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Candidly Speaking

Great Cities of the World have Great Parks

The great cities of the world have great parks; London and Hyde Park, Boston and the Boston Public Gardens, Paris and Jardin de Tuileries, New York and Central Park, Vancouver and Stanley Park. All of these parks are world renowned for family spaces- some with walking paths six metres across to accommodate walkers, strollers, dancers, runners. Parks that define their cities include activities for all seasons, from picnickers to kite flyers, dog walkers, little leaguers, strollers, observers, frisbee tossers, and huge informal soccer matches... Richmond has the opportunity to add a great park to a fine collection of parks. What makes a park great? Memorial gardens, outdoor markets, volleyball games, drumming circles, family Bar-b-ques, performances, pedal boats, youth hostels, multiple entrances, grand sport facilities, fireworks, opera, libraries, jazz festivals, outdoor film screenings ...

“Public space is for living, doing, kissing and playing. It can’t be measured with economics; it must be felt with the soul.” – Enrique Penalosa

I want the Garden City lands to be Richmond’s next great park. I will be looking for a commitment to parkland, green space, orchards, memorial gardens, rows of maple trees, public space, amenity buildings, community gardens, blueberries, fish ponds... The people of Richmond believe in green space and all this could be accomplished within the Agricultural Land Reserve. This could be a legacy of enormous magnitude. Afterall, it is about who comes after us...

Yours with Kindest regards,

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