



**2026
Richmond Election
Voter's Guide**

MAKE YOUR MARK

Saturday, October 17, 2026

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download the 2026 Richmond Election app.**

Whether it's your first time voting, or if you've voted in previous elections, the 2026 Richmond Election Voter's Guide will help make your voting experience easier by answering the following questions:

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On Saturday, October 17, 2026, eligible voters in Richmond will be electing one Mayor, eight Councillors, and seven School Trustees. Those elected in October 2026 will serve in office for four years.

Are you eligible to vote?

You may vote as a resident elector if you:

- are a Canadian citizen
- are at least 18 years old on General Voting Day (October 17, 2026)
- are a resident of Richmond
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months before registering to vote (April 16, 2026 is the last day to meet residency requirement if registering on General Voting Day)
- are not disqualified from voting by law

You may vote as a non-resident property elector if you:

- are a Canadian citizen
- are at least 18 years old on General Voting Day (Saturday, October 17, 2026)
- are not a Richmond resident
- personally own a property in Richmond for at least 30 days before registering to vote (September 16, 2026 is the last day to meet local property ownership requirement if registering on General Voting Day). Your property cannot be wholly or jointly owned by a corporation, business, or an organization.
- have lived in BC for at least six months before registering to vote (April 16, 2026 is the last day to meet residency requirement if registering on General Voting Day)
- are not disqualified from voting by law

If you are a non-resident property elector, please contact the Richmond Elections Office for further information (see the last page of this Voter's Guide). You must re-register to vote each election.

How do you register to vote?

First, find out if you are already registered to vote in the 2026 Richmond Election:

- check the *Am I on the Voters List?* search tool at richmond.ca/elections
- check the 2026 Richmond Election app (available on Apple and Android devices)
- call the Richmond Elections Office at 604-276-4100

If you are not yet registered to vote, you can register in person at one of the Advance Voting locations or at your voting place on General Voting Day. Please bring at least two valid IDs (identification documents) with you.

If you are a non-resident property elector, please contact the Richmond Elections Office.

What types of ID do you need to register?

If you will be registering to vote, you must provide two pieces of ID (identification document) that together include your name and residential address. One piece must include your signature.

Examples of acceptable ID (not limited to this list):

- BC Driver's Licence
- BC Identification card issued by ICBC
- BC Services Card (includes both non-photo BC Services Card or photo BC Services Card)
- Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by ICBC
- BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard
- Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8 ("Monthly Form EA181")
- Social Insurance Number card
- Canadian Citizenship Card
- Property tax notice
- Credit card or debit card
- Utility bill (including electricity, natural gas, water, telephone services, cable services)

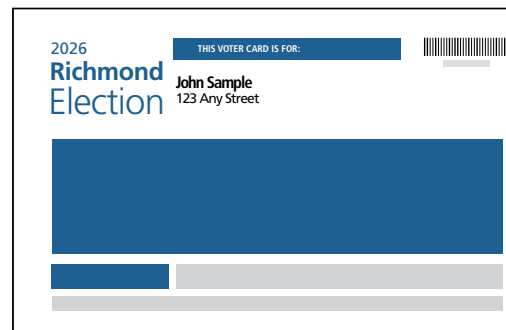
For more examples of acceptable ID, visit richmond.ca/elections.

How can you update your name and/or residential address?

You can update your name and/or residential address when you vote. Please check your voting location first.

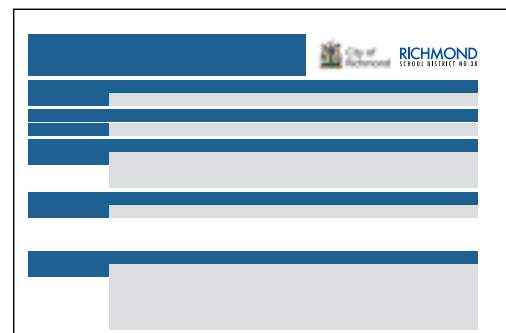
What should you bring to the voting place?

Please come to your voting place prepared. Bring your voter card if you received one, as well as two pieces of ID. One piece must include your signature. For examples of acceptable ID, see the previous page.



Sample Voter Card

This is not an exact replica of the voter card.



Find the Richmond Elections Office contact information on the last page of this Voter's Guide.

Voting Locations

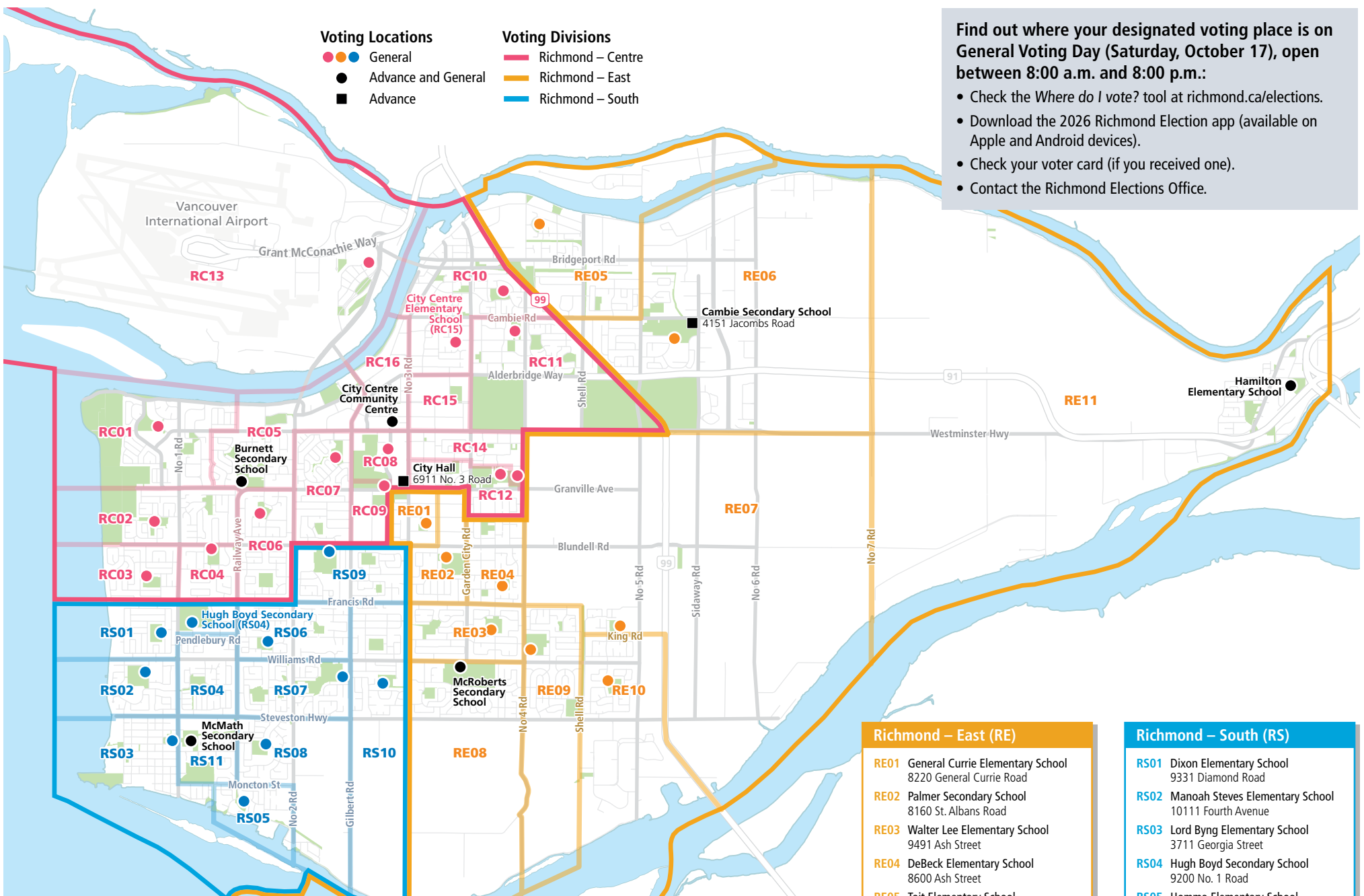
- General
- Advance and General
- Advance

Voting Divisions

- Richmond – Centre
- Richmond – East
- Richmond – South

Find out where your designated voting place is on **General Voting Day (Saturday, October 17)**, open between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.:

- Check the *Where do I vote?* tool at richmond.ca/elections.
- Download the 2026 Richmond Election app (available on Apple and Android devices).
- Check your voter card (if you received one).
- Contact the Richmond Elections Office.



Richmond – Centre (RC)

RC01 Spul'u'kwuks Elementary School 5999 Blanshard Drive	RC07 Brighthouse Elementary School 6800 Azure Road	RC13 Sea Island Community Centre 7140 Miller Road
RC02 Quilchena Elementary School 3760 Moresby Drive	RC08 Kiwanis Towers 3738 Gollner Avenue	RC14 MacNeill Secondary School 6611 No. 4 Road
RC03 Gilmore Elementary School 8380 Elsmore Road	RC09 Richmond Cultural Centre Annex 7660 Minoru Gate	RC15 City Centre Elementary School 8671 Odlin Crescent
RC04 Grauer Elementary School 4440 Blundell Road	RC10 Talmey Elementary School 9500 Kilby Drive	RC16 City Centre Community Centre 5900 Minoru Boulevard, Unit 105
RC05 Burnett Secondary School 5011 Granville Avenue	RC11 Tomsett Elementary School 9671 Odlin Road	
RC06 McKay Elementary School 7360 Lombard Road	RC12 Anderson Elementary School 9460 Alberta Road	

Richmond – East (RE)

RE01 General Currie Elementary School 8220 General Currie Road
RE02 Palmer Secondary School 8160 St. Albans Road
RE03 Walter Lee Elementary School 9491 Ash Street
RE04 DeBeck Elementary School 8600 Ash Street
RE05 Tait Elementary School 10071 Finlayson Drive
RE06 McNeely Elementary School 12440 Woodhead Road
RE07 Kingswood Elementary School 11511 King Road
RE08 McRoberts Secondary School 8980 Williams Road
RE09 McNair Secondary School 9500 No. 4 Road
RE10 Woodward Elementary School 10300 Seacote Road
RE11 Hamilton Elementary School 5180 Smith Drive

Richmond – South (RS)

RS01 Dixon Elementary School 9331 Diamond Road
RS02 Manoah Steves Elementary School 10111 Fourth Avenue
RS03 Lord Byng Elementary School 3711 Georgia Street
RS04 Hugh Boyd Secondary School 9200 No. 1 Road
RS05 Homma Elementary School 5100 Brunswick Drive
RS06 Wowk Elementary School 5380 Woodward Road
RS07 Steveston-London Secondary School 6600 Williams Road
RS08 Westwind Elementary School 11371 Kingfisher Drive
RS09 Blundell Elementary School 6480 Blundell Road
RS10 Maple Lane Elementary School 7671 Alouette Drive
RS11 McMath Secondary School 4251 Garry Street

There are three ways you can vote:

1. General Voting Day

Vote at your designated voting place on Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Find out where to vote at richmond.ca/elections, download the Richmond Election app (available on Apple and Android devices), or contact the Richmond Elections Office. If you receive a voter card in the mail, it will also show your voting place.

