

ASK

Make housing more affordable, diverse, and accessible by:

1. Adopting a new Affordable Housing Strategy by 2028 that establishes measurable targets for below market rentals and low-end market rentals, including targets for family-sized and accessible units, and publicly reports progress each year.
2. Prioritizing affordable housing on City-owned land. Move the four City-owned sites currently being considered for affordable housing toward development during the next Council term, retaining public ownership wherever feasible.
3. Designing housing for people at every age and ability. Ensure that affordable units have comparable accessibility, liveability and family suitability to market units.

Mayoral Candidates		
Dickens Cheung <i>We Are Richmond</i>		Housing is a basic human need and right, and a City that fails to take care of its own people in this area is essentially failing them. As Mayor, I fully commit to supporting fast-tracked development for housing for people at every age and ability, making sure that residents and neighbours are safe.
Kash Heed		There certainly needs to be a contemporary approach to ensuring comprehensive housing in Richmond. This needs to be one where it is embraced by advocates, policy makers, the development community, and more importantly the taxpayers.
Rob Howard <i>Richmond Forward</i>		
Mei Kang <i>Action Richmond</i>		
Goldentiger King		
Dennet Lee		
Alexa Loo <i>Richmond Strong</i>		

Council Candidates		
Adil Awan		
Dale Bains <i>Conservative</i>		
Bob Basanti <i>Richmond Strong</i>		There is an amazing developer's community in Richmond who have helped build in the city for decades. This is the time for collaborative strategies involving stakeholders including but not limited to, the City, staff, community groups and organizations, other levels of Government, to build the units.
Romeo Bicego <i>Richmond Forward</i>		I support affordable, accessible and family-friendly housing, including appropriate use of City land. I would not commit specific sites before reviewing feasibility, costs, community impacts and long-term value to Richmond.
Oday Brahem <i>Conservative</i>		
Jack Chen <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Alton Cheung <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		I would propose a model of public housing and programs for different streams of people with different needs.
Kenny Chiu <i>Common Sense</i>		
Mario Cruz		
Carol Day <i>RITE Richmond</i>		
Jessy Dhillon		I fully support these initiatives. Too many Richmond residents, especially young families, seniors, and essential workers have been priced out of the community they call home.
Jerome Dickey <i>RITE Richmond</i>		I support practical housing solutions that expand real choices while protecting neighbourhood livability. Growth should make Richmond better, not simply bigger, with clear accountability for whether our policies are delivering affordability and accessibility.
Adam Dobrer <i>Conservative</i>		
Tim Fan		
Donald Flintoff		
Mike Gill <i>Richmond United</i>		
Laura Gillanders <i>RITE Richmond</i>		We need a new affordable housing strategy because our current one relies on the private sector to deliver LEMR which is very close to market rent and is also difficult for developers to deliver successfully. We need to prioritize city owned land for affordable housing.
Edward He <i>Action Richmond</i>		
Andy Hobbs <i>Richmond United</i>		
Louis Huang		I fully support funding the Community Food Action Plan, implementing the Food Distribution Hub to benefit farmers and food-security partners, and maintaining and expanding grants for organizations improving access to nutritious, affordable, and culturally appropriate food.
Howard Jampolsky <i>Richmond Forward</i>		My housing policy is about helping Richmond residents put down roots, raise families and age in the community they call home.
Jeff Jiang <i>Richmond Strong</i>		
Milan Kljajic		In my current role, I oversee a large portfolio of LEMR and seniors housing in Richmond. That experience has shown me first-hand the importance of affordability, accessibility, and creating housing that works for people at different ages and incomes.
Alan Lackstein		My stance on all these questions is Partial Support. My reason is I am not fully knowledgeable on all the Plans and Programs that are being initiated or in place. When elected, I will definitely look further into the questions asked and work for a better action plan to implement.
Kevin Lai <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Kevin Lainchbury <i>ONE Richmond</i>		
Gary Law <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Pak Hing (Ben) Lee		
Shelley Leonhardt <i>Richmond Forward</i>		I want to ensure that young families & seniors are able to afford to live in our community & will work to ensure there is access to more affordable housing options.
