neighbours directly across the road.
- 9. **Misguided:** It seems to us in trying to discuss the issues back & forth with planners, Temple & CALM that the nuns have been somewhat misguided, perhaps from the beginning and should have located themselves in a non 'populated' area, as they have done in other areas.
- 10. Let me be clear: We wish to be good neighbours to the Lingyen Temple people and we appreciate their good neighbour kindness to us. My Only reason for involvement in writing to you is to speak up as a neighbour directly impacted and that in turn, you would consider the neighbourhood for the <u>long term</u> plan. We wish to encouraging you to do your job accordingly within the rules of the game.

Thank you for your attention in this matter & we truly trust that you will take into consideration our submission.

Sincerely, Ralph & Lenore Radom 10095 No.5 Road, Richmond

# **Lingyen Retreat Proposal**

To Mayor Brodie and Richmond City Council

6911 No. 3Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

I am opposed to the 225,733 sq ft Retreat proposed by the Lingyen group.

The new addition with space to accomplate
4001 people would create a traffic nightmase for
DO 5 Road. My family and myself lives by
No. 5 and Williams RD and traffic is poor
at best and this is prior to the completion of
the new condos at No. 5 and Steveston. Also
along NO.5 Here are temples existing and
alot at new housing construction in progress
I to not wish to have more traffix and
delays along my main roote of commute to
work and home. My family and I are Strongly
work and home. My family and I are Strongly against Linguen Retreat Proposal as it would
odd stress (traffic) to an allmady busy street not designed to
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Signature

Email: mayorandcouncillors@richmond.ca

Fax: 604.276.4332

### MayorandCouncillors

TO: MAYOR & EACH
COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 27 January 2014 4:07 PM

To:

'David Shen'

Subject:

RE: Opposition of Lingyen Retreat Expansion

PC: Wayne Croop Joe Erceg C

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 24, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson

Manager, Legislative Services

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: David Shen [mailto:david.on.shen@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, 24 January 2014 7:06 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Opposition of Lingyen Retreat Expansion

Hello there attached is a PDF file of my opinion on the expansion

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TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

### MayorandCouncillors

From:

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ent:

Monday, 27 January 2014 4:13 PM

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'Meily M'

Subject:

RE: Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

PC: Wayne Gaig Joe Erceg

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City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Meily M [mailto:sunnlit@ymail.com] Sent: Thursday, 23 January 2014 10:41 PM

**To:** MayorandCouncillors **Cc:** lymbc@gmail.com

Subject: Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Hi,

I support Ling Yen Mountain Temple rezon's application because of more people can have a good place to go.

Thank you

Meily

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# STOP: LINGYEN RETREAT PROPOSAL

Lingyen Mountain Temple - 10060 No. 5 Road, Richmond

Chy of Richmond R E C E I V E D JAN 23 2014 MAYORS OFFICE

**TO:** Mayor Brodie and Richmond City Council 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

I am	opposed to the 225,733 sq ft Retreat proposed by the Lingyen group.	
I am	opposed to any buildings past the first 110 meters along No. 5 Road, llowed under the No. 5 Road Backlands policy.	
l am	opposed to new buildings having heights over the existing temple of 70 '.	
	Enough is Enough, they should be haffy	_
	with the buildings they have.	_
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Name	ANNE REILLY Date Jan 20 4014	
Address	10711 SEAHAVEN DR RICHMOND	
Signature _	anne Kerlly	
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### MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND JOIN THE OPPOSITION:

**Email:** mayorandcouncillors@richmond.ca Mayor Brodie and Richmond City Council

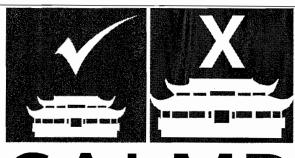
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### **CONTACT CALMR:**

Carol Day info.calmR@gmail.com 11631 Seahurst Road Richmond BC V7A 4K1 Phone: 604 240 1986 Fax: 604 271 5535

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CALIME COMMITTEE AGAINST LINGYEN MEGA (RETREAT)

TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Jan 22, 2014

Mr. Malcom Brodie

6911 No. 3 Rd

Richmond BC V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor Mr Brodie & City Councilors,

My name is Melia Wong, my address is 12351 Jensen Dr, Richmond BC and I've been a resident of Richmond for 20 years.

I visit Ling Yen Mountain Temple for vegetarian lunch every Saturday since this summer, I found it is very joyful & meaningful. It provides healthy & free lunch for everyone at a clean & & peaceful environment everyday!

Therefore, we support the expansion plan of Ling Yen Mountain Temple. The expansion will be able to provide more benefits to more people, not only for resident of Richmond, but all tourists from all other area.

Yours sincerely,

Melia Wong

12351 Jensen Dr,

Richmond BC V6V 2R7

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### **MayorandCouncillors**

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FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, 23 January 2014 1:33 PM

To:

'Melia Wong'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Comments

PC: Wayne Crafq Toe Erceg

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# Michelle Jansson Manager, Legislative Services

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Melia Wong [mailto:meliawong@cisinsurance.ca]

Sent: Thursday, 23 January 2014 12:38 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Linguen Mountain Temple Rezoning Comments

Pls read attached letter that I wrote & pls approve this project.

Thanks, Melia

From: Canon 2525 [mailto:printing@insurebc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 12:43 PM

To: MELIA

Subject: Attached Image

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#### WILLIAM SO

34-12020 Greenland Drive, Richmond, BC V6V 2M8, Canada. Email: so.william@hotmail.com. Phone:+1-604-271-7678

Feb.11, 2014.

The Mayor, City of Richmond, BC.

Mr. Brodie:

Re: expansion of Lingyen Mountain Temple, No.5 Road

My name is William So, resident of Eastern Richmond, BC, and strongly support the Expansion of Lingyen MountainTemple at No.5 Road, Richmond, BC in order to serve our community more better, because the current size of building is not enough to meet the community needs.

The Linguen Mountain Temple, plays the following roles:

- 1. It educates the people to do good things and to refrain from doing evil harms.
- 2. It always asks the followers to keep the 5 disciplines as follows:-
- a. Not to kill any animals, includig human beings.
- b. Not to steal any property from others.
- c. Not to have sexual deed with thirty party, except wife.
- d. Not to lie, or cheat.
- e. Not to drink alcohol or smoking.

Apart from these, Lingyen Mountain Temple benefits our community by giving free vegi lunch in every Saturdays and Sundays, and sometime from Monday to Sunday. In addition, it has donations to the Food Bank of Richmond and donation to Children Hospital, Vancouver.

When the expansion is completed, it would attract more tourists from all the corners of world, and significantly benefit our community, including shops and hotels.

I like to see the expansion can be completed as soon as possible to serve our community.

Yours truly

William H.L. So

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

name is LIN LIN YI and live at 5888 Dover cres Richmond for 13 years. The First time I visited the temple was in 2002, I was deeply touched by the people I met and the harmonious atmosphere there. The nuns and devotees work diligently and pray for the world peace everyday. They are committed to the community without asking anything in return. The temple's congregation has grown rapidly. Nowadays, more and more people have stress and fear in life, they need to find a place for spiritual refuge. Lingyen Mountain Temple is a place which helps people to alleviate afflictions and purify the mind. That's why you can see so many people come to the temple to worship or volunteer no matter how far they live. As you know in Richmond, there are more than 47% Asian people live here. Buddhism is a major faith to them. I should say it is an important spiritual power to assist stabilizing the society, especially in the Richmond community.

When we look at the conflicts around the world, Richmond residents we should be proud of our multicultural tradition. We can respect different faiths and be able to live in harmony. I think kichmond government can send a very strong message that we can live in peace no matter what religious background or ethnic background we have. I hope we can keep this tradition and continue to live in harmony and peace.

I sincerely hope people could respect and support its development. The Temple truly have a lot of contribution to the community. I am excited about the proposed building structure which showcases elegant architectural style with abundant cultural heritage. I believe the people in Richmond will be proud of having it.

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TO: MAYOR & EACH
COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

### MayorandCouncillors

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent: To: Wednesday, 12 February 2014 11:17 AM

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Subject:

RE: Lingyen rezoning Application

PC: Whyne Craig Joe Erceg

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 12, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson
Acting Director, City Clerk's Office
City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1
Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: 衣琳琳 [mailto:linlinyi8@hotmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, 12 February 2014 08:34

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen rezoning Application

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### Memorandum

Finance and Corporate Services Department City Clerk's Office

To:

Mayor & Councillors

Date:

February 14 2014

From:

Michelle Jansson

File:

08-4100-00/Vol 01

Re:

**Ling Yen Retreat Proposal Petition** 

Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

Attached please find 4 (four) signed petition forms from C.A.L.M.R. (Committee Against Ling Yen Mega Retreat), which have been collected over the past week, and are all in opposition of the proposed Ling Yen Retreat at 10060 No. 5 Road.

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Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

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# STOP: LINGYEN RETREAT PROPOSAL

Lingyen Mountain Temple - 10060 No. 5 Road, Richmond

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TO: Mayor Brodie and Richmond City Council 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1
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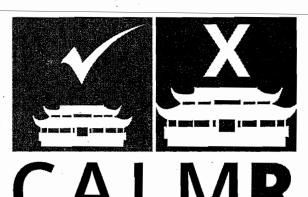
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COMMITTEE AGAINST LINGYEN MEGA (RETREAT)

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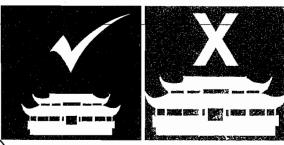
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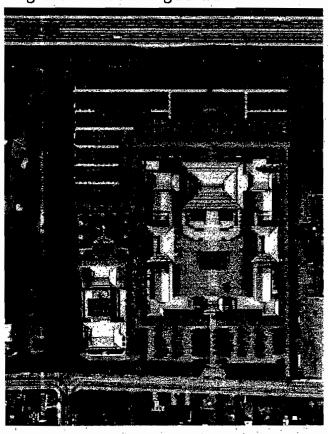
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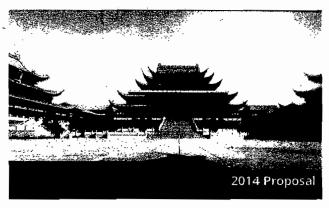
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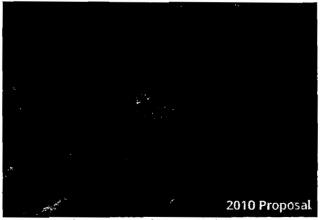
Lingyen Mountain Temple - 10060 No. 5 Road, Richmond

Existing Temple 34,000 sq.ft. Proposed Retreat 233,755 sq.ft. (FYI The Bay store is 162,511 sq.ft.) Parking for 460 cars including VIP parking Beds for 472 people over 36,000 sq.ft. of living space Height for main building 98' tall

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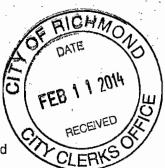
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TO: Mayor Brodie and Richmond City Council

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### Grewal, Raman

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Wednesday, 19 February 2014 08:09

To:

'Wu sophia 68'

Subject:

RE: Please Support Ling Yen Mountain Temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 18, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: Wu sophia\_68 [mailto:sophia\_68@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 February 2014 21:12

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: FW: Please Support Ling Yen Mountain Temple

From: sophia 68@hotmail.com

To: mayorandcouncillor@richmond.ca

Subject: Please Support Ling Yen Mountain Temple

Date: Wed, 19 Feb 2014 05:05:51 +0000

Dear Mayor and Councillor,

I am writing to express my support to Ling Yen Mountain Temple's expansion.