2. Advance Voting Days

Vote on any of the following days and at any of the following locations between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.:

Date	Locations
Sat., October 3	Richmond City Hall – 6911 No. 3 Road Cambie Secondary School – 4151 Jacombs Road
Wed., October 7	Richmond City Hall – 6911 No. 3 Road
Thur., October 8	Richmond City Hall – 6911 No. 3 Road City Centre Community Centre – 5900 Minoru Boulevard
Fri., October 9	Richmond City Hall – 6911 No. 3 Road
Sat., October 10	Richmond City Hall – 6911 No. 3 Road Burnett Secondary School – 5011 Granville Avenue Cambie Secondary School – 4151 Jacombs Road McMath Secondary School – 4251 Garry Street McRoberts Secondary School – 8980 Williams Road Hamilton Elementary School – 5180 Smith Drive

3. Mail Ballot

All existing voters and new registrants will be able to request a mail ballot package. The mail ballot package will include instructions on how to complete and return the mail ballot. Online applications for a mail ballot will be available beginning **Tuesday, September 15 until Friday, October 9, 2026, 3:00 p.m.** Mail ballot packages will be sent out via Canada Post until October 7, 2026. After this date, voters will be asked to pick up their mail ballot packages at Richmond City Hall. Once you request a mail ballot package, you CANNOT vote in person.

Find out how to request a mail ballot package at richmond.ca/elections, download the Richmond Election app or contact the Richmond Elections Office.

If you are a person who has a disability; illness; and/or injury that may affect your ability to vote, you may:

- Bring a friend or family member to assist you with reading or marking your ballot at the voting booth. They must make a solemn declaration to faithfully and impartially assist you.
- Request to vote by mail ballot. Online applications to vote by mail ballot must be received as soon as possible but no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026.
- Request to use an accessible ballot-marking device available at Richmond City Hall on advance voting dates. Through this option, you may mark your ballot independently using a touchscreen, Braille, rocker paddle device, sip and puff device, and/or descriptive audio.
- Request to have curb-side voting at the voting place. We encourage you to call the Elections Office at 604-276-4100 right before you arrive at your voting place.

We strive to ensure that voting locations are accessible for people who use wheelchairs, walkers and mobility scooters; however, some locations are not fully accessible. We will ensure curb-side voting is well signed at locations that are not fully accessible.

What if you need help with translation?

If you need help with translation, you may:

- Bring a friend or family member who will translate for you when you vote. They must make a solemn declaration to faithfully and impartially assist you.
- Use the translated voting instructions at your voting place, which will be provided in French, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, and Punjabi.
- Read voting information in the Voter’s Guides translated in French, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, and Punjabi available at richmond.ca/elections.

At the voting place, you will receive a ballot where you can vote for the following offices:

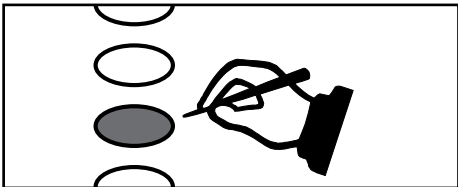
- Mayor (up to one)
 - Councillor (up to eight)
 - School Trustee (up to seven)
- This is not an exact replica of the ballot.

How do you mark your ballot?

To vote, fill in the oval beside your choice(s) and ensure that you complete both sides of the ballot.

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If a candidate is endorsed, their elector organization will appear on the ballot. Each candidate's name will appear as follows: First Name LAST NAME.



Find out who Richmond voters elect as Mayor, Councillors, and School Trustees. Get live updates after 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2026:

- richmond.ca/elections
- 2026 Richmond Election app (available on Apple and Android devices)
- City of Richmond's Facebook and X channels. Follow #rmdelxn

Those elected in office will serve for the next four years.

Who are the candidates?

Each candidate was given the opportunity to submit a candidate profile. Candidates are responsible for the content and accuracy of their profiles. The Richmond Elections Office did not edit the candidates' photos and/or statements, and is not responsible for the accuracy of the information they provided. The Richmond Elections Office is a non-partisan office that administers the Election. Views, thoughts and opinions expressed by the candidates in their candidate profiles are entirely their own. You can also read the candidates' profiles at richmond.ca/elections, or in the 2026 Richmond Election app (available on Apple and Android devices).

CANDIDATE PROFILES

Candidates for Mayor

Candidate for Mayor



Dickens
CHEUNG

We Are Richmond

As a UBC Sauder School of Business graduate specializing in Finance, I've spent 15 years leading and growing a local herbal tea manufacturing operation, navigating complex food safety, labelling, and import/export regulations while ensuring full compliance with all three levels of government. But my most important role is father to four school-aged children, all born and raised right here in Richmond, because I'm doing this for their future. I firmly believe that the people are the masters, and elected officials are their servants, not the other way around. That's why I personally practice servant leadership: leadership built on humility, accountability, and listening first. City Hall should never tell residents what to accept; it should listen, respond, and serve. I'm running because Richmond belongs to all of us: the parents, workers, seniors, and students who call it home. Together, we thrive. We Are Richmond. Vote Dickens CHEUNG for Mayor.

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Candidate for Mayor



Kash
HEED

Kash Heed has devoted his career to public service, prioritizing community safety and fostering accountable leadership. With over 60 years of residency in Richmond and nearly five decades of experience in policing, government, and local governance, he offers a wealth of knowledge and a results-oriented mindset to public office. Throughout his career, Kash has earned a reputation for making sound decisions and providing consistent leadership. He is recognized as an authority on law enforcement and drug policy, having shared his insights internationally and at various academic institutions. His efforts are centered on achieving outcomes that enhance community welfare while ensuring transparency and accountability. Currently serving on Richmond City Council, Kash remains a strong advocate for law and order, a transparent and cost-effective government, and pragmatic solutions that prioritize the needs of the community.

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Candidate for Mayor



Rob
HOWARD

Richmond Forward

Born and raised in Richmond, I've served as City Councillor and MLA, spent 19 years as a businessman in the finance sector, and 25 years as an entrepreneur building seniors' homes. Whether in business or politics, I get things done.

My vision for Richmond includes:

Safety—Making citizens feel safe in our parks and open spaces.

Housing—Build attainable seniors' homes, allowing residents to stay in the community they helped build.

Accountability—External value for money review; a deep look at city services to keep taxes low now, and into the future.

Prosperity—Create jobs, make the City more responsive, paving the way for a vibrant economy.

Engagement—Open up our waterfront to an arts and culture district, where families can gather, seniors can stroll and businesses can thrive, celebrating Richmond's history and diversity.

Together, let's move Richmond Forward and build a city that lives up to its incredible promise!

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Candidate for Mayor



Mei
KANG

Action Richmond

My vision is to build a safer, stronger, and more prosperous Richmond where families can thrive and every resident has a voice. My priorities are clear: SAFETY FIRST: Strengthen community safety and protect our neighbourhoods, schools, parks, and businesses. FAMILY FIRST: Support childcare, youth opportunities, seniors, and strong, connected communities. TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT: Build an accountable, responsive City Hall and use technology and AI to improve efficiency and public services. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Support local businesses, attract investment and technology industries, strengthen tourism and trade, and create opportunities for future generations. I believe leadership means listening, taking responsibility, and delivering results. Together, we can build a safe, welcoming and thriving garden city — and create a brighter future for Richmond.

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Candidate for Mayor



Goldentiger
KING

Mayor candidate GOLDENTIGER KING, a former TV series director, comedy-show host, model, actor, writer, and entrepreneur, brings creativity, business experience, and fresh ideas to Richmond.

As our economy faces challenging times, I propose:

- 1: Create 5,000 new jobs through startup tax incentives and support for small businesses.
- Launch international music and global cuisine festivals to attract tourists and generate revenue.
- 2: lower monthly fee of townhouse and apartment and make housing more affordable.
- Establish 24-hour community patrols and strengthen efforts to reduce crime.
- 3:Crack down on illegal drug houses and improve neighborhood safety.
- Streamline construction approvals to encourage investment
- 4:Build Richmond into Canada’s Entertainment and Short-Video Centre.

Explore a once-per-year penalty-free ticket opportunity for eligible drivers, if 0 loss of life and property

VOTE GOLDENTIGER VOTE FOR A NEW RICHMOND EXPERIENCE!

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Candidate for Mayor



Dennet “The Cat Guy”
LEE

Richmond needs for Richmond to win, not a candidate.

Richmond needs to actively listen to others first and speak half as much second.

Debates decide divisions. Conversations create connections.

“Platforms” are used to elevate us. Richmond’s platform needs to be friendship.

“Parties” are something to be invited to as opposed to belonging to one.

“Independent” because that is what freedom requires.

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Candidate for Mayor



Alexa
LOO

Richmond Strong

I am running to be the Mayor of Richmond, because I love Richmond. It is the city that I grew up in, where I am raising my family, and where I have served on Council for the past 12 years. As a two-time Olympian, a CPA, CA, a mom and a City Councillor, I have always strived to be the best I can be.

As a CPA, CA my financial expertise uniquely qualifies me to look after your tax dollar with financial prudence and govern effectively.

I commit to:

- Ensuring safe communities.
- Building for the future—saying “yes” to large scale federal and provincial infrastructure projects that will attract businesses and provide our kids with great job opportunities.
- Growing our agricultural sector, ensuring food security for the region.
- Building homes families want and can afford to raise their children in.