Thomas Leung <i>Common Sense</i>		
Vincent Li <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		Everyone deserves to be sheltered. It would be important that the annual reports include updates measurable against predetermined targets, particularly those related to graduating from affordable housing. Further, there should be different options for individuals with different needs.
Michael Lok <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Jenny Gonzales Mata <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Andrew Mrozowski		I support expanding accessible and family-oriented housing while prioritizing fiscal accountability and private property rights. Council must ensure affordable housing strategies focus on practical, deliverable targets without imposing unsustainable tax burdens on Richmond residents.
Karen Novorr-Pezzuto <i>Richmond Strong</i>		
Antonio "Tony" Ortega <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Dennis Page		
Hong Yan Melody Pan		
Keefer Pelech <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		We can address our housing crisis by prioritizing the creation of affordable rental and subsidized housing units - through market and non-market development. By working with developers and non-profits, we can build needs-based units for people with accessibilities, seniors, and people in crisis.
Lisa Phillips <i>Conservative</i>		
Wallace Pong <i>Advance Richmond</i>		Canada's current housing approach is costly, slow and unsustainable. I support affordable and accessible housing, but Richmond needs a better model. Drawing on my experience with Hong Kong and Singapore, I want to bring more efficient, practical and financially sustainable solutions to housing.
Tamás Revóczy <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		If elected, I will focus on looking at ways to add incentives at all levels of government to encourage the renewed development and building of more co-operative housing. Co-ops are one of the best places to call home and are easily accessible for new families entering the housing market.
Alex Sagert <i>Conservative</i>		
Adnan Sarwar <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Sheldon Starrett <i>Advance Richmond</i>		Fully support 1 & 3, but for 2 we must evaluate the city budget before committing to this course of action and making sure the public is fully consulted on affordable housing initiatives for city owned land
Glenda Strang <i>Common Sense</i>		
Daniel Tsang		Support annual public reporting, not a rigid 2028 target—conditions are shifting fast. Yes to advancing the 4 sites, keeping them public, prioritizing families & seniors. Fully support equal design standards so affordable units match market units in livability.
Grace Tsang <i>Advance Richmond</i>		Fully support items 1 and 3. For item 2: Before committing, we must evaluate the city budget and ensure that the public will be fully consulted, before utilizing city-owned lands on affordable housing projects.
Andy Z. Wang		
Jizhou William Wang <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Sam Wang <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Michael Wolfe <i>RITE Richmond</i>		During my time on council I've stood out by speaking up and not supporting some of the biggest residential projects (RC, Lansdowne, Polygon, etc.) for the main reason that we need more affordable homes and not so many condo and luxury rentals. I'm willing to lead the shift in priorities.
Milly Yee <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		As a city councillor, I will cut red tape and remove bureaucratic barriers to housing development, while creating stronger incentives for co-operative housing. I will also support grant subsidies for developers who include more rental and below-market housing units in their developments.
Eric Yung <i>Richmond Forward</i>		My housing policy is focused on helping Richmond residents stay, raise families and age in place. I support using City tools and land to expand housing choices, with particular attention to affordability, family needs, accessibility and long-term liveability
Melissa Zhang <i>Richmond Forward</i>		I fully support making housing more affordable, diverse and accessible. Implementation should be practical and financially responsible, with adequate infrastructure and community services, and strong partnerships with senior governments and non-profit housing providers.

Fully support

Does not support

Partially support

No response

2 Improve food security and strengthen Richmond's local food system by:

1. **Adopting and fully funding the Community Food Action Plan 2027–2032**, with measurable targets for reducing barriers to nutritious and culturally appropriate food and annual public reporting on implementation.

