

To Public Hearing	
Date:	June 18, 2012
Item #	2
Re:	Bylaw 8769

May 30, 2012

Anita Fung
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The Honorable Mayor and City Councillors
City of Richmond
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**Schedule 23 to the Minutes of
the Council Meeting for
Public Hearings held on
Monday, June 18, 2012.**

RE: 9160 No.2 Road - RZ 10-516267

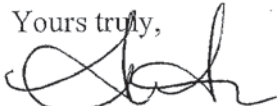
Dear Sir and Madam,

My name is Anita Fung and I have lived in Richmond for the majority of my life. I graduated from UBC and am working in Richmond, a city where I grew up in and a city where my parents also have been long term residents. I understand that recently, there is a lot of opposition against the application for rezoning of lands to multi-family, such as townhouses uses. The above mentioned re-zoning application is an example. I also read in the newspapers that Richmond has become a "millionaire's city", where the average home costs over \$1 million. Some of these homes are too big and unpleasant looking, changing the way I imagined Richmond to present it. I believe one newspaper article states that Richmond is becoming a "Ghost Town" with big and dark houses all over the place, a sad but true reality.

Many of my high school and UBC friends who grew up in Richmond are now forced to live in places like Surrey, Langley, Coquitlam or further away into the Fraser Valley away from their parents and older relatives. Financially, Richmond is out of their reach and will soon become a city of seniors and wealthy citizens. City Council and City Planners should think seriously about this consequence. Better use of existing land and a balanced growth should be promoted. Single-family houses are indeed the predominant type of housing but as time progresses, more intense use of the land and smaller and denser units should be allowed. The quality rather than the quantity of the housing should receive attention.

For the inviting and close community that I believe Richmond is, the restriction of building monster homes should be intensified and the promotion of more affordable multi-family developments encouraged.

Yours truly,



Anita Fung