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

Candidates for Councillor

Candidate for Councillor



Adil
AWAN

Since emigrating from Uganda, Adil and his family have called Richmond home since 1974 and is an air transport pilot based at YVR. In aviation, communication is absolutely critical to a pilot's work; He wants to bring the same kind of mentality to City Hall where greater dialogue, two-way communication is absolutely necessary.

Adil is at the forefront of our local economy as he transports various goods to and from YVR, while his family also owns and operates a local business, employing 9 full time employees.

Adil's hands-on, roll-up the sleeves attitude is most wonderfully demonstrated by his restored 1919 Ford Model T. Adil believes in hard work, dedication, and perseverance—the kind of values he will bring to City Hall, and the kind of values his father, Mahmood Awan, has impressed upon him over the years.

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Candidate for Councillor



Dale
BAINS

Conservative

Dale Bains has lived in Richmond since 1986. A high-school graduate of this city, he owned a trucking business until 2015 and now works as a heavy-duty mechanic at Deltaport. He and his wife—a Richmond teacher for 26 years—have raised three children here. Their kids have gone on to UBC, the University of Toronto, the Whitecaps academy, and city aquatics programs. Dale's mother still volunteers at the Richmond Cultural Centre. He is running for City Council with the Conservative Electors Association as a working-class homeowner who will put Richmond families first.

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Candidate for Councillor



Bob
BASANTI

Richmond Strong

Richmond has been home since 2001. I raised three children here with my wife Harjot, a lifelong Richmond resident. I was an RCMP officer for 28 years, including a decade at Richmond Detachment—Serious Crime, Vulnerable Persons, Domestic Violence Coordinator, and Economic Crime. These experiences gave me a firsthand understanding of Richmond's public safety challenges. Many families know me as "Coach Bob". I have been a volunteer coach since 2009 in hockey, soccer, lacrosse and ball hockey. After retiring in 2024, I have been working in my father-in-law's construction business and training toward being a licensed general contractor. I am running for City Council to put my experience and leadership to work for the community. My priorities are strengthening public safety, supporting responsible growth, property rights, improving affordability, and being a champion for youth and seniors so Richmond stays safe and prosperous for generations to come.

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Candidate for Councillor



Romeo
BICEGO

Richmond Forward

Romeo Bicego is a lifelong Richmond resident, husband, father of two and grandfather of three. He brings more than 30 years of experience in municipal government, infrastructure, construction and community development to his candidacy for Richmond City Council.

Romeo has worked with elected officials, residents, engineers, contractors, developers, business owners and community organizations to address complex issues and deliver practical solutions. As a licensed residential builder, he understands firsthand the challenges facing homeowners, businesses and the construction industry.

Romeo believes Richmond needs experienced, accountable and practical leadership that listens to residents and carefully considers the long-term impact of every decision. He is committed to responsible spending, maintaining and improving critical infrastructure, protecting Richmond's agricultural land, strengthening community safety and ensuring taxpayers receive value for their money.

Romeo is running to bring common sense, experience and a fresh perspective to Richmond City Council and help build a strong future for Richmond.

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Candidate for Councillor



Oday
BRAHEM

Conservative

Oday Brahem is a Lower Mainland technology founder with a decade of industry experience and a former Canadian Armed Forces reservist. He built vote.direct, a verified voting platform designed to run elections at lower cost, and governance.center, which helps clubs, churches and housing associations manage their governance.

He is running for Richmond City Council to bring that experience to City Hall: reduce administrative costs, speed up services and make local government easier to deal with.

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Candidate for Councillor



Jack
CHEN

We Are Richmond

I am a Fellow of Engineers Canada, a Professional Engineer with EGBC and a Professional Quantity Surveyor with CIQS.

I have worked with both private and public sectors over the last two decades in the field of construction including three Canada Line Skytrain stations.

To speak and work for Richmond residents and their welfare, I will focus on the following:

Promoting Richmond become a vibrant, international city with open policies and more economy freedom;

Developing tourism and the construction industries; ensuring government operations are open and transparent;

Supporting youth entrepreneurship and small businesses, simplify redundant government procedures and restrictions, reducing fees and taxes, increasing the income of residents and businesses;

Caring for the elderly, kids, vulnerable groups, and protecting the health of these groups;

Building Richmond into a home where people feel accomplished, safe, and belong; opposing drugs and enhancing the safety of residents.

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Candidate for Councillor



Alton
CHEUNG

Richmond Citizens (RCA)

Alton Cheung is a personal trainer for the City of Richmond and is a union representative and organizer with CUPE 718. He has led union drives at South Arm and Thompson Community Centres, as well as at the Richmond Olympic Oval, and supported UBC's graduate research assistants in their unionization efforts.

He holds a masters' degree in law and economics and a Master of Laws. Having spent time in Asia and Europe, he has seen how different policies shape fair and sustainable economic growth that lifts hardship for all. He is passionate about how emerging technologies can support developing industries and businesses, strengthen agricultural production and ensure fair competition and food security.

Alton is committed to helping Richmond residents thrive by building a healthy, connected community and advancing the city's economic interests in a fair and equitable way.

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Candidate for Councillor



Kenny
CHIU

Common Sense

Kenny Chiu brings a problem-solver's mindset to public service. Educated in Saskatchewan and a software engineer by profession with management experience, he served the community as a board member with Mennonite Housing Society, gaining valuable insight into housing needs and challenges facing families. He has served Richmond as its School Trustee and M.P. for Steveston—Richmond East.

Kenny combines technology expertise with years of community service.

Kenny is running with the Common Sense Alliance to bring practical, innovative and results-driven solutions to City Hall. He supports their 12 practical solutions for a safer, healthier, more prosperous Richmond and responsive municipal government.

Kenny believes technologies should make everyday life better. He proposes using AI to improve traffic circulation and ameliorate city communication for residents; while exploring innovative partnerships and new approaches to enhance Richmond's housing supplies.

For Kenny, good government means identifying problems, embracing innovation and delivering practical solutions that work.

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Candidate for Councillor



Mario
CRUZ

I am Mario Cruz, a longtime Richmond resident, Realtor, community advocate, and proud member of the Richmond community. I am running for Richmond City Council because I believe our city should be a place where families, seniors, youth, and future generations can thrive.

My priorities are keeping Richmond safe, supporting our seniors and youth, improving and expanding recreational opportunities—including more outdoor and indoor activities like sports-Pickleball, Basketball and Tennis and more enjoyable events as well..

As a Realtor, I have seen firsthand how difficult it can be for local families to afford to live here. If elected, I will work for responsible decisions, transparency and accountability.

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Candidate for Councillor



Carol
DAY

RITE Richmond

Carol Day has served as a Richmond Councillor for 12 years and was a school trustee for 3 years.

Re-elected by wide margins on a progressive, centrist platform, Carol has worked tirelessly seeking common-sense solutions to make our vibrant, diverse neighbourhoods safer, our environment cleaner, our businesses thrive and our council more accessible and accountable to taxpayers.

Known for delivering results, Carol's priority is finding ways of making home ownership and rental housing affordable for working families by advocating for improved zoning bylaws that allow gentle density that enhances neighbourhoods.

She is committed to protecting Richmond's environment. As chair of VAPOR, she worked to stop the YVR jet fuel pipeline, marine terminal and 80-million litre tank farm, a major risk to the Fraser River. She also helped save our Garden City lands. She understands business having owned a sign company for 43 years and she's voted against unnecessary tax increases.

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Candidate for Councillor



Jessy
DHILLON

Jessy Dhillon is a lifelong Richmond resident, husband, father, youth advocate, and community leader. Richmond is more than where he lives; it's the community that raised him, shaped who he is, and gave his family so much.

For years, Jessy has had the privilege of giving back through recreation, education, and volunteerism. As a Youth Support Worker at McNair Secondary and coordinator of the Richmond Youth Basketball League, he works alongside young people, families, educators, coaches, and volunteers. He has seen how a safe basketball court, a caring mentor, or a neighbour willing to lend a hand can make a lasting difference.

Jessy is running for Richmond City Council because he believes in building on what makes Richmond special: safe neighbourhoods, accessible recreation, connected communities, better transportation, and welcoming public spaces.

He wants to give back to the community that gave his family a place to call home.

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Candidate for Councillor



Jerome
DICKEY

RITE Richmond

Steady Leadership. Stronger Richmond.

I'm Jerome Dickey, and I'm running for Richmond City Council to bring experienced, practical and accountable leadership to City Hall.

In 2022, 8,707 Richmond residents placed their trust in me with their vote. Since then, I've continued listening, learning and working in our community—and I'm ready to serve.

With more than 20 years of leadership and management experience and a background in governance, emergency management and conflict resolution, I know how to bring people together and turn complex challenges into practical solutions.

As your Councillor, I will champion responsible spending and accountability; safe, strong neighbourhoods; responsible housing and growth; and Richmond's quality of life.

I'll ask tough questions, listen to different perspectives, and put residents ahead of political games.

On October 17, I respectfully ask for your vote.

Jerome Dickey — Steady Leadership. Stronger Richmond.

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Candidate for Councillor



Adam
DOBRER

Conservative

Adam is a community organizer, politics, and communications professional who has lived in Richmond for twenty years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of British Columbia. With experience in journalism, political campaigning, and data analytics, he is ready to fight for the best interests of all Richmonders and bring a fresh voice to City Hall.

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Candidate for Councillor



Tim
FAN

Volunteering builds better Richmond. Arriving from Hong Kong in 1990s, I am deeply grateful to call this safe, fair city my home. We share responsibility to give back to the community that supports us.

My lifelong service began in high School Niagara Christian to Messiah University and grew over 15 years with Royal Canadian Army Cadets, supporting veterans and The Salvation Army Harbour Light. I was profoundly honored to receive the King Charles III Coronation Medal through Volunteer Canada.

Now, I am running for Richmond Councillor to bring this proven commitment to our local government. I respectfully ask for your vote on October 17 to help build:

- A Drug-Free City: Enhancing safety, enforcement, and support.
- A Volunteer Hub: Streamlining grassroots community engagement.
- A Pet-Friendly City: Expanding accessible spaces for pets.
- Preserved Heritage: Protecting Richmond’s historic identity.
- Accountable Governance: Ensuring community-driven decisions that truly listen to people.