2. **Implementing Richmond's new Food Distribution Hub.** Council approved the distribution hub model in June 2026. Ensure its implementation supports Richmond farmers, small food businesses and processors while also creating strong partnerships with food banks, community food programs and organizations serving residents experiencing food insecurity.

3. **Providing reliable funding for community food-security organizations.** Maintain and expand the City's Environmental Enhancement and Food Security Grant program and support organizations providing food access, food skills and community food programming.

Mayoral Candidates

Dickens Cheung

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Food Security is included as one of the pillars of my policy platform, even before Council approved the distribution hub model in June 2026 (my campaign officially launched in May 2026). Keeping Richmond residents fed with nutritious, culturally appropriate food is a key priority in my platform.



There are various models that need to be explored with the ultimate goal of improving food security. The only "one model" approach leads to frustration and overall failure.



All good programs but must be subject to budget review and fit within the Cities ability to pay.



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Kenny Chiu

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Mario Cruz

Carol Day

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Jessy Dhillon

Jerome Dickey

RITE Richmond

Adam Dobrer

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Tim Fan

Donald Flintoff

Mike Gill

Richmond United

Laura Gillanders

RITE Richmond

Edward He

Action Richmond

Andy Hobbs

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Partially support



Does not support



No response

3 Protect Richmond from flooding, extreme heat and other climate disasters by:

1. **Setting a transparent long-term schedule for upgrading Richmond's perimeter dikes to 2100 flood-protection standards**, publicly reporting each year on kilometres upgraded, remaining infrastructure, costs and projected completion timelines.
2. **Making every neighbourhood safer during extreme heat, wildfire smoke and major emergencies**. Establish an accessible network of cooling and clean-air spaces, strengthen backup power and emergency readiness at community facilities, and provide multilingual and accessible emergency information with particular attention to seniors, people with disabilities, lower-income residents and people living alone.
3. **Accelerating the implementation of CEEP 2050** through energy-efficient and low-carbon buildings, district energy, active transportation, transit-supportive land use, electric-vehicle infrastructure and protection and expansion of the urban tree canopy. Publish annual community emissions and climate-adaptation progress against the City's 2030 and 2050 targets and identify corrective action when Richmond is not on track.

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Dickens Cheung <i>We Are Richmond</i>		Points 1 and 2 are a priority without question. On Point 3, I'd direct City staff to do an extensive cost-benefit analysis on the pace of implementing CEEP 2050, because moving too fast on climate measures could work against my key priority: affordability for families struggling right now.
Kash Heed		More discussion and research is required for amending building codes which affect energy -efficient and low carbon buildings. District energy approaches should not be limited to the "City only corporation" option.
Rob Howard <i>Richmond Forward</i>		It is important that Richmond not get too far ahead of the Region, Province and or Federal government when it comes to CEEP 2025. Technology is also changing many things and can render historical targets out of date and sometimes counter productive.
Mei Kang <i>Action Richmond</i>		
Goldentiger King		
Dennet Lee		
Alexa Loo <i>Richmond Strong</i>		

