



# Garden City Lands Coalition

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Agricultural Land Commission  
133—4940 Canada Way  
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4K6

Dear Commissioners:

*Please accept this request from the Garden City Lands Coalition: We, the Coalition, urge you to reject application 38099, the re-application to exclude the Garden City Lands, 5555 No. 4 Road, Richmond, from the Agricultural Land Reserve. That decision, we believe, will further the purposes of the Commission.*

Allow us to introduce ourselves. The coalition is incorporated as the Garden City Lands Coalition Society in the Province of British Columbia with three purposes:

- To promote and advocate for the preservation as open space of the property in Richmond, British Columbia, commonly known as the “Garden City Lands.”
- To promote, advocate, educate, research and undertake other activities that will further the establishment, maintenance, expansion or preservation of agricultural uses and other appropriate activities on the Garden City Lands.
- To undertake similar activities or initiatives as recommended by the membership and executive.

The Society currently has 51 dues-paying members, and the Coalition includes an additional 503 supporters in our opt-in/out supporters group. Together these people represent some of the most active defenders of the Garden City Lands. An even larger number of people—1,846 to this point—have signed the petition requesting you to keep the Garden City Lands “green in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) for agricultural and ecological uses and park uses that may be permitted within the ALR.”

The Society’s board of directors is making this request on behalf of the Coalition. The directors are six long-time citizens of Richmond: Arzeena Hamir, P.Ag.; Bob Ransford; Daniel Leung; Jim Wright; Mary Gazetas; and Shane McMillan. As the filled-out expression of the request, we are providing *Save Garden City* in binders and on the Garden City Lands website. We would also be happy to provide a tour of the Garden City Lands led by the Coalition’s knowledgeable guides and/or answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Wright  
Director and President, Garden City Lands Coalition Society