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Candidate for Councillor



Donald
FLINTOFF

As a long-time Richmond resident, former professional engineer, and former regulator, I am running for City Council because City Hall must be accountable, transparent, and fiscally responsible. Richmond residents deserve a Council that protects taxpayers, relies on evidence, safeguards public records, and genuinely listens to the community.

Richmond faces pivotal challenges and opportunities. Decisions made today will shape our city’s future for decades. My commitment is straightforward: delivering sound financial management, responsible growth, safer neighborhoods, climate resilience, and reliable local services.

My regulatory and engineering background gives me the technical oversight needed to scrutinize city spending, ensure transparency in municipal operations, and make informed, objective decisions for our community. I offer independent, evidence-based leadership to ensure an honest, effective, and taxpayer-focused local government.

On election day, vote Don Flintoff for Richmond City Council.

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Candidate for Councillor



Mike
GILL

Richmond United

Dr. Mike Gill is an Optometrist, who through his clinic, has proudly served Richmond for the past 13 years. A lifelong Richmond resident, Mike attended Tomsett Elementary and Cambie Secondary School. Today, he and his wife, Sharon, are raising their four children in the same community where they both grew up.

Mike’s commitment to Richmond extends beyond his professional life. For the past six years, he has volunteered as a coach with Richmond United Football Club and served two years on its Board of Directors. He is also a volunteer head coach with the Richmond Raiders, where he serves as Vice President.

Mike is running for Richmond City Council for the first time because he believes active, engaged community members have an important role to play in shaping the future of our city.

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Candidate for Councillor



Laura
GILLANDERS

RITE Richmond

Since her election to Richmond City Council in 2022, Laura Gillanders has been a champion for positive community change. She has successfully introduced motions to preserve local heritage, add a vital Audit component to the Finance Committee, and overhaul the lower-end market rental program to establish a new Housing Office and Affordable Housing Hub.

Laura brings her extensive professional experience as a construction industry CFO to her roles on the Economic Advisory and Major Projects Oversight Committees. Driven by a passion for farmland advocacy, she previously helped lead the charge to stop mega-mansions and now serves as council liaison to the Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Laura is deeply committed to affordability, recreation, arts, culture, and protecting Richmond’s unique ecosystem. She proudly supports the community as council liaison to the Gateway Theatre Board, Richmond School Board, Sea Island Community Association, and the First Nations Building Committee.

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Candidate for Councillor



Edward
HE

Action Richmond

A Richmond resident over 30 years, Edward He, Action Richmond councillor candidate, has been actively serving the Richmond community during the Richmond’s transformation from a suburban bedroom city to a vibrant urban centre that provides jobs to the surrounding areas. Edward holds a management position at a service department of Government of Canada and has devoted all his professional life to supporting people to better their lives: as high school teacher, professional counsellor, government service officer, as well a leader of government officers.

A father of two Richmond born and raised children, Edward He sets his roots in Richmond with his wife of 31 years. He is passionate to advance Richmond’s sustainable development to achieve a livable and vibrant place by contributing his people-serving knowledge, community-building skills, and solid experience of public governance. Edward holds advanced degrees from Shanghai Normal University, University of Regina, and University of BC.

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Candidate for Councillor



Andy
HOBBS

Richmond United

Andy Hobbs is a retired Vancouver Police (VPD) Superintendent with over 35 years of service, including as Transit Police Chief. Andy was inducted into the Order of Merit of the Police Forces by the Governor General of Canada, received the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal and several VPD commendations. Andy grew up in Richmond and graduated from Richmond High and U.B.C. He and Lynn raised three children here and have five grandchildren living in Richmond.

Andy’s lengthy volunteering includes the Kigoos Swim Club, Salmon Festival, Hospital Foundation, Intercultural Advisory Committee, Britannia Shipyards Society, Tourism Richmond, Royal Canadian Marine SAR, multiple coaching roles and was twice elected to the Richmond School Board 2002-2008. Andy has served on City Council since 2021, including committees such as Planning, Community Safety and liaison roles like London Farm, Centre for Disability, and City Centre Community Centre. Andy asks for your support in re-election to City Council.

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Candidate for Councillor



Louis
HUANG

I am running as an independent candidate for Richmond—grounded in integrity, practical leadership, and a steadfast commitment to our community.

My background bridges three vital perspectives:

- As an entrepreneur, I know what it takes to balance budgets, meet payroll, and navigate tough economic realities.
- As a journalist, I’ve spent years asking the hard questions, uncovering facts, and giving voice to the community—qualities our City Hall needs today.
- As a published poet and writer, I have developed an appreciation for the character, culture, and human stories that give a community its identity.

I believe Richmond needs all three perspectives: practical experience, informed judgment, and a genuine understanding of community.

If elected, I will work to promote responsible spending, a strong local economy, safe and livable neighbourhoods, and a city government that listens to residents.

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Candidate for Councillor



Howard
JAMPOLSKY

Richmond Forward

Richmond deserves a leader who has already proven himself here. Howard Jampolsky has built businesses, represented Richmond on the Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR) Board of Directors for nine years, currently chairs Richmond’s Economic Advisory Committee, chaired Richmond’s Board of Variance for eight years, and is the lead organizer of the Richmond Terry Fox Run for the past 14 years.

As a professional funeral director, Howard has walked beside grieving families through their hardest moments. Work that demands compassion, patience, and integrity. Those are exactly the qualities Richmond needs at City Hall.

Howard’s platform is practical, not political: attract investment and good jobs, protect our industrial/employment lands, improve housing and transportation, keep neighbourhoods clean and safe, and make every tax dollar count.

Howard Jampolsky knows Richmond. He understands how government works. And he’s ready to deliver results from day one.

Vote Jampolsky. Experience that works for Richmond.

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Candidate for Councillor



Jeff
JIANG

Richmond Strong

My name is Jeff Jiang. I have lived and worked in the Lower Mainland for more than 25 years, including over 20 years building my business in Richmond. As a construction and renovation professional, I understand the challenges facing homeowners, businesses and our community.

I believe Richmond should be a safe, responsible and welcoming city where families can live, seniors can age with dignity, and young people have opportunities to succeed.

Through my business and community involvement, including serving with the Chinese Construction Renovation Association of Canada and the Vancouver Sunshine Lions Club, I have dedicated many years to helping our community.

I am running for Richmond City Council to bring practical, hands-on experience and a strong sense of responsibility to City Hall. My priorities are public safety, transparent spending, property taxes, efficient city services, and a better quality of life for Richmond residents.

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Candidate for Councillor



Milan
KLJAJIC

Milan Kljajic is a Richmond community leader and experienced non-profit housing manager who works directly with hundreds of Richmond residents and families.

Milan is running for City Council to focus on the issues that affect residents every day: housing affordability, the rising cost of living, community safety, traffic and infrastructure, responsible development, and ensuring taxpayers receive value for their money.

He believes Richmond must continue to grow without losing the quality of life that makes our city a great place to live. That means thoughtful development, stronger infrastructure, support for seniors and families, and responsible management of public funds.

As an independent candidate, Milan will bring a practical and accountable voice to City Hall—listening to residents, asking tough questions, and making decisions based on what is best for Richmond.

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Candidate for Councillor



Alan
LACKSTEIN

Hello, my name is Alan Lackstein, and I am running for city councillor in Richmond.

I have lived in Richmond for over 25 years. I am a single dad, raising three children with Chinese heritage, two in high school, one in elementary school, all in French Immersion, and a beloved dog.

My background is in sales, wholesale and retail, working with customers, governments, and companies big and small.

I believe in listening to learn and understand for making the right decisions.

We must focus on the future for the betterment of business and the people.

I want everyone to feel safe and be happy to live in Richmond. This is a fantastic city.

Thank you.

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Candidate for Councillor



Kevin
LAI

Advance Richmond

Kevin Lai is a general contractor and founder of Advance Richmond. His hands-on construction experience has shown him how City Hall delays increase renovation and housing costs. An anti-drug activist, he helped organize opposition to a supervised consumption site and the Cambie and Sexsmith Permanent Supportive Housing project. He also defended private property rights in response to the Indigenous land-title case.

If elected, Kevin and the Advance Richmond team will:

- Use every lawful municipal power to oppose supervised consumption sites and publicly funded housing that permits illicit drug use, enforce clear no-drug rules in public spaces and taxpayer-funded facilities, and support prevention, treatment, and recovery.
- Stop making homeowners pay for City Hall delays. Fast-track renovation permits that meet safety and building-code requirements.
- Bring a builder's discipline to municipal projects through clear plans, realistic budgets, firm timelines, and accountability for delays and cost overruns.

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Candidate for Councillor



Kevin
LAINCHBURY

ONE Richmond

KEVIN LAINCHBURY is running for Richmond City Council to bring a fresh perspective, stronger accountability, and a renewed focus on community safety.

Richmond is a good city, but good government should never become complacent. Residents expect a City Council that listens carefully, asks tough questions, respects taxpayers, and makes decisions openly and responsibly.

-Safety comes first.

Support practical measures, keep our neighbourhoods, streets, parks, businesses, and public spaces.

-Accountability matters.

Clear priorities, responsible spending, transparent decision-making, and measurable results.

City Hall could benefit from new energy. Kevin offers an independent voice, a willingness to challenge assumptions, and a commitment to working constructively with others.

This campaign isn't about major change for Richmond. It's about making a good city a little bit better – safer communities, accountable government, a refreshed City Council ready for Richmond's future.

Kevin Lainchbury for Richmond City Councillor.

Safety.

Accountability.

Honesty.

Integrity.

A fresh voice.

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Candidate for Councillor



Gary
LAW

Advance Richmond

I am Gary, a long serving RCMP officer committed to practical and evidence based public service. My platform is grounded in public safety, transparent governance, and community trust. I believe Richmond residents deserve decisions guided by current data, accountability, and real engagement with all stakeholders. I am running with the Advance Richmond. My intention, if elected, is to strengthen collaboration between the City, frontline responders, social service partners, and neighbourhood groups so that we can address safety challenges proactively rather than reactively.

I support responsible budgeting, measurable outcomes, and policies that improve quality of life for families, seniors, and newcomers. I will work to ensure supportive housing, mental health services, and policing strategies are well coordinated, effective, and transparent. My goal is simple: a safer, more resilient Richmond built on respect, and community partnership.