Council Candidates

Adil Awan			Thomas Leung <i>Common Sense</i>		
Dale Bains <i>Conservative</i>			Vincent Li <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		Richmond has the potential to become a leader in sustainability. Critically, we need to work with the fire department, airport, province, Metro Vancouver, and other partners to create a made-in-Richmond emergency management plan.
Bob Basanti <i>Richmond Strong</i>			Michael Lok <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Romeo Bicego <i>Richmond Forward</i>		With decades managing Richmond's drainage and sewerage infrastructure, I strongly support dike upgrades and emergency readiness. I support practical climate action, with accelerated CEEP 2050 measures assessed for cost, capacity and impacts on residents.	Jenny Gonzales Mata <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Oday Brahem <i>Conservative</i>			Andrew Mrozowski		Protecting our dike infrastructure, emergency preparedness for extreme weather, and supporting seniors and vulnerable residents during emergencies are key public safety responsibilities essential to protecting Richmond homes and families.
Jack Chen <i>We Are Richmond</i>			Karen Novorr-Pezzuto <i>Richmond Strong</i>		
Alton Cheung <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		I will work on establishing an emergency plan, promote agrovoltaics, help installing solar panels and heat pumps, urban forestry, improve public transit etc. I will try to implement all of the above into our climate action plan.	Antonio "Tony" Ortega <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Kenny Chiu <i>Common Sense</i>			Dennis Page		
Mario Cruz			Hong Yan Melody Pan		
Carol Day <i>RITE Richmond</i>		Tree bylaws, cooling centre and dike upgrades already a priority. Accelerating the CEEP could slow down development of new homes so we have to be careful with that and work with the developers in to sure we are not moving too fast.	Keefer Pelech <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		The 2021 Heat Dome was a wake up call for how we prepare and respond to extreme weather and climate change - and how it affects vulnerable populations like seniors and people with disabilities. On Council I will prioritize emergency readiness, a check-in program, and fully fund first responders.
Jessy Dhillon		The safety of our residents is of the utmost importance to me. I fully support taking action now to prepare for flooding, extreme heat, and other climate-related risks so that Richmond remains a safe and resilient community for future generations.	Lisa Phillips <i>Conservative</i>		
Jerome Dickey <i>RITE Richmond</i>		Preparedness is one of the most important responsibilities of local government. I believe residents should have a much clearer understanding of Richmond's risks, what the City is doing about them, and where gaps remain. Transparency, preparedness and measurable progress should go hand in hand.	Wallace Pong <i>Advance Richmond</i>		Partially support. Flood protection and emergency preparedness are essential for Richmond. I support stronger dikes and community resilience, but climate measures must be practical, cost-effective and affordable, with clear evidence that they deliver real benefits to residents.
Adam Dobrer <i>Conservative</i>			Tamás Revóczy <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		If elected, I will continue to work on developing a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for the entire City ASAP! There needs to be a plan in place which answers basic questions like: Where are the muster locations? Where are the survival supplies? Who will come to evacuate us and how?
Tim Fan			Alex Sagert <i>Conservative</i>		
Donald Flintoff			Adnan Sarwar <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Mike Gill <i>Richmond United</i>			Sheldon Starrett <i>Advance Richmond</i>		We will set aside some funding for grants to help facilitate the transition to cleaner energy (in additional to the BC Hydro PowerSmart program).
Laura Gillanders <i>RITE Richmond</i>		We have accelerated flood protection and our building standards for CEEP are already accelerated more than the provincial standard. I very much want to increase our shaded areas, many public park areas are scorching in the summer and not useable. We need more shade trees and sails in many places.	Glenda Strang <i>Common Sense</i>		Fully support all three — accelerated dike upgrades, heat/emergency readiness for vulnerable residents, and faster CEEP 2050 action. I'll also expand KPU innovation partnerships with local businesses to drive efficiency and lower costs for residents.
Edward He <i>Action Richmond</i>			Daniel Tsang		We will set an annual budget for grants to facilitate the transition to cleaner environmental initiatives in additional to the BC Hydro PowerSmart program.
Andy Hobbs <i>Richmond United</i>			Grace Tsang <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Louis Huang		I fully support long-term dike upgrades, stronger emergency preparedness and accessible cooling and clean-air spaces, while accelerating CEEP 2050 through low-carbon buildings, transit, active transportation, EV infrastructure and expanded tree canopy, with annual public reporting.	Andy Z. Wang		
Howard Jampolsky <i>Richmond Forward</i>		Richmond's flood risk demands long-term dike planning and stronger emergency preparedness, especially for vulnerable residents. Climate goals must be backed by measurable progress. I support moving faster on practical solutions that account for infrastructure needs and affordability.	Jizhou William Wang <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Jeff Jiang <i>Richmond Strong</i>			Sam Wang <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Milan Kljajic		I support transparent dike upgrades, stronger heat and emergency preparedness, and annual climate reporting. I support CEEP 2050, but would review costs, timelines and impacts before committing to accelerate every component.	Michael Wolfe <i>RITE Richmond</i>		I've been very active on these issues where I provide a constructive and critical lens during the development of our CEEP. I was instrumental in separating our utilities to include an accelerated approach to diking and drainage. We need to mandate temperature limits in all rental suites.
Alan Lackstein			Milly Yee <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		Richmond's below-sea-level location makes climate resilience essential. As a councillor, I will work to protect our communities through stronger flood protection, emergency preparedness, clean-air and cooling spaces, investments in low-carbon infrastructure, and boosting Richmond's tree canopy.
Kevin Lai <i>Advance Richmond</i>			Eric Yung <i>Richmond Forward</i>		Richmond's flood risk makes long-term dike planning essential. Emergency resilience must protect vulnerable residents, and climate targets need measurable progress, not just plans. I support faster implementation where infrastructure, affordability and practicality are addressed.
Kevin Lainchbury <i>ONE Richmond</i>			Melissa Zhang <i>Richmond Forward</i>		I support stronger flood protection, emergency preparedness and climate resilience. Implementation should be practical, measurable and financially responsible, with clear priorities, costs and timelines, while ensuring infrastructure and services can keep pace.
Gary Law <i>Advance Richmond</i>					
Pak Hing (Ben) Lee					
Shelley Leonhardt <i>Richmond Forward</i>		Richmond's dikes must meet & go beyond the flood standards since our community is surrounded by water. Our emergency readiness must protect the vulnerable & those with language barriers to ensure safety for all. Richmond is already working towards publishing annual emission & climate reports.			