I really sincerely hope the City of Richmond can approve the temple's expansion plan.

Myself has benefited from this temple over the last 17 years. My mom passed away when I was 19 year old and my father was oversea working, the temple has been my second home and accompany me grow since. I now have a decent profession. I believe the temple has been supprting the community in many ways you may not seen.

I understand that the City is concerned about the traffic problem. I really don't think the temple has created any traffic problem on the No 5 Road or Willam Road. The traffic problem is the natural phenomenon of a growth of a modern city. I heard that the temple has hired traffic controller to design the road and make sure not createing traffic problem to the City.

Aside from the traffic problem, I also noticed the temple has farmed the land really well. I have seen many high school, University Students and even Senior Group go to the temple to visit and have lunch.

I know the Mayor and Councillors are so busy, you may not have time to finish reading my mail I really sincerely wish you can support the expansion plan this time.

Sincerely,

Sophia Wu

### Grewal, Raman

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 25 February 2014 08:11

To:

'Eliza Wang'

Subject:

RE: Supporting the Rezoning of Lingyen Mountain Temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 24, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: Eliza Wang [mailto:violin1566@qmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, 24 February 2014 18:03

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Supporting the Rezoning of Lingyen Mountain Temple

Dear Mayor,

Glad to write to you. My name is Eliza (Man Wang), a permanent resident of Canada and a property owner of Richmond. I am writing to support the Rezoning Application of Linguen Mountain Temple.

Lingyen Mountain Temple is a important spiritual place for many residents in Richmond like me. As the growing number of visitors and regular activities, I believe it will be much more convenient for everyone if it could be rezoned with larger size. I sincerely support their application.

It's my Birthday today, and I just got back from the temple. People there are very nice and kind. I quite enjoy the moment I spent in Lingyen Mountain Temple and feel refreshed in heart; I am happy that I went there in such a snow day. It is my best gift. I hope you could like this temple as much as I do. Your concerns and support will be great appreciated.

My sincerely regards,

Eliza Wang

TEL 604 352 5536 65-11571 Thorpe Rd, Richmond, V6X3Z4

### Grewal, Raman

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Friday, 21 February 2014 13:27

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'lucy1231xf@sina.com'

Subject:

RE: Thank you

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 20, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: <u>lucy1231xf@sina.com</u> [mailto:lucy1231xf@sina.com]

Sent: Thursday, 20 February 2014 21:40

**To:** MayorandCouncillors **Subject:** Thank you

Dear Sir / Madam:

It is a great honor to write this letter to you. My name is Lisa, live in Richmond BC. I am devoutly Buddhist, I take my family to the Buddha Temple located on No.5 road every weekend. It is a great place where I can find my peace and calm my soul, my kids love there too.

I am happy to hear that the Temple is planning to expand. It is a absolute good news to every Buddhist who live in Vancouver and our BC. I wish this expansion could be finished as soon as possible, then it can have more space for more people. Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely

Lisa

Feb 20, 2014

### Grewal, Raman

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 24 February 2014 08:06

To:

'Tom'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen mountain temple reasoning application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 21, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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----Original Message----

From: Tom <a href="mailto:tummyfull1@yahoo.ca">[mailto:tummyfull1@yahoo.ca</a>]
Sent: Friday, 21 February 2014 17:27

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen mountain temple reasoning application

Name: Wen Lung Yeh

Address: 114-8300 Bennett Rd

V6Y 1N5 Richmond BC

To whom it may concern:

This is the letter to the mayor of Richmond city.

I would like to inform the mayor that how important it is for the Lingyen Temple to expand. There are two small reciting halls built in the temple 14 years ago.

They are not big enough anymore.

The temple is really crowded every Sunday and during the praying events each month.

Lots of people couldn't get in to pray.

The populations are increasing, but the temple is still the same We hope that the city allow the temple to develop the unused land that's been sitting there for so many years.

Sincerely yours!



### Memorandum

Finance and Corporate Services Department City Clerk's Office

To:

Re:

Mayor & Councillors

Date:

February 21, 2014

From:

Hanieh Berg

File:

08-4100-00/Vol 01

Acting Manager, Legislative Services Ling Yen Retreat Proposal Petition

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Lingyen Mountain Temple - 10060 No. 5 Road, Richmond

TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE DW MJ

**TO:** Mayor Brodie and Richmond City Council 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

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Signature

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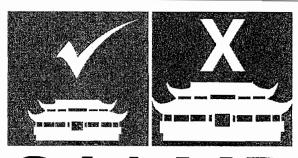
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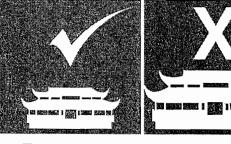
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COMMITTEE AGAINST LINGYEN MEGA (RETREAT)

### MayorandCouncillors

TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Wednesday, 19 February 2014 14:08

To:

'romain' Subject:

RE: STOP: LINGYEN RETREAT EXPANSION PROPOSAL

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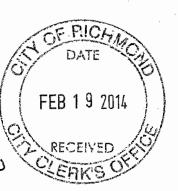
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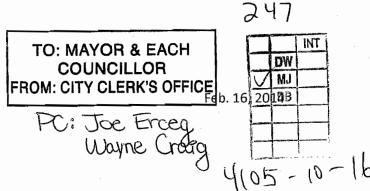
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Subject: STOP: LINGYEN RETREAT EXPANSION PROPOSAL

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Fanny Luo, my address is 6820 Donald Rd. Richmond, BC V7C 2Y9, and I have been a resident of Richmond since 2003.

I support Lingyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application. My daughter currently attends Lingyen Mountain Temple Children's School. My daughter has learned a lot from the Masters-especially on how to interact with people, show compassion and respect to each other. Everything she learns here will prepare her well with the right attitude to face the challenges and stressful hardships in the future.

Each Sunday, I like to visit and offer my most sincere prayer to the Buddha. The temple is a peaceful environment. Whenever I visit, it allows me to examine my own life closely and purify the inner self. I also pray for blessing for my family.

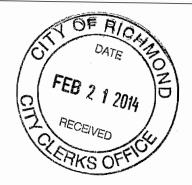
Since I come to the temple weekly, I have witnessed more and more people of different ethnic background come to visit, join the prayer sessions, or participate special events. Canada is a multicultural country that respects and embraces culture, people and region from all parts of the world. In particular, Richmond is exemplary multi-cultural city. The temple has made great effort in promoting Buddhism and Chinese cultural and its values to the public of different ethnic backgrounds. People learn to practice compassion, hard work, respect and honour for parents & elderly and all human beings. We all strive to spread this spirit of compassion and kindness to the larger community.

Therefore, I sincerely wish the City can support the expansion project so the Temple can accommodate and serve more needs of Richmond's residents.

Thanks again for your time and best wishes for the New Year.

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Sincerely,





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Finance and Corporate Services Department City Clerk's Office

Telephone: 604-276-4007 Fax: 604-278-5139

Ms. Fanny Luo 6820 Donald Road Richmond, BC V7C 2Y9

Dear Ms. Luo:

Re: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of February 16, 2014 in connection with the above matter.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information. In addition, your letter has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for information. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604-276-4000.

Thank you for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Hanieh Berg

Acting Manager, Legislative Services

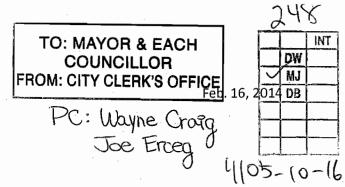
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Joe Erceg, General Manager, Planning and Development





To whom it may concern:

My name is Ling Tien Jian. I live in 6820 Donald Rd. Richmond, BC V7C 2Y9 since 2008.

I support Lingyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application. My daughter currently attends Lingyen Mountain Temple Children's School. My daughter has learned a lot from the Masters and I feel that she has been more respectful and patient.

The Temple teaches the importance of compassion and it has been a home for my spiritual practice and I learned to embrace the importance of finding peace within myself.

I feel that the temple makes effort and takes time to listen the concerns of the neighbours and the City of Richmond staff. I believe the revised proposal has addressed majority of people's concerns about height of the building, traffic concerns and continue usage of the farm land.

Therefore, I sincerely wish the City can approve the rezoning application so the Temple can accommodate and serve more needs of Richmond's residents.

Thanks again for your time

Sincerely,

Ling Tren Jian





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Mr. Ling Tien Jian 6820 Donald Road Richmond, BC V7C 2Y9

Dear Mr. Jian:

Re: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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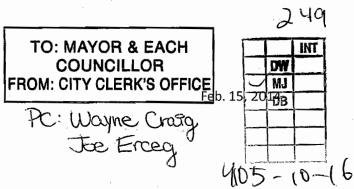
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Joe Erceg, General Manager, Planning and Development





To whom it may concern:

My name is Brian Jian, and I have lived in 6820 Donald Rd. Richmond, BC V7C 2Y9 since 2003.

I would like to voice my support for Lingyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application.

My younger sister currently attends Lingyen Mountain Temple Children's School. I noticed that she has improved a lot; she is more patient and always strives to practice the virtue of respecting and loving others.