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Candidate for Councillor



Pak Hing (Ben)
LEE

Born in Hong Kong, I came to Taiwan to study Chemical Engineering at National Taiwan University. I later earned my Master's and Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, with a focus on Environmental Engineering, from Iowa State University.

My career has included chemical manufacturing, waste and recycling management, university teaching, occupational safety, environmental protection and work with local government. I have worked as a safety inspector helping manufacturers improve workplace safety and managed waste-related programs. In 2009, I received an Outstanding Performance Award for waste and resource reduction, recycling and reuse.

I immigrated to Canada in 2010 and moved to Richmond in 2019. I am running for Council because I believe Richmond can be safer, better managed and a better place to live.

I want to bring my engineering, environmental, safety and public-service experience to practical solutions for public safety, traffic, environmental responsibility and better city services.

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Candidate for Councillor



Shelley
LEONHARDT

Richmond Forward

Shelley Leonhardt is an accomplished business executive and community leader with more than 25 years of experience serving Richmond in both the private and not-for-profit sectors.

As Constituency Assistant to MLA Linda Reid, Shelley supported local families facing challenges with housing, food access, mental health and other essential needs – always taking the time to listen and help.

As CEO of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Shelley worked closely with local businesses, helping them grow, connect and create opportunities within Richmond’s economy. As an entrepreneur herself, she understands the importance of a strong work ethic, efficient government and timely permits and licensing. She is committed to keeping City Hall open for business.

Shelley has volunteered extensively throughout Richmond, serving on numerous community boards as both director and chair. She is passionate about Richmond and committed to helping build a strong, vibrant and thriving community for everyone.

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Candidate for Councillor



Thomas
LEUNG

Common Sense

For over 30 years, Thomas Leung has called Richmond home. An immigrant from Hong Kong with a Master of Social Work, he built his Canadian career as an international education entrepreneur while devoting decades to community service and public affairs.

A lifelong volunteer, Thomas co-founded the Drug Prevention Concern Group and Richmond Christian Co-Mission Society, reflecting his commitment to safer communities, stronger families and people in need.

Running with the Common Sense Alliance, Thomas advocates informed, balanced, practical decision that delivers measurable results. He supports the team’s 12 pragmatic solutions for a safer, healthier, more prosperous Richmond and accountable City Hall.

Thomas turns concerns into action. Facing Richmond’s family-doctor shortage, he studied Public Clinic Models in Colwood and Langford for local application. He also proposed regular “on-duty” councillor hours, giving residents direct access to councillors and timely attention to their concerns.

Choose Common Sense. Vote for Thomas Leung.

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Candidate for Councillor



Vincent
LI

Richmond Citizens (RCA)

Vincent is a Chinese-speaking business lawyer. He believes Richmond deserves leaders who listen through tough issues, solve complex problems, and advocate for the people. Vincent does that every day in law and will bring that same discipline to Council.

Vincent started his first music business at 14 and now runs a Richmond law firm. He has spent half his life in community leadership, including as a university Governor. These experiences established the importance of accountability and delivering results.

Vincent envisions a Richmond where the essentials are affordable, where investment and infrastructure grow businesses and innovation, and where public services make life safer and more enjoyable.

Vincent wants to build Richmond so families can stay, find opportunity, and create their lives.

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Candidate for Councillor



Michael
LOK

We Are Richmond

Michael LOK is a distinguished community advocate, commercial leader, and internationally accredited martial arts instructor with over three decades of documented service in the City of Richmond.

Lok’s professional background encompasses extensive executive oversight in both private enterprise and non-profit organization (NPO) governance, demonstrating verifiable compliance with regional economic and social development framework standards.

Lok’s civic platform prioritizes structural enhancements across four core municipal verticals: institutional support for local business enterprise, statutory public safety optimization, systemic youth development program expansion, and the implementation of inclusive municipal engagement policies.

Through systematic program administration, his initiatives have directly served thousands of Richmond residents, fostering sustainable multi-cultural integration and economic stability.

Lok remains dedicated to drafting practical, compliant municipal policy aimed at establishing a resilient, connected, and economically prosperous local jurisdiction.

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Candidate for Councillor



Jenny Gonzales
MATA

We Are Richmond

Jenny Gonzales Mata is a candidate for Richmond City Council with the We Are Richmond slate. Raised in Richmond, she brings a deep commitment to the community that shaped her. Her background as a physiotherapist fuels her passion for healthcare and rehabilitation, while her current role as a licensed financial professional grounds her in fiscal responsibility and practical problem-solving, and as a Kickboxing trainer, she actively promotes holistic, healthy living.

As a dedicated mother and grandmother, Jenny understands the economic challenges facing local families. Through her Grit & Guide platform, she empowers women and promotes community support to make Richmond a model city. Jenny is committed to building a transparent, responsive, and inclusive government focused on prudent fiscal management, public safety, and accessible municipal services for all residents.

"I am committed to fostering a safer, kinder, and more vibrant city...one that our children will proudly return to and call HOME."

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Candidate for Councillor



Andrew
MROZOWSKI

I'm a Richmond parent, community volunteer and business professional who believes residents deserve excellent services and strong accountability for every tax dollar.

My family has called Richmond home since 2007. I served as Vice President of the Richmond Tennis Club for many years and am a senior soccer player with Richmond United. I have also worked directly with City Hall, submitting ideas and service requests aimed at improving how our community is served.

Professionally, I bring experience in both private- and public-sector procurement, including work with Health Shared Services BC, as well as extensive experience in negotiation, cost management and business operations. I understand how organizations can improve purchasing, control costs and deliver better value without compromising service.

As a Councillor, my priorities will be better City services, fiscal accountability, responsible spending, public safety and strong community facilities.

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Candidate for Councillor



Karen
NOVORR-PEZZUTO

Richmond Strong

I believe a city thrives when every voice is heard, and every neighbourhood feels supported. I currently am a practicing lawyer and sit as treasurer for the Minoru Seniors Society. City Hall needs to ensure that growth is sustainable, inclusive, and respectful of our shared values.

Richmond Strong stands for:

- Safety
- Transparency
- Responsibility
- Oversight
- New Technology
- Growth

I will;

1. Support initiatives that strengthen public safety – NO safe consumption sites
2. Bring a balanced, transparent, and solutions-focused approach to council
3. Review and reduce the building permit process while protecting Richmond's unique heritage.
4. Improve transit access, reduce congestion, and maintain safe, well-planned streets.
5. Install real time transcription and translation services at city hall.
6. Work to create practical solutions so families, seniors, and young people can continue to call Richmond home

Together, we can build a city that honours its heritage, while embracing a vibrant, sustainable future.

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Candidate for Councillor



Antonio "Tony"
ORTEGA

We Are Richmond

In time when cities are seeking leaders who understand both diversity and unity. Antonio "Tony" Ortega emerged as a compelling candidate for the City Council in the Richmond British Canada known for his tireless community work and principled leadership. Ortega has built a reputation grounded in service, cultural pride and meaningful civic engagement. President of the Cebuano Society, Antonio Ortega has played a pivotal role in strengthening cultural connections within the Filipino-Canadian community while fostering inclusivity across multicultural groups. Under his leadership, the organization has championed heritage, supported newcomers, and created platforms for collaboration ensuring that cultural identity remains a bridge rather than a barrier. Ortega's leadership is defined not just by titles but by action. He has been instrumental in organizing community initiatives, cultural events, and outreach programs that bring people together across generations and background.

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Candidate for Councillor



Dennis
PAGE

I oppose radical, Far-Left policies – and I oppose Identity Politics.

I believe in the principles of Democracy and Capitalism – not Wealth Redistribution, Socialism, or Communism.

As Richmond residents, more and more often, we are seeing political issues at the Federal and Provincial have a dramatic effect on our community – and it is important that we have the right mindset when dealing with the challenges we face.

If elected to serve Richmond – I will use all resources available to combat political policies, made at higher levels of government, that negatively affect our community.

I will never support reckless and radical political decisions that seek to redistribute wealth, give away the land and force single-family zoned neighborhoods into densely packed housing.

I will seek to create an exciting and vibrant downtown core for Richmond—a mini Expo District—that offers entertainment, shopping, dining, and experiences from all over the world.

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Candidate for Councillor



Hong Yan Melody
PAN

Hong Yan Melody Pan is a Registered Nurse who lived in Richmond for more than a decade and has worked in Richmond for more than 26 years, serving Richmond residents through healthcare and community service. She has volunteered with local community organizations and advocated for the preservation of the five-acre greenspace at the former Old Steveston Secondary School site in 2013–2014, supporting its continued public use and recognizing green space as an important social determinant of health.

Through her professional and community experience, Melody has provided recommendations through policy consultations at all three levels of government and educated residents about the Official Community Plan (OCP), City processes, and municipal services at both individual and professional levels.

As a doctoral student in Organizational Leadership, she brings knowledge of community engagement, organizational leadership, and identifying hidden systemic barriers so vulnerable and overlooked residents can be seen, heard, and included in decision-making.

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Candidate for Councillor



Keefer
PELECH

Richmond Citizens (RCA)

Right now, families are struggling. Housing costs are out of control and many young families are being pushed out of our city. Keefer believes Richmond can build more affordable housing while addressing everyday concerns like access to child care and long waitlists for swim lessons, but only with leaders who are focused on the issues that matter most to residents.

Born and raised in Richmond, Keefer Pelech is now raising his own child in the same community he has always called home. He's seen firsthand how the pressure on families is growing.

From volunteering at the Richmond Nature Park to serving as a director with the Richmond Food Security Society, Keefer has dedicated his time to building community. He has also been a vocal advocate for affordable housing. Now, Keefer wants to serve on city council so every family can see a future for themselves in Richmond.

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Candidate for Councillor



Lisa
PHILLIPS

Conservative

Lisa Phillips is a finance professional, business owner and experienced community leader with a BSc in Mathematics from UBC. She brings eight years of board governance experience with Madrona School and SelfDesign Learning Foundation, where she worked with government and Ministry officials on accreditation, funding and educational programming. Her professional career includes financial services, business management and e-commerce.

Lisa is running for Richmond City Council because she believes local government should be financially responsible, accountable and focused on the needs of residents. She is particularly interested in advocating for Richmond residents and property owners in light of the Cowichan decision, while supporting responsible development, strong communities and sound municipal finances.