Fully support

Does not support

Partially support

No response

ASK

4 Make community spaces easier to access and create opportunities for people to build connections by:

1. **Creating a simple, centralized City facility-booking system.** Residents and community organizations should be able to see available rooms and spaces, rental rates, insurance and permit requirements, accessibility information and the status of their request through one online portal, with clear service standards for City responses.
2. **Making better use of existing public buildings.** Work with Richmond School District, community associations and other public or non-profit partners to expand evening and weekend access to underused meeting rooms, gyms, halls and gathering spaces.
3. **Creating a year-round calendar of events across Richmond.** Fully implement the Signature and Community Events Plan 2025–2029 and Arts Strategy 2026–2031 while expanding smaller neighbourhood-based events during fall and winter, not only large summer festivals and events concentrated in a small number of locations.

Mayoral Candidates		
Dickens Cheung <i>We Are Richmond</i>		Making community spaces easier to access, especially for seniors and people with special needs and disabilities, is definitely a key area that I want to focus on as soon as I become Mayor. As a City, we always need to prioritize taking care of our people with the greatest immediate need.
Kash Heed		Absolutely!
Rob Howard <i>Richmond Forward</i>		
Mei Kang <i>Action Richmond</i>		
Goldentiger King		
Denet Lee		
Alexa Loo <i>Richmond Strong</i>		