I also noticed that the Masters, volunteers and practitioners form an important social support network and they provide spiritual and practical help when there's a need.

I occasionally join my mother to attend the prayer session at the Temple. I feel more relaxed and at peace.

I believe it is beneficial for the Richmond community to have this application move forward.

Thank you for your attention







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Fax: 604-278-5139

Mr. Brian Jian 6820 Donald Road Richmond, BC V7C 2Y9

Dear Mr. Jian:

Re: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of February 15, 2014 in connection with the above matter.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information. In addition, your letter has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for information. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604-276-4000.

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# MayorandCouncillors

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From: ent:

Wednesday, 26 February 2014 15:36

To: Subject: 'elaine\_white@hotmail.com' RE: Agricultural Land Reserve TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

to Wayne Croudy See Erces

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 20, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Hanieh Berg | Acting Manager, Legislative Services City of Richmond · 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Direct (604) 276-4163 · Fax (604) 278-5139

----Original Message----

From: elaine white [mailto:elaine white@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, 20 February 2014 09:08

To: Eng, Kevin

Cc: MayorandCouncillors; info.calmR@gmail.com

Subject: Agricultural Land Reserve

We have lived in Richmond for 35 years and when we first bought our house No. 5 Road consisted mainly with vegetable stands and agricultural farming land. We also had Mylora Golf Course within walking distance. We felt that this was a location to raise a family, not quite in the country but close enough.

Over the years we have seen more and more large construction being put on No. 5 Road. Now I understand that the No. 5 Road Backlands Policy is to be amended to allow for development past the 110 meters allowed in the Policy. Isn't No. 5 Road part of the farming land? What happened to the policy that required farming on those backlands? More and more farming land is being taken away in Richmond. Why are we allowing this to happen? Please stop any further development on the backlands or any land swaps to enable development.

Sincerely, Elaine White

9231 Kingsley Court

Sent from my iPad

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TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

From:

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ent:

Friday, 28 February 2014 08:10

To: Subject: 'SUNNY YANG' RE: SupportLetter IC WOMEN Chaia JOE Evag

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 27, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: SUNNY YANG [mailto:sunny7yang@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, 27 February 2014 23:06

Fo: MayorandCouncillors Cc: lymtbc@gmail.com Subject: SupportLetter & DISTRIBUTED

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Mr. Malcom Brodie and Councilors 6911 No.3 Road Richmond, B.C. V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor Mr. Brodie and City Councilors,

My name is \_\_Sunny Yang\_\_\_, my address is \_5AAA Francis road, been a resident of Richmond since \_\_2012.

I have great interest in Asian culture and Buddhism. I have been very excited about the expansion project of the temple and looking forward to its completion.

It is a great thing to have such architecture with traditional Chinese elements in our multi-cultural country. Ling Yen Mountain Temple has become a tourist site where I always bring my non-Chinese friends to. My friends are always impressed with this place as they have never seen a real traditional temple in North America which makes them want to learn more about it. I hope that with the completion of the new facilities in the temple will allow more visitors to explore the Buddhist culture. I

also hope that there would be an exhibit hall for the related artifacts or artwork for people like me to have a chance to appreciate and learn.

Sincerely,

Thank you and best regards ~

Sunny Yang

# **MayorandCouncillors**

TO: MAYOR & EACH
COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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Sent:

Wednesday, 26 February 2014 11:13

To:

'Zhiwei Dong'

Subject:

RE: Zhiwei Dong\_Support Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning and Expansion

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 26, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: Zhiwei Dong [mailto:dongzhiwei2010@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 26 February 2014 10:49

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Zhiwei Dong\_Support Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning and Expansion

To whom it may concern

I am Zhiwei Dong and I live in Richmond. I strongly support Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning and expansion plan. Thanks.

Sincerely

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From:

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3ent:

Monday, 03 March 2014 12:37

To:

'Yunli Qiu'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen mountain temple rezoning

Re Wayne Crows doe Ercox

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of March 2, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

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----Original Message----

From: Yunli Qiu [mailto:yunli.qiu@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 02 March 2014 11:43

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen mountain temple rezoning

Dear Mayor and councillor,

I am a Richmond resident, I live in Richmond for the past 14 years. I often visit Lingyen mountain temple on weekends, it is important part of our life, we enjoy the peaceful moments there. My family and friends go there as well. We see a significant increase of number of visitors over the last ten years. I think it is important for the temple to expand to provide the service better. I fully support the temple rezoning application.

If you have question, I can be reached at : 5628 lackner crescent, Richmond, BC Tel 6042418535

Yours sincerely, Yunli Qiu

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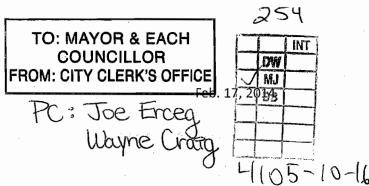
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To whom it may concern:

My name is Mark Tian. I'm writing in regards of my support for the Lingyen Mountain Rezoning application. I've lived in Richmond since 2003. I currently live at 1802-7362 Elmbridge way, Richmond BC V6X 0A6. Our family care for the development and progress of our community.

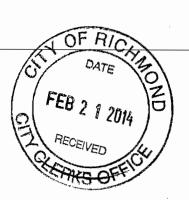
Lingyen Mountain Temple is a magnificent yet tranquil monastery. It teaches unselfishness, humbleness, compassion, tolerance and equality of all sentient beings.

I like to visit the temple because it is a peaceful environment.. Whenever I visit, I feel at ease and relaxed.

The temple has a need for expansion to accommodate more people. I hope the City of Richmond can approve the rezoning application so the Temple can serve more needs of Richmond's residents

Thank you again for your attention.

Mark Tian





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City Clerk's Office

Telephone: 604-276-4007 Fax: 604-278-5139

Mr. Mark Tian 1802-7362 Elmbridge Way Richmond, BC V6X 0A6

Dear Mr. Tian:

Re: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of February 17, 2014 in connection with the above matter.

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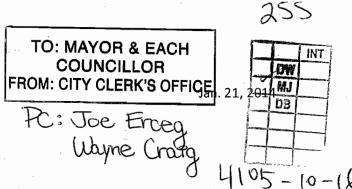
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To whom it may concern:

My name is Chole Sun. I live in Richmond since 2010 and I'm currently living at 6820 Donald Rd. Richmond, BC V7C 2Y9.

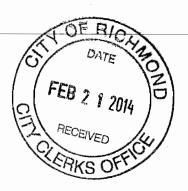
I'm writing to support Lingyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application. My mother in law and sister in law attend the Temple's prayer sessions every Sunday. I often join them on the big events of the Temple which attract a lot of people visiting. There's definitely a need to have a larger facility to accommodate hundreds and thousands of people. Richmond prides itself of its cultural diversity and tolerance. The new temple will serve as a valuable tool to enhance the multiculturalism in our community. Also, it would help to promote harmonious living environment.

Therefore, I hope the City can approve the rezoning application so the Temple can accommodate and serve more needs of Richmond's residents.

Thanks again for your time

Sincerely,

Chole SUN





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Telephone: 604-276-4007 Fax: 604-278-5139

Ms. Chole Sun 6820 Donald Road Richmond, BC V7C 2Y9

Dear Ms. Sun:

Re: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter received on February 21, 2014 in connection with the above matter.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information. In addition, your letter has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for information. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604-276-4000.

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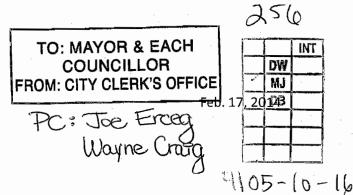
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Joe Erceg, General Manager, Planning and Development

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Jenny Chen. This letter is written to express my support for the Lingyen Mountain Rezoning application. I've lived in Richmond since 2003. I currently live at 1802-7362 Elmbridge way, Richmond BC V6X 0A6.

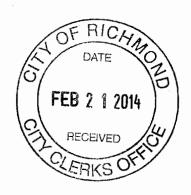
It only takes about 15 minutes to drive from my home to the temple. I like to visit and offer my most sincere prayer to the Buddha and Guan Yin Bodhisattva. The temple is a peaceful environment. Whenever I visit, I feel at ease and relaxed. I also pray for blessing for my family so everyone will be happy, hopeful and feel less anxious and stressful for life.

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Thanks again for your time







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Ms. Jenny Chen 1802-7362 Elmbridge Way Richmond, BC V6X 0A6

Dear Ms. Chen:

Re: LingYen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of February 17, 2014 in connection with the above matter.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information. In addition, your letter has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for information. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604-276-4625.

Thank you for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

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Acting Manager, Legislative Services

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#### MayorandCouncillors

From:

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3ent:

Thursday, 27 February 2014 08:27

To: 'helenyang'

Subject:

RE: support the Lingyen mountain Temple's rezoning

PC Wayne Crairy

TO: MAYOR & EACH

COUNCILLOR FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 26, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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----Original Message----

From: helenyang [mailto:helenyang.123@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 26 February 2014 18:23

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: support the Lingyen mountain Temple's rezoning

To whom may concerned:

I am writing to support the expanding plan of LingYen temple which is located on No.5 road. As a resident in Richmond, I often go to this temple with my family and friends. We share Chinese traditional culture with other people, and we join a lot of activities which are organized by the temple. I see there are so many people, including volunteers, visitors, and Buddhists. I strongly believe we should support the development of this temple because this is a very good place for people to socialize with others and study chinese culture. Moreover, the temple offers people free meals and provide free Chinese courses to children.

I hope you will kindly consider the expanding plan of this temple and give a satisfactory response.

Helen Yang

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6800 Eckersley road ,Richmond

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### MayorandCouncillors

From:

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jent:

Friday, 28 February 2014 13:45

To:

'D Towe'

Subject:

RE: A Humble Opinion

TO: MAYOR & EACH

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PC Wayne Croury

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 28, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the Ling Yen Mountain Temple, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

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From: D Towe [mailto:towe2010@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, 28 February 2014 11:38

To: MayorandCouncillors

Cc: D Towe

Subject: A Humble Opinion

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I, David Towe, am a retired federal government employee who lives in Burnaby. My wife and I go to Richmond almost every day for meeting our friends, shopping, dining, learning Taiji and doing volunteer work at Ling Yen Mountain Temple (LYMT) in the last three years. We find LYMT a hub of universal philosophy, where we learn peace, love, equality and tranquility. LYMT is also a very good place for cultivating our mind and spirit --- an inner innovation and improvement which every one of us will need in this highly competitive and monetary world. We believe our lives would be better if we would have learned Buddhism at an earlier age and we want to share this with you!