A 3rd generation British Columbian with deep roots in the Lower Mainland, Lisa brings a practical, analytical approach to public service and is committed to listening to residents and making thoughtful, evidence-based decisions.

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Candidate for Councillor



Wallace
PONG

Advance Richmond

Wallace Pong is an international businessman, University of Texas at Austin graduate, and community advocate with decades of experience in international trade and business development.

Through WeVote, he has organized campaigns across British Columbia challenging drug-tolerant supportive housing policies and advocating for safer neighbourhoods, public consultation, and accountability.

If elected, Wallace will:

- Make Richmond a leading tourism and convention destination, including major convention, theme park, and event facilities.
- Turn Asia-Pacific and sister-city connections into tourism, trade, investment, education, and business opportunities.
- Leverage YVR to attract logistics, aviation, technology, e-commerce, and international headquarters.
- Promote Richmond as a premier destination for Chinese and Southeast Asian food and culture.
- Advance electric and autonomous community shuttles, improving first- and last-mile connections.
- Strengthen integrity through an independent anti-corruption body investigating corruption, conflicts of interest, and serious accountability failures.

Wallace believes Richmond can become safer, more prosperous, globally connected, and accountable.

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Candidate for Councillor



Tamás
REVÓCZI

Richmond Citizens (RCA)

Tamás Revóczy is a champion of resilience who wants to future-proof Richmond. His goal is to ensure the city has strong plans for housing, sustainability and public safety to build a truly resilient community.

If elected, he will be the first councillor in recent history from Sea Island and will bring the voices of often-overlooked communities to City Hall, standing up for all Richmondites. His vision includes expanding co-operative housing so people aren't priced out of the city and ensuring Richmond is safe from both crime and climate emergencies.

As President of the Sea Island Community Association, Tamas has built a proven record of participatory democracy, transparent governance and community advocacy. He hopes to extend that success across all of Richmond's neighbourhoods, ensuring every voice is heard and everyone has a seat at the decision making table.

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Candidate for Councillor



Alex
SAGERT

Conservative

Richmond isn't just where I live, it's home. I was born and raised here, and for more than 30 years, Steveston has shaped who I am. This community has given me opportunities, friendships and a sense of belonging that I will never take for granted.

My path hasn't always been easy. I've faced challenges that changed my life and gave me a deeply personal understanding of the toxic drug crisis. Those experiences taught me the value of second chances and why treatment, recovery and hope must be part of the conversation.

I'm running for City Council because I want to give back to the community that has given me so much. I will fight for safer neighbourhoods, responsible spending, thriving local businesses and a City Hall that listens.

Richmond is our home. I want to help protect what makes it special while building an even stronger future together.

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Candidate for Councillor



Adnan
SARWAR

We Are Richmond

I wish to serve Richmond as a City Council Member with the Mayor because our community deserves practical leadership focused on opportunity, affordability, safety, and a stronger future for every family.

Richmond is changing, and the government must keep pace with the needs of residents, students, workers, seniors, entrepreneurs, and small businesses.

My vision is to build a city where education connects directly to real-world skills and employment. We should strengthen vocational training and trade certifications, expand industry partnerships, and embrace the BCIT model of practical, career-focused learning. We must also prepare our children for the future by introducing AI literacy and appropriate AI tools throughout the K-12 education journey.

As a business and education professional, I understand the importance of innovation, investment, and rewarding people who create value.

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Candidate for Councillor



Sheldon
STARRETT

Advance Richmond

I was born at Richmond Hospital and still live and work in this city that raised me. I'm running to protect our community and build a safer, stronger Richmond.

I founded Keep Richmond Safe to advocate for public safety, drug detox, and treatment. Living beside Richmond's Alderbridge temporary modular housing, I have seen firsthand the consequences of City Council's support for failed provincial drug policies.

I've led local opposition to low-barrier housing models that have brought open drug use and crime into Richmond. I also opposed Council's proposed supervised drug consumption site at Richmond Hospital, helping prompt the Premier to stop the plan.

My vision is bold but practical: improve infrastructure and city services, support local businesses, protect our parks and agricultural land, and cut red tape.

My priorities:

- End the drug sites
- Freeze tax increases
- Stop wasteful spending
- Champion affordable and aspirational home ownership
- Deliver pragmatic transit solutions

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Candidate for Councillor



Glenda
STRANG

Common Sense

For 20 years, Glenda Strang has served Richmond with a simple belief: real help goes beyond meeting immediate needs. She co-founded the faith-based Recovery Church and founded Richmond's only mobile food truck, providing vulnerable residents with meals, emotional and spiritual support, and encouragement to rebuild their lives.

Glenda served over 10 years on her housing co-op board, advocating for affordable housing, and 10+ years on the Richmond Minor Football League board, helping young people build teamwork, discipline and confidence through sport.

Running with the Common Sense Alliance, Glenda supports 12 practical solutions for a safer, healthier, more prosperous Richmond and accountable City Hall. She believes supportive housing must balance compassion, community safety and accountability. She also supports dedicated housing for first responders to strengthen emergency readiness.

Glenda brings compassion, front-line experience and a commitment to those too often unheard.

Choose Common Sense. Vote for Glenda Strang.

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Candidate for Councillor



Daniel
TSANG

Daniel Tsang has called Richmond home since the age of one and is committed to giving back to the community that helped shape him.

Daniel works with the BC Attorney General's Analytics, Technology and Systems sector, where he modernizes the technology supporting British Columbia's justice system. His work has contributed to significant upgrades to the province including virtual court appearances and web-based tools that allow judges and lawyers to securely access court audio remotely.

Daniel also has served on the River Green 1 strata council for eight years and has coached youth soccer, giving him firsthand experience in solving residential problems and serving his community.

Daniel is running for Richmond City Council to bring a fresh voice and practical solutions to City Hall. He believes public service should be guided by humility, integrity, transparency, fiscal responsibility, and a commitment to making Richmond safer, stronger, and more prosperous for future generations.

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Candidate for Councillor



Grace
TSANG

Advance Richmond

Grace Tsang is a Certified Financial Planner, business owner, community leader, and former Richmond School Trustee. She served three terms from 2005 to 2014, including one year as Vice-Chair, and has decades of experience in Rotary, Youth, media, and community service. Grace immigrated from Hong Kong to Canada with her parents in 1975 and has called Richmond home since 1993.

If elected, Grace will:

1. Support safe, legal rental suites and owner-occupied short-term rentals under a "neighbourhood-protection rule."
2. Adopt a Richmond "3-3-3-1" housing approval policy: three days for minor renovations, three weeks for detached homes, three months for multi-family and mid-rise projects, and one year for high-rises.
3. Create a one-stop municipal hub to streamline business licences and permits.
4. Hold monthly meetings where councillors meet residents and provide city updates.

For Advance Richmond's full platform, please refer to the statements of its councillor and school trustee candidates.

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Candidate for Councillor



Andy Z.
WANG

I am Andy Zhen Xiong Wang, originally from Taiwan. I am running for Richmond City Richmond Councillor in 2026. I believe Richmond’s cultural diversity is our greatest strength. My priorities include improving public transit, strengthening public safety, fighting crime and the drug crisis, supporting local small businesses and driving steady economic growth. I hope to see Richmond grow into an inclusive, prosperous garden city and one of North America’s top culinary destinations. Let us build a safer, more vibrant Richmond, where all communities can live, work, raise families and thrive together.

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Candidate for Councillor



Jizhou William
WANG

Advance Richmond

My name is Jizhou (William) Wang, and Richmond has been my family’s home since 2012. I am a father of three, entrepreneur, and former capital-markets professional with experience in corporate finance, restructuring, and business management. These experiences taught me to scrutinize budgets, demand accountability, and turn plans into results.

I am running for Council to help build a safer, more affordable, and better-managed Richmond. I will advocate for responsible spending, stronger community safety, thoughtful housing and transportation planning, and practical support for local businesses and vulnerable residents.

Richmond’s diversity is one of its greatest strengths, yet many residents—including Chinese Canadians—remain underrepresented in civic decision-making. I will bridge cultures, explain City decisions in plain language, listen across communities, and ensure concerns receive meaningful follow-up.

I respectfully ask for your vote on October 17.

See City Hall. Understand the decisions. Have your say.

When you call, I will answer.

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Candidate for Councillor



Sam
WANG

Advance Richmond

Sam Wang is a Chartered Professional Accountant and financial executive with decades of experience in corporate leadership, financial management, and public-company oversight. A Richmond resident for more than 30 years, Sam is committed to making City Hall more accountable, transparent, efficient, and financially disciplined.

As a Director and Chair of the Finance Committee at the Richmond Centre for Disability, Sam has demonstrated leadership in responsible governance, fiscal accountability, and community service.

As a City Councillor, Sam will:

- Strengthen oversight of City finances, procurement, contracts, conflicts of interest, and administrative performance.
- Improve government efficiency by reducing waste, streamlining processes, and improving service delivery.
- Keep annual property-tax increases at or below inflation and freeze mayoral, councillor, and senior-management salaries for four years.
- Make Richmond safer by supporting effective action against crime.
- Promote economic growth by supporting local businesses, attracting investment, and creating jobs.

Sam Wang: Professional experience. Financial discipline. Accountable government.

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Candidate for Councillor



Michael
WOLFE

RITE Richmond

Michael Wolfe is a City Councillor seeking re-election—and a lifelong Richmond resident who has spent more than 20 years working to make our city better. His 100% attendance record at Council committee meetings this term reflects his commitment to showing up and doing the work.

Michael holds a Master’s in Education and works as a science teacher. As a father raising two young children, he cares deeply about the Richmond they will inherit.

He has championed farmland protection, standing against mega-mansions that put agricultural land and long-term food security at risk. He listens to diverse perspectives, seeks balanced solutions, and believes residents deserve a strong voice in decisions affecting their neighbourhoods.

If re-elected, Michael will work with Council, the Mayor, staff, and developers to build a more sustainable Richmond—protecting farmland, nature, neighbourhoods, and our future.

Vote Wolfe and RITE Richmond: Power to the people.