Council Candidates		
Adil Awan		
Dale Bains <i>Conservative</i>		
Bob Basanti <i>Richmond Strong</i>		We need to continue to embrace strategies and technologies that allows everyone to know what's available, how to access facilities and programs, and communicate in language of their choice.
Romeo Bicego <i>Richmond Forward</i>		I support making Richmond's public spaces easier to access and better used. Simpler booking, expanded access to existing facilities and more neighbourhood events throughout Richmond can strengthen community connections and make better use of public resources.
Odai Brahem <i>Conservative</i>		
Jack Chen <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Alton Cheung <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		I will work on establishing an online portal and IT infrastructure for all City services and bring all service providers together. We can also help to find and utilize space the school district has and integrate it to the infrastructure.
Kenny Chiu <i>Common Sense</i>		
Mario Cruz		
Carol Day <i>RITE Richmond</i>		
Jessy Dhillon		Involved in recreation and parks for most of my life as a participant, coach, and program leader, I have firsthand experience with the importance of providing high-quality, accessible recreation spaces. Access to facilities and community spaces should be inclusive, affordable, and barrier-free
Jerome Dickey <i>RITE Richmond</i>		We do not always need to build something new to strengthen community. We should make better use of the facilities, public spaces and neighbourhood assets we already have, reduce unnecessary barriers to access, and create more opportunities for people to connect locally.
Adam Dobrer <i>Conservative</i>		
Tim Fan		
Donald Flintoff		
Mike Gill <i>Richmond United</i>		
Laura Gillanders <i>RITE Richmond</i>		Community connection is essential to wellness. It's getting more and more difficult to find available rooms to rent and gather, we need to make this more accessible. Also having all events in a centralized place will increase participation which is good for everyone.
Edward He <i>Action Richmond</i>		
Andy Hobbs <i>Richmond United</i>		
Louis Huang		I fully support a centralized facility-booking system, expanded evening and weekend access to public spaces, and a year-round calendar of events. Richmond should make community spaces easier to access and support more neighborhood-based activities throughout the year.
Howard Jampolsky <i>Richmond Forward</i>		Richmond has excellent public spaces. We should make them easier to find, book and use, while sharing facilities more effectively. I also support more neighbourhood events throughout the year to bring residents together and strengthen community connections.
Jeff Jiang <i>Richmond Strong</i>		
Milan Kljajic		As president of a Vancouver non-profit, I worked with the Park Board during ActiveNet implementation. That experience showed me the value of simple, centralized access to public facilities, and I would bring that practical experience to Richmond.
Alan Lackstein		
Kevin Lai <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Kevin Lainchbury <i>ONE Richmond</i>		
Gary Law <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Pak Hing (Ben) Lee		
Shelley Leonhardt <i>Richmond Forward</i>		Richmond has a number of beautiful spaces available & I agree, we do need a centralized system where organizations can see what is available & are able to book online with a community/event calendar available.
Thomas Leung <i>Common Sense</i>		
Vincent Li <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		We need to create complete communities. To that end, areas lacking community amenities would see new community centres or art spaces developed. These infrastructural changes contribute majorly towards making Richmond a vibrant city.
Michael Lok <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Jenny Gonzales Mata <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Andrew Mrozowski		Streamlining facility bookings and expanding weekend/evening access to existing public assets ensures full transparency, civic engagement, and maximum return on investment for community resources for all Richmond families.
Karen Novorr-Pezzuto <i>Richmond Strong</i>		
Antonio "Tony" Ortega <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Dennis Page		
Hong Yan Melody Pan		
Keefer Pelech <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		Shared meeting spaces and smaller neighbourhood events help to foster belonging and allow residents to meet and form relationships with their neighbours. This helps to improve overall safety and wellbeing as people check in on each other and work together to improve their community.
Lisa Phillips <i>Conservative</i>		
Wallace Pong <i>Advance Richmond</i>		Fully support. I believe Richmond should make better use of existing public facilities, simplify access through a centralized booking system, and create more year-round opportunities for residents to connect, participate and build stronger communities.
Tamás Revóczy <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		If elected, I would certainly do my best to increase transparency with booking and registrations as well as online calendars to improve user experiences and to ensure that City and School Board facility use is optimized in alignment with existing City Plans and Strategies.
Alex Sagert <i>Conservative</i>		
Adnan Sarwar <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Sheldon Starrett <i>Advance Richmond</i>		Ensure multi-lingual services are available, and working with community partners and media to promote new events
Glenda Strang <i>Common Sense</i>		
Daniel Tsang		
Grace Tsang <i>Advance Richmond</i>		We will work with community partners, business organizations and multilingual media outlets to promote community and cultural events.
Andy Z. Wang		
Jizhou William Wang <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Sam Wang <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Michael Wolfe <i>RITE Richmond</i>		I am all for the central booking system and a year-round calendar to promote all events in the city. As a public school teacher I can appreciate the call for better utilization of existing facilities like schools and other city assets.
Milly Yee <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>		City-funded spaces belong to the community, and accessing them should be simple, fair, and transparent. I support a centralized booking system with real-time availability, clear pricing, and straightforward booking information, ensuring residents and the community can easily access these spaces.
Eric Yung <i>Richmond Forward</i>		Richmond already has valuable public spaces; the priority should be making them easier to find, book and use. My School Board experience showed the value of sharing facilities. I also support more neighbourhood events throughout the year to strengthen community connections.
Melissa Zhang <i>Richmond Forward</i>		I fully support making community spaces easier to access and better using existing public facilities. A simple booking system, expanded evening and weekend access, and more neighbourhood events can strengthen participation and community connections.