Since more and more people in Richmond and the Lower Mainland are interested in learning and practicing the Buddhist philosophy, we see an expansion of LYMT is urgently needed to accommodate the ever increasing population. We are confident that the expansion of LYMT will bring prosperity and wellness to the city of

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Richmond. LYMT will become the landmark of the city and attract tourists which will generate revenues for the city and residents of Richmond. When we attended the major events at LYMT in the past years, the traffic flows were so well organized that we have never experienced any traffic jam on No. 5 Road or Steveston Highway. Taking into consideration the current and future flows of traffic on No. 5 Road, we do not see the expansion of LYMT will create any traffic congestions in the ensuing years. In honour of the federal policies of multiculturalism and freedom of religions, we strongly support the expansion of LYMT, which will in turn benefit the residents in the vicinity as well as the business proprietors in Ironwood Mall and the surrounding areas.

Written and signed by Haily and David Towe in Burnaby, BC, this  $28^{th}$  day of February, 2014.

#### Grewal, Raman

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Wednesday, 05 March 2014 12:58

Го:

'Henry Chan'

Subject:

RE: Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of March 4, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: Henry Chan [mailto:henryc.canada@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 04 March 2014 23:59

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

**Dear Mayor and Councillors** 

I have been running a small vegetarian restaurant in Richmond for one year. I am writing in support of LingYen Mountain Temple's application for rezoning.

The vegetarian restaurant for me is not only a business but a way of life. I believe deeply that not eating meat is the most effective way to show compassion to animals and to the mother earth. It is also proven to be very important in leading a healthy lifestyle. Though I personally am not a close follower of Ling Yen Mountain Temple, I am dedicated to promoting vegetarianism as the best way of saving the environment. The Temple is no longer solely a place of worship, it has become a symbol of the protection of the environment. Therefore, I fully support the Temple in its efforts to promote compassion through vegetarianism.

Over the years, I feel that vegetarianism has become an increasingly popular alternative diet as my business steadily grows. The Temple offers free vegetarian lunch every day, with hundreds of people eating on weekends and special events. However, I do not feel this competes with my business because many customers had said that they initially became interested in vegetarianism because of the Temple. Whenever I do visit the Temple during cultural events, such as Chinese New Year, I am reminded of the fact that they are severely short in both worship and dining space. I am always amazed at how the masters and volunteers manage to prepare enough food for so many people in such cramped facilities. In order to ensure that they can continue their service and contributions to the community, please support their application.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Ji Xiang Vegetarian Cuisine,

2275-8181 Cambie Road, Richmond, B.C., Canada, V6X 3X9

Henry Chan

#### Grewal, Raman

From:

Konkin, Barry

Sent:

Monday, 10 March 2014 09:52

To: Subject: Grewal, Raman Linghyen Mtn temple

Regards,

Barry Konkin Program Coordinator, Development City of Richmond 6911 No. 3 Road Richmond BC

TEL: 604.276.4138 FAX: 604.276.4052

From: Eng, Kevin

Sent: Wednesday, 26 February 2014 12:32

To: Konkin, Barry

Subject: FW: Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting Thursday Feb 20th

Зarry,

Public Correspondence submitted in relation to Ling Yen Mountain Temple rezoning (RZ 13-641554).

Regards,
Kevin Eng
Policy Planning
City of Richmond
Ph: 604-247-4626
keng@richmond.ca

From: Olga [mailto:olga.tkatcheva@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 20 February 2014 11:41

To: Eng, Kevin

Subject: Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting Thursday Feb 20th

Hello,

my name is Olga Tkatcheva and I am a long time resident of Richmond.

I am also worried about the balance between the multicultural groups in our town. At some point of my life I worked as a supervisor of the extra-curriculum activities for the international students from more than 50

countries studied at the university and I learned that with the diverse mix of the religions, cultural differences and traditions the main thing is to be consistent in the equality approach - the rules are the rules regardless of the number of the participants involved in a group, otherwise the confrontations starts very quickly when one group feels the other ones are given a preferential treatment.

Please be consistent with the ALR rules and not allow the Lingyen Retreat to expand past the 110 meters allowed in the No. 5 Road back lands policy. Allowing the development of 250 meters would set a precedent for other institutions along the farming corridor and that could negatively affect farming in Richmond.

with best regards, Olga Tkatcheva 3508 Lockhart rd Richmond BC 604-2441074

TO: RANOR & EACH
COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERKS OFFICE

# STOP: LINGYEN RETREAT PROPOSAL

Lingyen Mountain Temple - 10060 No. 5 Road, Richmond

PC: Wayne Craig

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**TO:** Mayor Brodie and Richmond City Council 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

I am opposed to the 225,733 sq ft Retreat proposed by the Lingyen group.
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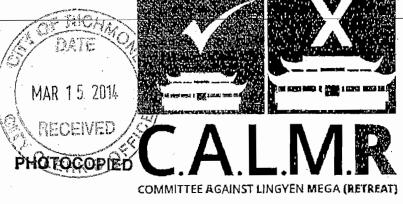
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# Memorandum

Finance and Corporate Services Department City Clerk's Office

To:

Mayor & Councillors

Date:

March 17, 2014

From:

Hanieh Berg

File:

12-8000-01/2013-Vol 01

Acting Manager, Legislative Services

Re:

Correspondence regarding Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Attached please find 4 letters of correspondence regarding the Ling Yen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application (RZ 10-547046).

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Acting Manager, Legislative Services

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PC:

Joe Erceg, General Manager, Planning and Development

Wayne Craig, Director of Development



# **MayorandCouncillors**

From:

kristina foley [kristina-foley@hotmail.com] Sunday, 16 March 2014 10:38 AM

Sent:

To:

MayorandCouncillors

Subject:

Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning

Categories:

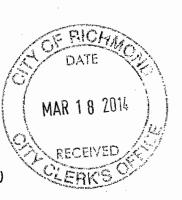
08-4105-10-16 - Lingyen Mountain Temple - proposed

I fully support Lingyen Mountain Temple right to expand.

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# **IONATHAN M. H. KONG**

456 Moberly Road, Suite 902 Vancouver, British Columbia V5Z 41.7

March 15, 2014

Mayor and Councillors City of Richmond Mayor's Office 6911 No. 3 Road Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Your Worship, Madams and Sirs:

Let this letter be a statement of support for a rezoning application filed by Lingyen Mountain Temple relating to its proposed expansion.

Richmond is known for its incredible diversity, the "Highway to Haven," as coined by many, is a quintessential part of the city's identity. This spectacular collection of Buddhist and Sikh temples, mosques, a Chinese evangelical church, Vedic Cultural Centre and Tibetan Thrangu Monastery, all coexisting side-by-side, inviting worshippers and visitors of almost every culture and faith to experience the sacred within their walls, is truly unique and not found elsewhere.

As a faithful patron of the Temple, I can see many benefits the proposed expansion can bring to the City of Richmond. My family choose to support the Temple for its genuine desire in making a difference in the community, regardless of ethnic and religious backgrounds. Expanded facilities will create greater capacity for the temple to give back. This is also an important gathering place, enabling the community to learn more about ourselves as Canadians and the multicultural spirit we embody. The expansion is a natural progression to accommodate growing interest in Buddhism from the community. Individuals who visit the temple are not only ethnic Chinese, but rather a diverse cross-section of ethnicities hailing from across the lower mainland. Personally, my family and I are residents of the City of Vancouver and there are others who come to the Temple from as far away as Maple Ridge.

As civic leaders, your duty is to ensure our next generation is more knowledgable and inclusive. This is an opportunity for Richmond to further establish itself ahead of other municipalities. The expanded Temple will be a place-maker for Richmond and your support in this application will create a legacy towards greater understanding not just within the Richmond community but around the Lower Mainland and globally. While the Temple must appropriately address the concerns raised by local residents and others, not allowing the entire project to proceed will be a lost opportunity. Therefore, I implore you to seriously consider this application and its merits for Richmond.

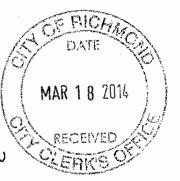
Sincerely yours,

Jonathan Kong

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# MayorandCouncillors

From:

Jonathan Kong [jonathankong@me.com]

Sent:

Sunday, 16 March 2014 9:40 AM

To:

MayorandCouncillors

Subject:

Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Attachments:

Letter\_to\_City\_of\_Richmond.pdf

Categories:

08-4105-10-16 - Lingyen Mountain Temple - proposed

Dear Madams and Sirs:

Enclosed please find a letter addressed to His Worship and councillors in support of the Temple's rezoning application.

Many thanks for your kind attention on the matter,

Jonathan Kong

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## **MayorandCouncillors**

From: 3ent:

Raymond Yeung [rycl2009@gmail.com] Saturday, 15 March 2014 10:56 PM

To:

MayorandCouncillors

Cc:

lymtBC@gmail.com

Subject:

Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Categories:

08-4105-10-16 - Lingyen Mountain Temple - proposed

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I support the rezoning application of The Lingven Mountain Temple on its property at 10060 No. 5 Road Richmond. As a resident of Richmond, I would like to see that we have the largest Buddhist temple of BC, may be even in Canada. The new temple will attract more visitors and good to our tourism. Just like the other developments in Richmond, why don't we accept their rezoning plan with open mind? Far-sighted policy making will be good to all the residents of Richmond.

Yours faithfully

Raymond Chi Leung Yeung

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#### Grewal, Raman

From:

MayorandCouncillors

3ent:

Monday, 24 March 2014 15:13

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'Gladys/Norton'

Subject:

RE: STOP: LINGYEN RETREAT PROPOSAL

Attachments:

CALMR-STOP-LingyenRetreatProposal.pdf

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of March 24, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Hanieh Berg | Acting Manager, Legislative Services

City of Richmond · 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Direct (604) 276-4163 · Fax (604) 278-5139

From: Gladys/Norton [mailto:gladys.norton@gmail.com]

**jent:** Monday, 24 March 2014 08:58

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: STOP: LINGYEN RETREAT PROPOSAL

Mayor Brodie and Richmond City Council,

Please see my objection to the Linguen Retreat Proposal.