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Candidate for Councillor



Milly
YEE

Richmond Citizens (RCA)

Milly Yee is a lifelong Richmond resident, parent, public worker, and community advocate running to make City Hall more connected, transparent, and responsive. For over 10 years, Milly has served as a pension trustee, helping double the plan's funding while developing tools to identify risks and inefficiencies before they become problems. As a labour advocate, she has fought to close the gender pay gap and improve support and affordability for families by advocating for stronger benefits for parents during maternity and parental leave. Milly believes Richmond needs to build upon its current foundation with practical experience, compassion, fresh ideas, and the courage to question the status quo. She wants a Richmond where families can access a continuum of childcare, residents feel safe and engaged, and growth is matched by thoughtful infrastructure and planning. Milly will listen before decisions are made, explain them clearly, and bring accountable, forward-looking leadership to Council.

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Candidate for Councillor



Eric
YUNG

Richmond Forward

A Richmond resident since 1975, Eric was a past Chair of Richmond Board of Education, and School Trustee from 2011-2018 and past chair of the Insurance Council of BC.

Eric holds a B.Sc. in Biochemistry from UBC, and a Ph.D in Molecular Genetics from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, and is currently employed at the BC Cancer Research Institute.

After witnessing many of his friends move away from Richmond due to rising housing costs, Eric feels passionately that people must have affordable options in the Richmond communities they grew up in. He wants to see a variety of purpose-built housing options that support all ages and stages of life. He recognizes that there are no quick fixes to the housing issues we face, but wants to actively work on the pieces the City of Richmond can get moving now to ensure a vibrant and diverse Richmond.

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Candidate for Councillor



Melissa
ZHANG

Richmond Forward

Melissa Zhang has called Richmond home for over 20 years with her husband and daughter. Her son was born at Richmond Hospital. She holds a master's degree and has worked as an independent financial advisor for 18 years.

A dedicated community advocate and volunteer, Melissa was nominated for the "Star of Richmond" award in 2019 and 2021. She serves as a board director with Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives, the Richmond Sister City Advisory Committee, and the Steveston Historical Society.

Melissa has been a Lions Club member for 11 years, serving twice as Zone Chairperson and as Charter President of the Vancouver Fraser Lions Club. She is a Diamond Melvin Jones Fellow of the Lions Clubs International Foundation and she received the Judge Brian Stevenson Award from Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

Candidates for Trustee

Candidate for Trustee



Rod
BELLEZA

Advance Richmond

Rod practiced law in the Philippines before his 1980 Canadian immigration and FICB designation.

Rod is serving his third term as Richmond School Trustee. Rod is a strong advocate for good governance, students’ success, more support for teachers and staff, and parents’ rights in their children’s education. If re-elected, Rod will:

- Advocate for adequate funding of public education
- Foster a safe and inclusive learning environment in schools
- Develop students’ life skills to improve their personal well-being
- Promote financial literacy
- Enhance students’ voice

For nearly four decades, Rod has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to community service. As Rotarian, Knight, and Richmond Bayanihan Founding Member, his leadership spans roles as Past President of RMCS, Mabuhay Jaycees, NABC, and CIABC. Furthermore, he served on various Richmond Advisory Committees.

Rod’s mission is a visionary Board leading our schools to deliver an education that enables our children to succeed.

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Candidate for Trustee



Dean
BILLINGS

Advance Richmond

Dean (BBA, MBA) has 19 years’ experience leading change in public-sector organizations (provincial government, healthcare, justice, utilities) as a software consultant. Dean’s advocacy experience includes roles as Secretary and President of the Richmond District PAC. Dean volunteers as coach and board member with the Richmond Lacrosse Association.

Dean’s priorities:

Transparent and democratic decision-making:

- Allow delegations from the public on agenda items and at public committee meetings.
- Open indigenous and other board advisory committees to the public.

Evidence-based decision-making:

- Move beyond ad-hoc opinion surveys.
- Systematize evaluation of changes, pilots, and external vendors.
- Publish data on substance use on school grounds, racism, bullying, class evacuations, violence against staff.

Get Richmond to #1 in BC in literacy scores, math scores, and graduation rates!

Advocate for adequate funding!

For Advance Richmond’s full education platform, read the statements of all our school trustee candidates!

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Candidate for Trustee



Danny
CHANG

Advance Richmond

Danny Chang is a Richmond parent, business director, and owner of an import and wholesale company. An SFU business graduate in Marketing and Management Information Systems, he brings operational discipline, fiscal responsibility, and grassroots community experience to protecting school safety, strengthening academic standards, and supporting students and families.

Danny’s priorities are as follows:

- Establish a Richmond Business Community Advisory Committee, expand fundraising opportunities, and make school facilities easier for community organizations to rent.
- Expand co-op programs, internships, job shadowing, business field trips, and volunteer opportunities that provide practical work experience.
- Strengthen financial literacy, employable skills, and preparation for an AI-driven economy while improving collaboration with the City and provincial government.
- Advocate for adequate funding of public education

For Advance Richmond’s full education platform, read the statements of all our school trustee candidate

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Candidate for Trustee



Hongyun
CHEN

Education has shaped my entire life.

I come from a family of educators and have spent more than twenty years working closely with students and families through education and publishing. I hold an MD from a leading medical university in Shanghai and a PhD in molecular biology in Canada. My background in medicine, science, education, and business has taught me to listen carefully, examine evidence, and make responsible decisions.

I am running for Richmond School Trustee because every child deserves an excellent education and the opportunity to reach his/her full potential.

I will advocate for strong foundations in literacy, mathematics and science; responsible use of AI and technology; safe and supportive schools; meaningful communication among parents, teachers and the district; and transparent, responsible use of public resources.

Education gave me opportunities that changed my life. I want every Richmond student to have that same chance to learn, grow, and thrive.

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Candidate for Trustee



Lawrence
CHEN

Education History:

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University of Technology Sydney, Australia. 1998-2000
- 2. Diploma of Leisure Tourism Management
Vancouver Tourism College, BC Canada 2000-2001
- 3. Diploma of Computer Science
- 4. Bachelor of Science (Marine ship engineering)

Our mission:

Safe School, Strong Learning, Your Voice on the School Board .

Students First, Listening to Parents, Supporting Students.

Responsible Budgets, Focused on Classroom.

Better Education for Every Student.

One community, one goal-quality education for every kid.

Prioritize student mental health and safe, accountable school.

Respect parent voices, deliver quality public education.

Support every student thrive academically and socially.

Equitable opportunities for every learner.

Experience to listen, courage to make balance decisions.

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Candidate for Trustee



Calvin
DANG

Zheng Dang has lived in Canada for 25 years and is a graduate of the University of Manitoba. He is the father of a middle school student and understands the hopes, concerns and priorities of families in our community.

Since 2014, Zheng has owned and operated a seafood and meat business in Richmond, gaining extensive experience in leadership, management and working with people from diverse backgrounds.

As Executive Director of the Asian Canadian Basketball Association and Chair of the Youth Sports & Health Committee, he has dedicated himself to youth sports, healthy living and community participation.

Zheng believes a school trustee’s first responsibility is to listen—to students, families, educators, school staff and the community. If elected, he will focus on student achievement and well-being, meaningful communication with families and educators, and responsible, transparent and accountable leadership.

Richmond’s diversity is our strength.

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Candidate for Trustee



Kiana
DASHTBAZI

KIANA — Candidate for Richmond School Trustee (SD38)

As a single mother navigating the school system with my neurodivergent child and a noon supervisor on Richmond school grounds, I experience our schools’ successes and challenges firsthand. Working alongside our dedicated teachers, Educational Assistants, and support staff, I know the immense effort required to hold our classrooms together.

My professional background in architecture equips me to build strong foundations and advocate for safe, modern, and physically accessible facilities. My work with the Centre for Family Equity reinforces my commitment to lifting up voices that are too often ignored.

My Priorities for SD38:

- Expand support for neurodivergent and special needs learners.
- Advocate for strong retention and resources for EAs and teachers.
- Accelerate seismic upgrades and accessible facility planning.

My Campaign Motto: “Seeing every child, supporting every mind.”

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Candidate for Trustee



Kay
HALE

Lived in Richmond B.C since 1984. MBA degree in Business Administration from U.K. Two generations of my family attended schooling here in Richmond. Multilingual; 1) English, 2) Cantonese, 3) Hindi, 4) Punjabi 5) Urdu & Elementary Mandarin.

28-plus years of International Business experience. Established my Executive Management Consultancy firm with offices in Hong Kong, U.K., Australia and Canada. Practice Residential Trading Service in British Columbia.

I sought to run for Richmond School Trustee to work with the Richmond School District to reinstate the “Track Meets” competitive elements including Ribbons Awards and Gender-based division. I will Champion Richmond City sponsor swimming lessons for all elementary school students to ensure safety and health. Learning to swim is an important life skill.

I volunteer with The Sharing Farm, supporting local food banks throughout the year, it is a good way to bring communities together and build morale.

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Candidate for Trustee



Ken
HAMAGUCHI

Richmond Education Party

Ken Hamaguchi is running for a 4th term in this October's city election. As a School Trustee, he has focussed on 4 areas:

Students

Ken has spent most of his life teaching and supporting children/students. His belief is that children/our students are the future, and that our role is to teach them how to learn and lead.

Inclusion and Equity

All students regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation, age and socioeconomic class are entitled to the best educational experience we can offer them. Students and staff also need a learning environment where they feel valued, supported and included.

Staff

The key to our student's success, is our staff. If we want our students to do well, we must take care and support the people that work with them

Facilities

For students to learn and grow, they need to have facilities that are safe, well-maintained and well organized.

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Candidate for Trustee



Aithan
KANG

Aithan Kang is a Richmond resident, and student pursuing a BBA in Accounting. As a young person who understands the opportunities and challenges students face, Aithan is committed to ensuring students have the support, safety, and opportunities they need to succeed. Aithan believes strong schools are built through listening, accountability, and collaboration. As a trustee, he will bring a student-focused perspective and will advocate for safe and inclusive learning environments, responsible decision making, and opportunities that prepare students for their future. Through his education, volunteer experience, and commitment to Richmond, Aithan is ready to serve with integrity, and work for the best interest of students.