Fully support

Does not support

Partially support

No response

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5 Improve access to affordable, inclusive child and senior care by:

1. Meeting or exceeding Richmond's target of 3,741 additional child-care spaces by 2031, with annual public reporting showing spaces created by neighbourhood, age group, type of care and accessibility.

2. Working with Richmond School District to deliver before- and after-school child care at or within walking distance of every elementary school by 2031, as envisioned in the City's existing Child Care Action Plan.

3. Increasing spaces for senior daycare. Work with developers and providers to add senior daycare space in new developments throughout the city.
- Mayoral Candidates

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Alexa Loo
Richmond Strong

Supporting our young families with every policy tool at our disposal in the midst of an affordability crisis should never be an afterthought. These kinds of commitments should always be prioritized over vanity projects or "good-to-haves".

Without any hesitation.

The market has been responding to public demand for pre-school care in a meaningful way. Affordable day care has meaningful impacts on families and needs to be protected and or expanded, and there is a serious shortage of daycare spaces for seniors which I will address.

Senior daycare is a provincial program. It is also much more expensive and complex to deliver than childcare due to the difficulty of helping seniors with the bathroom.

Council Candidates		
Adil Awan		
Dale Bains <i>Conservative</i>		
Bob Basanti <i>Richmond Strong</i>	My parents are seniors residing in Richmond. I know first hand what they need to be supported and optimize their health and well-being.	
Romeo Bicego <i>Richmond Forward</i>	I support expanding affordable, inclusive child and senior care. The City has an important role, but cannot deliver these commitments alone. Success requires realistic funding and partnerships with the Province, School District and care providers.	
Oday Brahem <i>Conservative</i>		
Jack Chen <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Alton Cheung <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>	As councillor, I will work on funding and expanding before and after school child care via the community centres, and eventually establish service centres in neighbourhoods. In our community design, we can design childcare spaces, and implement the idea of a 15 min neighbourhood.	
Kenny Chiu <i>Common Sense</i>		
Mario Cruz		
Carol Day <i>RITE Richmond</i>	We have childcare centre that are closing due to low enrollment so we need to work to have more 10\$ a day spaces. Seniors need daycare and this is a priority for me.	
Jessy Dhillon	As a parent, I understand how important accessible and affordable child care is for families, and I believe our children and seniors deserve the care, support, and services they need to thrive.	
Jerome Dickey <i>RITE Richmond</i>	These services have a direct impact on families, workers, employers and quality of life. I support the City being a strong partner and advocate, while also being realistic about jurisdiction and working effectively with the organizations and governments that are responsible for delivery.	
Adam Dobrer <i>Conservative</i>		
Tim Fan		
Donald Flintoff		
Mike Gill <i>Richmond United</i>		
Laura Gillanders <i>RITE Richmond</i>	I would have to look at the child care targets and needs projections to know if I want to exceed them. I don't think we should build excessively more than we need, but certainly will look at it. Absolutely need to increase senior day care. Before and after school care is essential.	
Edward He <i>Action Richmond</i>		
Andy Hobbs <i>Richmond United</i>		
Louis Huang	I fully support expanding affordable child and senior care, meeting Richmond's child-care targets, providing before- and after-school care near every elementary school, and increasing senior daycare spaces through partnerships with schools, developers and care providers.	
Howard Jampolsky <i>Richmond Forward</i>	Meeting Richmond's child-care goals will take close cooperation with the Province, School District and care providers. The City can help through planning, land-use decisions and advocacy, while supporting more child care in schools and more daytime programs for seniors.	
Jeff Jiang <i>Richmond Strong</i>		
Milan Kljajic	My work in seniors housing has shown me the importance of accessible care and support close to home. I support expanding both child-care and senior day-care options, while working with providers and partners to ensure new spaces are sustainable and responsive to community needs.	