Thanks

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Lingyen Mountain Temple - 10060 No. 5 Road, Richmond

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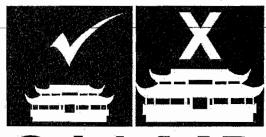
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COMMITTEE AGAINST LINGYEN MEGA (RETREAT)

# **Stop: Lingyen Retreat Proposal**

Dear Mayor Brodie and acquaintances, it has come to my attention that the Lingyen group is proposing to build a 225,733 square feet retreat. This must not be allowed to happen because not only will it be a risk for the students going to school around the area, it will increase the already crowded traffic there and the construction of a structure of this magnitude will be sure to cause problems.

As I mentioned before, this structure is a safety hazard for the students attending the nearby schools. The structure is sure to attract more people, and some of those people may want to kidnap some of the students for their own evil purposes; with the increase in population there, who would notice one or two kids that have gone missing? By the time their disappearance has been discovered, it might already be too late. Sure, supporters of the construction may say that kidnapping is an overstatement, but according to the Missing Child Society of Canada, there were 8,082 children/youths that have gone missing in just British Columbia in 2011. Would you like to have the lives of innocent children on your hands? I think not.

Furthermore, the construction of this retreat will add to the already severe traffic there. More people will go to the temple, and because we are in a generation of technology, nearly everyone will go in a car, thus increasing the nearby traffic. As parent of a child that goes to a school close to the temple, I know that the traffic there can get extremely severe since I have to drive my child to and from the school every day. By building this retreat, you're making it harder for some people to get to their work place, and if they are constantly late, they could lose their jobs, possibly the only thing keeping their family from the streets. Also, what about the students? What if they are constantly late for school because of the heavy traffic? What if they have to take a test, or their teacher is giving them an important piece of information? By building this retreat, you could very well be ruining people's futures.

Lastly, building something this big in such an urban area will cause a lot of problems; for example, I live next to a construction site, and what the workers are building is nowhere near the size of the temple they're proposing to build. Yet I still manage to get extremely annoyed by the sound of the work taking place; it is not just the temple that is an issue, the process needed to create it is also a huge nuisance. Think of all the people in the neighborhood that just want some peace and quiet. Are you really going to deny them what is theirs based on a group of people that are not satisfied with the gigantic temple they already have?

So after reading this, I, along with all the members of my family strongly urge you to refuse their proposal to further expand the size of the temple.

#### Grewal, Raman

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Wednesday, 19 February 2014 14:08

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'romain'

Subject:

RE: STOP: LINGYEN RETREAT EXPANSION PROPOSAL

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of February 19, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

Hanieh Berg | Acting Manager, Legislative Services City of Richmond · 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Direct (604) 276-4163 · Fax (604) 278-5139

From: romain [mailto:romainc2003@yahoo.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2014 14:04

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject: STOP: LINGYEN RETREAT EXPANSION PROPOSAL** 

#### Grewal, Raman

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 06 January 2014 11:49

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'Marty McKinney'

Subject:

RE: Opposition to the size of the expansion of the Lingyen Temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 5, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for information. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

#### Michelle Jansson Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Marty McKinney [mailto:chiefhvvfd@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, 05 January 2014 18:40

**Fo:** MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Opposition to the size of the expansion of the Lingyen Temple

Marty McKinney
Richmond Resident for 38 years



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 20 January 2014 16:28

√o:

'Alvin Klassen'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN RETREAT PROPOSAL

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 19, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Yours truly,

Michelle Jansson

Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Alvin Klassen [mailto:chiropractor1966@shaw.ca]

Fent: Sunday, 19 January 2014 8:05 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN RETREAT PROPOSAL

To: Mayor Brodie and Richmond City Council 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC, V6Y 2C1

I am OPPOSED to the 225,733 sq. ft. Retreat proposed by the Lingyen Temple group on #5 Road.

- The height of the main building at 98 feet tall is incongruent with the rest of #5 Road buildings. Other temples, mosques, schools, and churches along #5 Road have maintained a sensible norm in their buildings.
- 2. The size of their "hotel" complex with reported 472 beds and 457 parking spaces needs to be located in a commercial zone, not in an area of homes and churches.
- 3. To me this proposal, along with their preceding proposals, is unfriendly and in poor taste.

Sincerely,

Alvin & Katherine Klassen 10580 Seamount Road Richmond, BC, V7A 4P6 Tel 604-272-9810

Signed copy to follow by fax

From:

Konkin, Barry

-Sent:

Tuesday, 01 April 2014 08:36

o:

Grewal, Raman

Subject:

FW: Lingyen Mountain Temple

Regards,

Barry Konkin Program Coordinator, Development City of Richmond 6911 No. 3 Road Richmond BC TEL: 604.276.4138

From: MayorandCouncillors

Sent: Wednesday, 14 August 2013 10:10

To: 'Amber Bi'

FAX: 604.276.4052

Subject: RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple

ear Ms. Bi,

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your correspondence in relation to the Lingyen Mountain Temple, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor, each Councillor and to staff for information. As you are aware, an application for rezoning and OCP amendment has been initiated and the matter is currently under review by staff. If you have any further questions or concerns at this time regarding this application, please feel free to contact Diana Nikolic in the Development Applications Division at 604-276-4040.

Thank you for taking the time to make your views known.

Regards,

David Weber Director, City Clerk's Office

From: Amber Bi [mailto:amber.bee@live.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 13 August 2013 09:32

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple

Dear: Honorable Mayor Malcom Brodie and Members of Council

I have enclosed a letter to express my concerns for the current status of Lingyen Mountain Tem	ple's
expansion proposal to the City of Richmond within this email.	

Thank-you for taking the time to read over my concerns and insight to the situation.

Your Sincerely,

Amber Dawn Bi

August 12th, 2013

Ms. Amber Dawn Bi 102-8511 Westminster Hwy. Richmond B.C. V6X-3H7

Honarable Malcom Brodie Mayor of Richmond and Members of Council City Hall: 6911 No.3 Road Richmond B.C. V6Y-2C1

Dear: Honorable Mayor Malcom Brodie and Members of Council

The Lingyen Mountain Temple (LYMT) is currently applying for an expansion with the City of Richmond and I am writing to encourage your support for the services LYMT provides and wishes to provide for our local and global communities. As a tour guide and native English speaking Buddhist at Ling Yen Mountain Temple, I act to serve the public outside the Chinese speaking community and am concerned how LYMT is limited when acting to serve local, regional and international tourists and visitors.

Last year LYMT toured 42 groups in 12 months. In 2013 thus far we have led 38 groups. For 2012 and the first half of 2013 we have had over 2500 tour participants. Monthly ceremonies and special events attract between 150-3000 people, locally and internationally per gathering and event. In several of our large tours and events the capacity to comfortably tour large groups in our main Buddha hall is reached and the dining hall overflows with people into classrooms, hallways and our courtyard while serving traditional Buddhist meals.

Experiencing a traditional monastic lunch, participating in ceremonies and learning of traditional Chinese palatial architecture are three of our most popular attractions to our locals and visitors. LYMT accommodates tourists or large groups to visit during certain days and tries diligently to schedule them to ensure the best experience. However, increasingly the size of the Temple limits the number of tours and number of tour participants and at times leaves tourists disappointed when there is no room to experience what we planned.

Recent instances where we encountered significant space conflicts were with the Sajguru Ram Sigh Sajsang Group comprised of 180 people of all ages of Sikh faith from around B.C., the United States and surrounding areas, and a group of 300 Burnaby High School students as well as other groups.

In order for these groups to experience lunch with the locals we set up tables and seating areas in the hallways and other areas of the temple. Space limitations make it impossible for resident nuns, local participants and tour groups to experience a traditional lunch comfortably together.

Experiencing the featured attraction of our temple - a ceremonial meal with traditions that date back 3000 years is something that is unique to LYMT.

Due to limited time and space, we have to divide large groups and take turns getting in and out of the main Buddha hall. Space constraints make it impossible for everyone in the groups to get a look into this hall and they miss out on an attentive explanation of the architecture and symbolism within this most significant part of the temple structure.

We also did not have space to grant these groups' requests to experience a traditional chant together, for we would have had to take turns in the recitation hall to accommodate the size of the group.

We have similar experiences and space conflicts when accommodating large monthly ceremonies or annual retreats. With a larger facility the public would have space to experience a traditional lunch without chaotic arrangements of furniture and this will prevent tourists that travel to LYMT with limited time from having to wait for a second round lunch.

In a new expanded Temple we could fill classrooms for Q&A sessions to thoroughly explain the symbolism and architecture of LYMT and accommodate requests for experiencing traditional chants led by a few selected nuns in a larger multifunctional hall.

Most essentially, time would not limit the experience of these groups and local communities from embracing a space that Richmond has to offer as a cultural monument and unique time capsule destination. As a volunteer tour guide with LYMT and Community Outreach Coordinator with Cinevolution Media, I understand the importance for Richmond communities to have spaces that are comfortable and aesthetically impressive with a large supportive community to embrace cross cultural education. Richmond has a unique identity, it takes a very motivated team to provide atmospheres that are culturally significant and entirely age and culturally inclusive. By allowing LYMT to expand, Richmond will gain a safe, more inclusive space that meets the demands of the public for our local and outside communities to have a comfortable inviting space to learn and experience Chinese Buddhist culture.

Yours faithfully,

Amber Dawn Bi

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Friday, 20 December 2013 14:14

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Subject:

RE: Support the expansion of Linyen Mountain Temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 20, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors for their information.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for information. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

#### Michelle Jansson

#### **Acting Director, City Clerk's Office**

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: susan liu [mailto:susanyliu@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, 20 December 2013 14:13

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Support the expansion of Linyen Mountain Temple

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I would like to support the expansion of Linyen Mountain Temple.

In Richmond, there are many first generation immigrants coming from China or other countries. Since coming from a country with different culture, first generation families face various challenges such as culture shock, job hunting, adapting into new environment or even family conflicts.

I believe Linyen Mountain Temple helps many families and individuals in dealing with stress and not limited to those with Chinese background.

One of my friends from Southeast Asia told me that after taking the class and retreat in Linyen Mountain Temple, she gained courage to improve the relationship with her mother in law. Another friend of mine managed to get well along with a colleague who used to give him hard times after learning Buddhism in Linyen Mountain Temple.

Religion may not be the answer to every question but it does help a lot of people and families to be more confident when facing problems in the life. A happier family or individual will contribute more to the society.

I often see students from different schools visiting the Temple. It also help people from different cultures to understand each other.

I believe Linyen Mountain Temple can bring more benefits to the city of Richmond.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Liu

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 23 December 2013 11:46

ίo:

'B Jarman'

Subject:

RE: Lingven Temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 20, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: B Jarman [mailto:bjarman@DCCNET.COM]

**Sent:** Friday, 20 December 2013 18:18

**To:** MayorandCouncillors **Subject:** Lingyen Temple

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to voice my opinion with regards to the Lingyen Mountain Temple's proposed expansion of their facilities on No. 5 Road in Richmond

I have been visiting the Temple at there present facility for about two years now and often bring my family. We all participate in the walking and chanting Meditation sessions that the Temple provides free of charge to the community and occasionally also enjoy the lovely gatherings, lunches and festivities that are presented there. I also enjoy the english language classes that the Temple provides and have learned a great deal through the Temple about how to live a peaceful life within the community and otherwise.

We do drive to Richmond from North Delta to attend the Temple's services and often we have lunch or shop while in Richmond. One thing that I have noticed at the Temple is that a lot of the time it seems over crowded and, while the Temple is trying to provide such meaningful service to the Richmond community, it seems they have to "make do" with the space that they have available. I can see Linguen Mountain Temple being able to do so much more and be even more helpful to the community should the proposed expansion go forward.

All in all I believe that the proposed expansion of the Temple is a good idea and will enhance the community in nany ways. Feel free to contact me directly through email or telephone should you have any questions or need further clarification

Best Wishes,

Brian Jarman bjarman@dccnet.com 604-591-1841

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 23 December 2013 11:48

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'Linda'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 20, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Yours truly,

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#### Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Linda [mailto:lindachung67@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, 20 December 2013 21:08

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Hello Mayor and Councillors,

My name is Linda Mei-Yun Chung and I have been the property owner of 1323 at 8368 Capstan Way, Richmond, BC for the last twelve years. My sons go to Sunday school at the temple and over the last few years, they have not only learned Mandarin but also learned morals and values regarding community service. Overall, I believe that Lingyen Mountain Temple has a positive impact on education and growth within the community and as a result, I support the expansion of the temple and I hope that the City of Richmond supports this initiative as well.

Much thanks, Linda Mei-Yun Chung

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 23 December 2013 11:48

To:

'Arthur Chen'

Subject:

RE: Lingven Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

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City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Arthur Chen [mailto:arthurylchen@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, 20 December 2013 21:28

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Hello Mayor and Councillors,

My name is Arthur Yuan-Liang Chen and I am the property owner of 1326 at 8368 Capstan Way, Richmond, B.C. I support the expansion of Lingyen Mountain Temple due to the benefit it has on the people of the City of Richmond . The temple supports cultural inclusion and understanding and brings together the community. It teaches principles of service and this mentality is embraced by all members at the temple. I hope to see you support Lingyen Mountain Temple in its initiatives in the same way it supports the residents of the city.

Thank you for listening, Arthur Yuan-Liang Chen

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 23 December 2013 11:54

To:

'Ko Carol'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 22, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

#### Michelle Jansson

#### Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

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From: Ko Carol [mailto:carol-ko@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, 22 December 2013 12:51

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Re: Lingyen Mountain Temple

Dear Mayor and council,

I am a volunteer at Lingyen Mountain Temple.

As I know the nuns at the temple are kind and generous.

Many members at the temples are also nice and kind.

They provide free meal of lunch and dinner for people.

Especially during weekend and events hundreds of people gathered at there.

They don't have enough rooms to serve meal and ceremony.

They always have to divide these service into several parts.

For example have lunch at walk way, meeting room and pray room and set two schedule to provide these service.

Another thing, having different schedule for same ceremony because shortage of rooms.

I hope mayor and council in City of Richmond will allow Lingyen Mountain Temple to enlarge their building and rooms.

I appreciate for your kind understand and help.

56-11571 Thorpe Road, Richmond, BC V6X 3Z4 Tel: 604-285-2559

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 02 January 2014 16:40

To:

'Violet Xu'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 31, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors for their information.

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From: Violet Xu [mailto:violet-0428@hotmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, 31 December 2013 12:23 AM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

#### Dear Mayor and Councillors of Richmond:

My Name is Lei Xu, my address is 5660 Blundell Road, Richmond, and I have been a resident of Richmond since 2007.

I support Lingyen Mountain Temple's expansion application, because:

- This will be a great place to donate to different charity organizations. For example: Lingyen Mountain provides Food Drive for Richmond Food Bank. We can donate vegetarian food here, and collect the food for people who need them. The important thing is that we will NOT donate expired food for people!!! Lingyen Mountain also contribute funds for the world where has natural disasters, such as hurricane of the Republic of The Philippines. Thus, Lingven Mountain is better at donate to variety charity organizations.
- This will be a great place to spend time with the whole family to purify one's mind, body, and soul. When you come to Lingyen Mountain, you will feel peaceful. You can forget any troubles from you study or work. Moreover, Religious beliefs teach people to be kind and to do good deeds, this will make our society a better place.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 778-318-3099. Thank you for your time, and I am looking forward to hear from you soon.

Warm Regards,

Lei

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 02 January 2014 16:41

To:

'Chantelle Li'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 30, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors for their information.

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Yours truly,

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Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

----Original Message----

From: Chantelle Li [mailto:chantelleli@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 30 December 2013 11:11 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Mr Mayor & the Council,

My name is Chantelle Li, I work as a banker and live in Richmond. I have been going to this temple regularly since 2006. It has been a holy sanctuary to me. It is also by far the most organized temple I have ever seen. The nuns are kind, generous and devoted; I have seen dozens of volunteers working in and/or contributing to the temple in their own ways, to help other people out. I think the temple deserves to have an expanded complex so that it can serve the public in many more ways. I also think it is in the City's best interest to to have an influential religious entity like Lingyen Temple. It is my sincere wish this rezoning application will be approved.

Thank you in advance and Happy New Year!

Warmest regards, Chantelle Li

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 02 January 2014 16:42

To:

'Garry Hu'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 30, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors for their information.

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Yours truly,

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

Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

----Original Message----

From: Garry Hu <a href="mailto:garryhu@shaw.ca">[mailto:garryhu@shaw.ca</a>]
Sent: Monday, 30 December 2013 1:30 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning

Dear honorable Mayor and City Councillors of Richmond:

My name is Garry Hu, I have lived in the lower mainland since 1990. I am writing to you to express my support for the proposed temple rezoning application.

Over the last ten years, I have seen very exciting commercial and residential developments in various sections of Vancouver, Richmond and Burnaby. Along with density, the overall living experience of the lower mainland has been steadily on the rise.

The approval of the temple rezoning application would really compliment the development trend, especially from a Richmond resident's perspective. If the application gets approval, the improvement at the site and the associated upgrade at the #5 road would significantly benefit the surrounding neighborhood.

The new site, like the existing one, will be open to the public during day time. It will essentially be an excellent park for all the citizens, and the best thing is that the city doesn't have to spend any money to build it. The temple's appearance will be very classic and dignified, and visitors will be visually rewarded by the pleasant environment.

The #5 road upgrade should be in place regardless of the new temple addition, since various nearby residential developments is also taking shape. The road upgrade will not only enhance the city, it will also be popular for all who get to use it everyday. The temple's regular visitors usually come on Sunday only, when the traffic is the lightest. All the benefits will more than likely improve the property values of the nearby homes.

The temple and the resident masters are a valuable community resource for anyone who come seeking advice to problems they encounter in their lives. As far as I know, the temple also provides other kinds of help to those in need in the society including donations to Richmond hospital and food bank. I sincerely hope this wonderful community would be allowed to develop, making the lower mainland, especially Richmond, an even better place to live and grow.

Thank you for your time reading my letter, yours truly Garry Hu

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 02 January 2014 16:43

To:

'Becky Wang'

Subject:

RE: LÍNGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 27, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors for their information.

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----Original Message----

From: Becky Wang <a href="mailto:becky-wang@shaw.ca">[mailto:becky-wang@shaw.ca]</a>

Sent: Friday, 27 December 2013 10:07 PM

To: MavorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN MOUNTAIN TEMPLE REZONING APPLICATION

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing on behalf my family to support the Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application.

I, Yan Wang, am a Canadian citizen who has lived in Burnaby/New Westminster, BC for 12 years. My entire family strongly supports the rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain Temple. The rezoning of Lingyen Mountain Temple can benefit the City of Richmond in a variety of ways.

First of all, the rezoning of Lingyen Mountain Temple will improve the economy of the City of Richmond. The new temple will attract more tourists and more Buddhists to Richmond, which will bring substantial economic benefits to the City. From my own experience, I seldom visited Richmond in the past. Starting from about four years ago when my family became Buddhists, we go to the temple every weekend. Due to our involvement with the temple, Richmond became my family's major activity area, we do weekly shopping here, dine at Richmond, and even enlist my daughter in dance classes here. This not only applies to my family but many other peers in the temple have the same experience as we do. Now Richmond is like our second home because of Lingyen Mountain Temple.

Secondly, the rezoning will help the City to develop a more peaceful and harmonious community. As a peaceful and merciful religious institution, the temple teaches people to be kind to others, to contribute to the community and to the country. All of these teachings help to improve the safety and harmony of the Richmond community. Besides these factors, the

temple also offers free vegetarian meals to the public all year round, provides chanting assistance and comfort to the loved ones of those who suffer from serious illness and whom have recently passed on, as well as donates goods and funds to charities including hospitals and Richmond Food Bank.

Lastly, the rezoning will strengthen the feature of Richmond as a multicultural city. The architectural style of the new temple will definitely attract people from different cultural backgrounds, which will provide more opportunities for people to learn different cultures and communicate to people with varieties of cultural backgrounds.

I sincerely hope the City can approve Lingyen Mountain Temple's rezoning application, and believe the City will be better off from the temple's rezoning.