Alan Lackstein		
Kevin Lai <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Kevin Lainchbury <i>ONE Richmond</i>		
Gary Law <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Pak Hing (Ben) Lee		
Shelley Leonhardt <i>Richmond Forward</i>	Through partnerships with the Provincial government, & the School District, we will be able to provide further child-care facilities & through careful planning, we should also be able to provide senior day care programs.	
Thomas Leung <i>Common Sense</i>		
Vincent Li <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>	I also believe the city should create a commercial buildout triage system where retail spaces slated for prioritized services (such as those serving children and seniors) receive expedited licensing and building approvals.	
Michael Lok <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Jenny Gonzales Mata <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Andrew Mrozowski	Supporting families and seniors is central to my platform. Expanding before- and after-school care near elementary schools and increasing senior daycare facilities ensures key support structures for our city's growing neighborhood needs.	
Karen Novorr-Pezzuto <i>Richmond Strong</i>		
Antonio "Tony" Ortega <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Dennis Page		
Hong Yan Melody Pan		
Keefer Pelech <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>	As we address the cost of housing, we can also tackle other needs by working with developers and non-profits to create mixed residential-commercial developments with spaces dedicated to childcare and other services providers like seniors care.	
Lisa Phillips <i>Conservative</i>		
Wallace Pong <i>Advance Richmond</i>	I support more child and senior care options, but I also believe government should support and encourage multigenerational families, where grandparents and parents can live together and help care for children. Public programs should complement, not replace, family support.	
Tamás Revóczy <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>	If elected, I will certainly focus on working with both the School Board and others to ensure that the City meets and exceeds current targets for providing both childcare spaces as well as senior day care spaces in alignment with existing City Plans and Strategies.	
Alex Sagert <i>Conservative</i>		
Adnan Sarwar <i>We Are Richmond</i>		
Sheldon Starrett <i>Advance Richmond</i>	We streamline the hub for business licences and permits to accelerate the opening of these additional spaces, and working with school district to deliver more options in terms of quality childcare and before and after-school programs.	
Glenda Strang <i>Common Sense</i>		
Daniel Tsang		
Grace Tsang <i>Advance Richmond</i>	We will create a municipal hub to streamline business licences and permits to accelerate the opening of additional spaces for both child and senior cares. We continue to work with the Richmond School District to deliver affordable before and after school child care and after-school programs.	
Andy Z. Wang		
Jizhou William Wang <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Sam Wang <i>Advance Richmond</i>		
Michael Wolfe <i>RITE Richmond</i>	As a father of two young children I understand the importance of child care and especially the before and after school care programs. I've also been made aware of the value in access to seniors daycare when my grandparents utilized them in their final years here.	
Milly Yee <i>Richmond Citizens' Association</i>	Richmond's demographics are changing, and our services need to keep pace. Working families need an affordable continuum of child care that includes before/after-school care/programs. We must plan for our growing senior population by expanding access to adult day programs and long-term care spaces.	
Eric Yung <i>Richmond Forward</i>	Meeting Richmond's child-care targets will require strong partnership with the Province, School District and providers. The City should help through planning, land-use tools and advocacy, while expanding school-based care and encouraging more senior day programs.	
Melissa Zhang <i>Richmond Forward</i>	I fully support expanding affordable, inclusive child and senior care. The City should work closely with the School District, senior governments, developers and care providers, with clear targets, annual reporting and practical implementation.	
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