Best regards

Simon Sun Becky Wang, CGA Ziyao Sun Celine Sun

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 02 January 2014 16:44

To:

'Chrystal Ching'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 26, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors for their information.

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From: Chrystal Ching [mailto:ching857@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, 26 December 2013 6:37 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

Hello,

My name is Lai, Ping Hung. I have been living in Richmond for 10 years. I agree Lingyen Mountain Temple rezonging application.

Sincerely,

Ping



From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Thursday, 02 January 2014 16:45

To:

'Ken Fok'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple's Expansion Proposal

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of December 24, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors for their information.

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From: Ken Fok [mailto:fokk3@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 December 2013 7:22 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple's Expansion Proposal

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

We are Kenneth Fok and Anita Fok. We have been residents in Richmond for almost 24 years and lived in Steveston since 1991. We are writing to express our support to the Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application.

Currently, we see an unbalanced development in the city, compared to new apartments and townhomes, we do not see as many new developments in other facilities such as community centres, schools and religious institutions. That is why we strongly support the rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain Temple. For a growing city like Richmond, it is important to make sure we build places for people not only to live, to shop or to be entertained, but also to go to churches or temples for spiritual purification.

In addition, we are buddhists, we practice Dharma at Thrangu Monastery and Lingyen Mountain Temple on No. 5 Road.

However, every time when we practice at Lingyen Mountain Temple on Saturday or Sunday, we saw people have to eat out of the dining hall in the corridors. I would like the city council kindly to consider this situation and approve the temple expansion. Hence more local residents will be able to come to the temple and enjoy all the benefits the temple is providing.

Thank you for your kind consideration

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Tuesday, 07 January 2014 13:28

To:

'Joachim Wessler'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Expansion Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 7, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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**From:** Joachim Wessler [mailto:jowessler@telus.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 07 January 2014 11:12

**To:** MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Fw: Lingyen Mountain Temple Expansion Application

---- Original Message -----

From: Joachim Wessler
To: dnicolic@richmond.ca
Cc: sperndl@brookpooni.com

Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 10:23 AM

Subject: Lingven Mountain Temple Expansion Application

Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Councillors of the City of Richmond

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the Lingyen Mountain Temple (the "Temple") expansion proposal:

- \* I am opposed to the size of the Temple complex expansion from the existing 34,000 sq ft to 225,700 sq ft an increase of more than 650 % to a total size approximately 1.4 times that of the Richmond Bay store.
- I am opposed to the tallest building having a hight over 70 ft.

The reasons for my opposition are (1) personal, but also (2) because the Temple expansion is not in the public interest.

#### (1) PERSONAL REASONS FOR OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT

\* I have lived on Sealord Road for 45 years. Yes - I live here and want to call it "home"! If an "enriched island community" means a "livable neighbourhood" - then a Big Box development like the proposed Temple (should that read "another" Big Box development?) has no place here.

If approved, it will be like a monster towering of the neighbourhood. It will not fit in. For example, there are older large houses on Finn Road which fit into the landscape. Lately, new large houses have been built which are ostentatious and showy. Please keep that blight in the form of an enlarged Temple out of this neighbourhood!

As to the hight - the present 70 ft is too high already. I can see the existing Temple roof from my living room window now. As a person who happens to live here, I do not wish to have a 98 ft Buddha statue smiling into my living room window - even if it is housed / enclosed.

Received a letter from Knowledge Network recently which said: "Being a good neighbour also means we serve British Columbians - of all ages and stages of life - not advertisers, corporate or political interests." It seems to me that the sheer and overbearing size and hight of the proposed Temple complex is not intended to be a be a good neighbour, to fit into the community, but perhaps there are other motives, like to be ostentatious, to show off: Look here! How big we are!

No. This development for the community should not receive approval!

\* There are a few other issues.

I am neither a trained PR consultant, nor do I have the means to hire one. Three strikes against me for anyone listening to my opposition to the Temple expansion! But the Temple seems to have that money and with that they are buying "PR Experts" (call them "hired gun" if you will) to package and ram the proposal through.

Why do I say that? I have attended the Open Houses and have voiced my opposition to the project in writing - without result. Brooks Pooni greets me with "Claim your place. Speak your mind. Influence the outcome.", and the Lingyen "Application Update" comes out with "Public consultation helped to shape our application - thank you for your feedback!" I find those claims objectionable. The Temple/Brooks Pooni may well have changed the wrapping and the ribbons of the parcel (and divert attention by addressing secondary issues such as traffic etc.), but nothing has changed regarding the basic issue: the formiddable size and hight of the proposed complex (giving rise to those secondary issues)! If the Temple/Brooks Pooni boast of their revisions by reducing the hight from 160 ft in 2005 to 98 ft now, that is akin to a store increasing the price of a product to, say, \$16.00 (knowing full well it will not sell at that price), and the reducing it to \$9.80. And now - aren't we listening? Aren't we the good guys?

Here is another "packaging" change: Initially, the revised Temple was touted as something of a "Disney-style" tourist attraction. Then, at the Open Houses, there were exhibits (with the idea really unchanged) - but more subtle - pointing the finger at Richmond Council by reciting its policy for advancing tourism. In the latest "Application Update" under the heading "A Temple for All" - strange as it may seem - the firsts sentence reads: "The Lingyen Mountain Temple currently receives between 1,200 and 1,600 visitors from group tours annually". Hint, hint City Council! Subly packaged, that's what this project is all about - first and foremost tourism (not a temple for all)! And now the latest spin is calling the Buddhist temple a "Retreat Centre". Wow! If the name "temple" is offensive, call it "Retreat Centre"! Who can argue with approving a "Retreat Centre"? Let a livable neighbourhood be damned!

The clever "spin" goes on: Paint the Temple green! "We are providing free vegetatian meals." Yet the true colours showed at the time of the last BC election: The same election posters appeared on the Temple land as those on the property on Finn Road where industrial waste was being dumped on farm land. The "green" wrapping of the parcel hides the real content!

#### (2) PUBLIC INTEREST or PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IS NOT THERE

\* I have attended both Open Houses and did not see a great many people attending these events.

If the people of Richmond were interested in the Temple expansion, I would have thought there ought to be at least a few thousand in attendance, say, about 5,000 (5% of the population of Richmond, with, say, 50% minors). There was no such show! On the basis of that showing of "No Public Interest", the massive project should not be approved.

I am aware of the telephone survey result and the claim of a "so-called" statistically valid sample in favour. At the same time, I am aware that statistics can be obtained and used in various ways. Now, I was not one of the persons favoured to be contacted in that survey; nobody called me and identified himself as calling on behalf of the Temple. I surmise, the outcome of the survey could well have been influenced by the way the questions were asked. After turning down the 98 ft Buddha right on No. 5 Road, oh shuks, I am a nice guy, yeah, it's OK if it's set back! Is that how it went? I am guessing here. And was everyone contacted in that surevey made aware of the enormity of the proposed building? To repeat: The real and valid survey result obtained was the attendance at the Open Houses. It said cleraly that there is little or no interest by the public at large for proceeding with the the project!

\* In the same vein, the Temple/Brooks Pooni exhibits and the "Application Update" state that the Temple "has a congregation of 10,000 members". The turnout at the Open Houses belies that number. Even if there has been little interest in the the proposed massive development by Richmond residents in general, one surely would have to assume that Temple the members would show up en masse in support of what, one would surmise, is a major undertaking for them. The attendance at the Open Houses, however, tells the story of little or no interest in their very own temple. Also, even if the leadership were to rouse its members now to write expressions of support of the project (and if there is any validity to the quoted number of "10,000 members"), it would have to be a great many, say, in the thousands, in order for City Council to approve a project of such magnitude. In my opinion, in view of the enormity of the project, and in order to protect the integrity of the applicant – for those reasons the bar should be raised and the project be approved only if there were 75% to 80% of the 10,000 Temple members to vote in favour. It is my understanding that such massive support by the members has not come forth.

So, why not? and where are those "10,000 members"? Who are they and, yes, where are they? Do they live elsewhere? in the Fraser Valley? in Hong Kong? in Taiwan? and do the give a hoot about what is going on in Richmond? For members living elsewhere or for members who do not seem to care - for those "invisible" members a project of these massive dimensions should not be foisted on the people of Richmond.

If not the members (assuming they exist) - then who is behind this enormous Temple expansion? Is it someone's personal ambition? Is it big money from overseas (making money from investing in such a huge development)? Is it big money supporting somone's big ego? If that is so, for that reasen, but more so for the reason that there is a lack of a substantial / massive membership support - for those reasons the Temple expansion, as presently proposed, should not get approval to go forward. It is not in the public interest.

\* One other quick thought. The 2014 assessed value of my land has decreased by 8%. If that's the general trend, so be it. But it occurred to me that my property, being "so desirable" because of everyone of the 10,000 Temple members would dearly love to live in the close proximity of the the proposed grand Temple, my property should have seen a substantial increase in assessed value. Since it did not, what does it tell about people, you and me, wanting to live in the shadow of a 98 ft temple building and major "destination retreat centre"?

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Joachim Wessler 11751 Sealord Road, Richmond, B. C.

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 09 January 2014 16:13

To:

'Frank Suto'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 9, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

#### Michelle Jansson

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City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Frank Suto [mailto:fsuto@shaw.ca]
Sent: Thursday, 09 January 2014 16:05

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Jubject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple

As a nearby resident I have some concerns regarding the ongoing development proposals for this property. The latest proposals suggest a huge footprint for what I've been led to believe is an agricultural area within the agricultural land reserve (ALR).

The attached circular indicates that the FAR (Floor Area Ratio) in the zoning for this area is 0.5. The OCP map shows agricultural with the front of the property along No. 5 Road as 'Community Institutional'. As a result I'm assuming that the Assembly (ASY) zoning only applies to this section of the property and not the entire property as suggested in the circular?

The 500 residential units and 75,000 square feet of commercial space associated with the Gardens project cater-corner to Ironwood will create trafficmagen all on their own.

Adding what appears to be almost 200,000 square feet of temple and ancillary buildings and 450 parking spaces within a few hundred meters will just take it further over the top.

Emergency response times for police vehicles trying to get through the No 5 Road and Steveston Hwy intersection is another issue.

No 3 Road traffic will seem like a cakewalk especially during peak times.

I'm not opposed to development, however it should be done in such a way that there is infrastructure to support it and that it does not materially affect people already living in the area.

supported Ironwood which has proven to be an excellent addition to this part of Richmond.

For the record I oppose the Lingyen Mountain Temple proposal.

The proponents should be required to stay within the zoning and the property not designated for 'Community Institutional' uses should be dedicated to agriculture.

Respectfully, Frank Suto 604 275-7443

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Friday, 10 January 2014 12:54

To:

'JS Chahal'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 10, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: JS Chahal [mailto:jschahal@shaw.ca]

**Sent:** Friday, 10 January 2014 10:50

**Fo:** MayorandCouncillors **Cc:** Buddhism Seminar

Subject: Re: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

My name is Baljinder Chahal and I have been living in Richmond with my family since 1988. My address is 7551 Acheson Road, Richmond. I strongly support the above application because I feel the temple provides enormous love and support to a large number of people in and around Richmond. This temple is based on Budhist philosophy which teaches unfailing loving kindness and compassion for all beings in this world without any discrimination of their colour and creed. The staff at the templet teaches its congregation by example to cultivate noble qualities of love, peace and help everyone. The temple also runs a sunday class for the children, thus cultivating qualities of love and peace in them from a young age which we hold dear in our society. From my experience, the temple provides temedous benefits to the residents of richmond and its future generations, thus cultivating high moral and human conduct. Encouraging people to follow the noble path, the temple is helping reduce the criminal elements of the society.

My friend Rita Dhindsa who has lived in richmond since 1974 also supports the above sentiments.

We both support the rezoning application for the temple. it would improve richmond's society in many ways.

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## Grewal, Raman

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Bent:

Thursday, 09 January 2014 15:08

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'Ling Chen'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 7, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Ling Chen [mailto:chenling3139@163.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 07 January 2014 21:11

To: MayorandCouncillors

**Subject:** Lingven Mountain Temple Rezoning Application

#### Dear Mayor:

My name is Ling Chen. I come from China. I came to Vancouver in March, 2009. I like Vancouver. It is such a beautiful, clean and peaceful city. Because Richmond is a multicultural city and it is a very good city for my daily life, I moved to Richmond in June, 2009. I lived in 32-7831 Garden City Rd for over 3 years.

One day my friend Grace told me about Lingyen Mountain Temple. She said Lingyen Mountain temple offered the delicious vegie food to the public everyday. I was interested about the temple and the veggie food, so I went there with my friend. I was so impressed by the beautiful view of the temple, and deeply touched by the good services of the people in the temple. The people of the temple were so patient and kind. When we talked about our daily life and the plan of the future in Vancouver, they always gave us positive suggestions. They encouraged us to work hard to make our life, to be warm hearted to people around us, to keep doing the right things and to try our best to do meaningful things for the whole community.

I have many friends who live in Vancouver alone. Sometimes when they have sufferings or annoyance, they may also go to Lingyen Mountain Temple. They feel very relaxed in this temple as well. Some of them have talked with the master of the temple, they also get some helpful and positive suggestions.

I think there is such a temple in Richmond is really good for people like me and my friends. We live far away from our family in China. Sometimes we may feel lonely or confused about something. It is so lucky that we may get relaxed in this peaceful temple and get some good idea from the people of the temple.

nen I get the news that Lingyen Mountain Temple is applying for their rezoning, I think it is good news for many people. That's because more people will get better services from the temple. I completely agree with the rezoning application of Lingyen Mountain temple.

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for you!

Your sincere, Ling Chen Jan 6<sup>th</sup>,2014



From:

MayorandCouncillors

3ent:

Thursday, 09 January 2014 15:04

To:

'Regan Hawe'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Expansion

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 8, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

## Michelle Jansson Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Regan Hawe [mailto:reganhawe@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 08 January 2014 20:46

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Mountain Temple Expansion

To the Honorable Malcolm Brodie,

I am writing in regards to the proposed expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple, located at 10060 No. 5 Road in east Richmond. I am writing you as I truly believe that this expansion would be a benefit to the community. Recently, I have taken the time to visit the temple and found it is a welcoming place which provides some great services to the public. Some examples are the free meals provided at various times throughout the day, meditation classes that 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.

Any consideration of support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Regan Hawe



From:

MayorandCouncillors

3ent:

Thursday, 09 January 2014 14:59

To:

'Mat Moizis'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning

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From: Mat Moizis [mailto:mathewmoizis@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 08 January 2014 23:16 **To:** MayorandCouncillors; Buddhism Seminar **Subject:** Lingyen Mountain Temple Rezoning

Hello my name is Mathew Moizis. My grandparents, Raymond and Joan Kumano and I live at 10431 5rd Richmond and we would very much like the city to grant the rezoning application to the Lingyen Mountain temple as it would add further beauty to our neighborhood.

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Rent:

Tuesday, 07 January 2014 13:30

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'fenazhiging'

Subject:

RE: Lingven Mountain Temple rezoning application

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 6, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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From: fengzhiqing [mailto:zhiqingfeng@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 06 January 2014 21:09

To: MayorandCouncillors

Jubject: Lingyen Mountain Temple rezoning application

#### 尊敬的市长先生:

#### 您好!

我叫 Windy Feng,是居住在 10231 thirlmere dr. richmond 的市民,我在这里居住了7年。我家离灵岩山寺比较近,我逢年过节都会去寺里烧香拜佛。

听闻灵岩山寺想扩建,我认为这是个好事情。第一,佛教寺庙,对亚洲人来说,特别是中国、韩国及日本等国家

的人来说,除了宗教上的意义外,还是游览,节日参拜的地方,一个美丽的寺庙,对吸引、带动人气来到列治文游览、消费,有积极的意义。第二,灵岩山寺一直以来,也为社区做出了巨大的贡献,比如,为大众提供免费的斋饭,到医院做临终关怀和念助,慈善捐助,为社区人们提供心灵修行的地方等等,如果能够引导人们人心向善,引导心灵修行,相信对社区的治安将会起到良好的作用.这些,都是灵岩山寺对社区的贡献。

我写这封信,是向市长先生表达我个人的意见。

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## 新年快乐!

Windy 6/1/2014

From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Thursday, 23 January 2014 13:48

To:

'Barrie Galitzky'

Subject:

RE: Support for Lingyen Mountain Temple construction

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 22, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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#### Manager, Legislative Services

City of Richmond, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1 Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Barrie Galitzky [mailto:barrie.galitzky@gmail.com]

Jent: Thursday, 23 January 2014 1:41 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Support for Lingyen Mountain Temple construction

Hello,

I support the rezoning application for the Lingyen Mountain Temple construction. I work at Suite 230, 10451 Shellbridge Way, Richmond, BC. The activities of Lingyen Mountain Temple is great for promoting multiculturalism and diversity in the city of Richmond.

Thanks and warm regards,

Barrie Ross Galitzky

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Bent:

Monday, 20 January 2014 16:28

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'Alvin Klassen'

Subject:

RE: LINGYEN RETREAT PROPOSAL

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 19, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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Acting Director, City Clerk's Office

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Phone: 604-276-4006 | Email: mjansson@richmond.ca

From: Alvin Klassen [mailto:chiropractor1966@shaw.ca]

Sent: Sunday, 19 January 2014 8:05 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: LINGYEN RETREAT PROPOSAL

To: Mayor Brodie and Richmond City Council 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC, V6Y 2C1

# I am OPPOSED to the 225,733 sq. ft. Retreat proposed by the Lingyen Temple group on #5 Road.

- 1. The height of the main building at 98 feet tall is incongruent with the rest of #5 Road buildings. Other temples, mosques, schools, and churches along #5 Road have maintained a sensible norm in their buildings.
- 2. The size of their "hotel" complex with reported 472 beds and 457 parking spaces needs to be located in a commercial zone, not in an area of homes and churches.
- 3. To me this proposal, along with their preceding proposals, is unfriendly and in poor taste.

Sincerely,

Alvin & Katherine Klassen 10580 Seamount Road Richmond, BC, V7A 4P6 Tel 604-272-9810

Signed copy to follow by fax

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From:

MayorandCouncillors

ent:

Monday, 20 January 2014 16:27

To:

'Betty Swedberg'

Subject:

RE: Lingyen Temple Expansion

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 20, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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**From:** Betty Swedberg [mailto:betty.swedberg@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 20 January 2014 12:10 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors

Subject: Lingyen Temple Expansion

Dear Mayor Brodie and Councillors,

I am emailing today to ask that you not approve the Lingyen Temple expansion project. I live a couple of blocks from the temple and feel this project expansion request is too large for the neighbourhood. It is not fair to the people who live in the neighbourhood to allow such large projects to be built or expanded. I bought my property under the assumption that there is a limit to the height and footprint of the churches and building on Number 5 Road.

Please keep the bylaws as is.

All the best, Elizabeth Swedberg 10391 Seaham Crescent,

Richmond, BC

From:

MayorandCouncillors

Sent:

Monday, 20 January 2014 16:21

To:

'Trevor'

Subject:

RE: linguen temple

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of January 17, 2014 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

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----Original Message----

From: Trevor [mailto:tlangevin@shaw.ca]
Sent: Friday, 17 January 2014 4:10 PM

To: MayorandCouncillors Subject: linguen temple

I understand the temple people is again trying to build something over the limits of city bylaws. I am against this project from proceeding.

Trevor Langevin richmond.

February 13, 2014

City of Richmond 6911 No.3 Road Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Attention:

**Wayne Craig** 

**Director of Development** 

Dear Mr. Craig.

I am a resident of Richmond who lives on an acre lot and have blueberries in my back yard. We live in Richmond because of the farmland, the beauty of the golf courses, the pumpkin patches, U-pick strawberry patches and so on. It is so important to any and all communities to have farmland. We need to keep our farm land and let our farmers and our children farm the land. We do not need any more condos or large massive churches. The community has enough high rises and the community has enough large churches. I am all for growth but in small amounts and built within the restrictions set forth by our councilors and the Major. We have bylaws, building restrictions for a reason that our great councilors of our city voted on and made for great reasons. Please lets respect these bylaws and save our farmlands also. Richmond is known as a farming community so lets not change that.

I ask again to please keep the farmland on No.5 Road and lets let the farmers farm it.

Thanks Kindly,

11060 Granville Avenue Richmond, BC V6Y 1R6

604-241-0442