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Candidate for Trustee



Ausha
KANG

Ausha Kang is a lifelong Richmond Resident and proud graduate of Richmond, having attended both elementary and high school in the community. Her experience as a student shaped her belief in the importance of education and creating positive opportunities for the youth. Ausha has been an active member of the community, previously working for the City of Richmond as a Youth Literacy Instructor, helping children build confidence, movement, skills and healthy habits. She is also currently pursuing her Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, as she is committed to lifelong learning. Ausha is running for school trustee to give back to the community that has given her so much. She is committed to ensuring that Richmond schools are inclusive for all.

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Candidate for Trustee



Heather
LARSON

Richmond Education Party

Elected as School Trustee in 2018 and re-elected in 2022, I am committed to listening, learning, showing care, asking thoughtful questions, and making decisions with students and our broader community in mind.

I bring more than 20 years of experience supporting students in the Richmond School District, including 13 years as an Educational Assistant in elementary and secondary schools, four years in purchasing, and four years as Homestay Coordinator in the International Program.

These experiences have given me a broad understanding of the people, programs, and resources that support students, staff, and strong schools.

I value being respectful, positive, and open to different perspectives, and remain deeply committed to Richmond families and our school community.

Above all, I believe every child deserves to feel safe, supported, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential. I will continue advocating for students, staff, and families while working to build strong, inclusive schools.

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Candidate for Trustee



Vivien
LEE

As a mother of three children spanning from elementary to high school, Vivien has a wealth of experience navigating her children through the K-12 education system. Growing up in Hong Kong, Vivien has a first-hand understanding of the Asian education system. She came to Canada for her high school studies, which allowed her to see the changes that happened for the past 30 years. On top of that, she spent ten years raising her children in America. Such exposure gave Vivien various perspectives on how to bring the Richmond school district to the next level, one that will focus on academics, competition, and internal motivation.

Vivien believes the right system can motivate students to work hard. She also believes in the joy that comes with competition, as students are required to grow and mature through the process. All kids want to do better, when their result becomes measurable.

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Candidate for Trustee



Martin
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Richmond Education Party

Martin Li is a longtime Richmond resident who grew up here after immigrating to Canada as a child. He attended Ferris Elementary and Richmond Secondary before earning his Bachelor of Arts (BA) from UBC and a post-graduate Certificate in Human Resources Management from SFU. As a Mandarin speaker, Martin understands the importance of making every student and family feel welcome, respected and included.

For more than a decade, Martin has worked in public service and education, including with the City of Richmond, UBC and Langara College. His work has focused on serving people, solving problems and helping organizations work better. At the City of Richmond, Martin taught swimming and lifesaving to children and young adults, helping them build confidence and essential safety skills. His professional experience also includes human resources, recruitment, labour relations, workplace safety and policy development.

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Candidate for Trustee



Stefan
MLADENOVIC

As a lifelong Richmond resident, I have an enduring commitment to our community and the next generation of learners. I am running for School Trustee to ensure our public education system delivers a balanced, robust, and modern learning environment where every student can thrive.

Every young person deserves to walk into an environment where they feel valued, their perspectives are heard, and their distinct potential is nurtured. I will champion high-calibre academic standards, and protect schools as safe, inclusive spaces that foster critical thinking, mutual respect, and open inquiry. Investing in our classrooms today builds an adaptable, resilient community tomorrow. I look forward to earning your vote and serving as a collaborative, accountable voice for our families, educators, and students.

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Candidate for Trustee



Bill
MOK

Richmond Education Party

Bill Mok believes leadership begins with listening. A Richmond community leader, parent, Anglican priest, former engineer, and former English Language Learner, Bill brings experience in community service, ministry, technology, and the newcomer journey.

Bill is committed to academic excellence, partnership with parents, safe and supportive schools, success beyond graduation, and wise stewardship of public resources. He believes every student deserves an excellent education that prepares them with the knowledge, skills, confidence, and character to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Running with the Richmond Education Party, Bill will bring a collaborative and community-centred approach to the Board of Education. He will listen to and work with students, parents, teachers, education assistants, principals, and school and district staff, respecting their experience and expertise and bringing diverse voices into thoughtful decision-making for the future of Richmond public education.

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Candidate for Trustee



Sandra
NIXON

Empower Education Richmond

I've lived in Richmond for 20+ years and am an ordained United Church Minister. I was first elected as a school trustee when my children were attending our public schools. I served two terms on the school board, including two years as Board Chair and six as Policy Committee Chair.

I hold a B. Comm (hons) degree in finance and bring a proven record of:

- responsive, ethical leadership
- determined advocacy for students
- commitment to collaborative community engagement
- sound financial oversight

If elected I will champion:

- safe, welcoming, discrimination-free schools
- classroom supports and specialist teachers
- responsible technology
- seismic and childcare-friendly facilities upgrades
- respectful, transparent decision-making processes

Current community service:

- Member of the Richmond Poverty Reduction Coalition
- President, Granville Gardens Housing Co-op
- Board of Governors, Vancouver School of Theology

I'm running with Empower Education Richmond. Let's work together to equip our students to shape their future with confidence!

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Candidate for Trustee



Jordan
OYE

As a proud product of Richmond schools (8D38) from K-12, now raising my own children here, my commitment to our district is deeply personal.

I bring years of experience as a long-time community volunteer, alongside a professional background in finance, project management, and public service. I offer a proven record of thoughtful leadership and community engagement.

My focus centers on Success for All Learners and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Leveraging my background in building strong community partnerships, I will connect local organizations with our schools to ensure students have access to the programs and opportunities that prepare them for a rapidly changing world.

Equally vital is transparency. Applying my technical and project leadership, I will ensure open communication, accountable decision-making, and responsible oversight so families always know how board choices support our classrooms.

Together, let's invest in our children and build an even stronger future for Richmond schools.

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Candidate for Trustee



Helen
QUAN

Helen Quan has called Richmond home for 33 years, where her children grew up and graduated from Richmond public schools. She studied Business Administration at McGill University and brings over 40 years of business and management experience, including operating a restaurant chain.

For three decades, Helen has served and led her community through volunteer work. Since 2014, she has served as President of the Metro Vancouver Volunteer Association, supporting families, youth, seniors, and newcomers. She has held leadership roles with the Richmond Mandarin Lions Club and Richmond 32nd Scout Group.

As a Richmond parent and community leader, Helen is committed to putting students first, supporting safe schools, and strengthening communication between families, schools, and the community.

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Candidate for Trustee



Donna
SARGENT

Donna Sargent is a long-serving Richmond School District Trustee with a proven record of results-driven, collaborative leadership. Across multiple terms on Richmond's Board of Education, she has earned a reputation as hard-working, principled, and trustworthy. Donna believes every child deserves the best education possible, and that a strong, respected public education system is essential to a thriving democracy and a prosperous future. She brings the community's voice to the decision-making table, working closely with students, parents, staff, and partners to build a school system Richmond can be proud of. Her leadership extends provincially through her service on the BC School Trustees Association and BC Public School Employers' Association boards. Beyond the boardroom, Donna gives back through the Lions Club, The Maple Residences, and the Canadian Federation of University Women. Donna has been a proud Richmond resident for over 40 years.

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Candidate for Trustee



Willy
SINCONEGUE

Advance Richmond

Willy Sinconegue is a finance professional with 47 years of experience and a Certified Public Accountant in the Philippines. As President of the Richmond Bayanihan Society of BC, he has expanded support for disadvantaged students, multicultural programs, family services, youth mentorship, and partnerships between schools and community organizations.

SAFE, ACCEPTING, AND WELCOMING SCHOOLS:

- Create a Special Needs Advisory Committee supporting families of students with autism, ADHD, or dyslexia.
- Make bullying a priority through a clear district-wide policy drawing on the Abbotsford model, with consistent implementation and meaningful consequences.
- Support newcomers and students transferring from other schools through youth mentorship, school-family partnerships, family services, and a welcoming school environment.

For Advance Richmond’s full education platform, read the statements of all our school trustee candidates!

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Candidate for Trustee



Debbie
TABLOTNEY

Empower Education Richmond

I have been a Richmond resident since 1982, have served as a dedicated volunteer in the district for over 35 years and was first elected school trustee in 2002. I serve with integrity, passion, and understanding, and have been an unwavering advocate for public education. My 40 years’ experience as an insurance broker, business owner and accountant have served me well on the board. My 3 sons all attended Richmond public schools.

board experience:

- Chair/Vice-chair of the board
- multi-years as policy chair
- chaired all major board committees
- Provincial Rep for BC School Trustees and BCPC

Priorities:

- Strengthening classroom support/diverse program options
- Wrap around approach to student safety
- Mental health and wellness support
- Foster school environments that are welcoming, supportive, and inclusive
- Provide Seismically safe, modernized, sustainable childcare-friendly buildings

Oct 17th Vote Debbie Tablotney & Empower Education Candidates/Proven, Engaged, Experienced leadership.

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Candidate for Trustee



Phyllis
TANG

Advance Richmond

Born and raised in Vancouver, Phyllis pursued graduate studies in Ethnomusicology at UBC and Toronto, and Non-Profit Financial Management, Accounting, & International Finance courses in Richmond. Being a 25-year piano & music theory instructor, a 2018 Vancouver City Council Candidate, and the winner of the 2016 Golden Key International Honour Society’s Advisor Professional Development Scholarship, Phyllis is also Treasurer of the Rotaract Club of Richmond & for the Marpole Neighbourhood House.

Fluent in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin, Phyllis, as a former Campaign Director for Richmond-Queensborough and UBC Access & Diversity and Sauder School of Business Exam Invigilator, will

- Advocate for education funding, accountability, and youth entrepreneurship opportunities
- Foster a safe and welcoming learning environment in schools
- Strive to attain #1 for Richmond in literacy scores, math scores, and graduation rates
- Promote education in music, AI, financial literacy, substance use prevention, and green space sustainability
- Champion transparent, evidence-based, and democratic decision-making

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Candidate for Trustee



Nancy
WILLIAMS

As a proud Richmond resident of 34 years, Nancy has been a contributing member of society as a parent, CO-OP board member, Tutor, Vice President of her union local, Education Assistant and member of the district Education and Strategic Planning Committees. Her experiences and insight at every level of the school system from both the parent and staff Points of view offers a unique and well-rounded perspective and knowledge base.

Throughout her 28 year tenure with the Richmond school district, she has worked in both elementary and secondary schools and has had the opportunity to be a part of the continuous changes that fit the growing needs of our students. Nancy believes all students should have the opportunity to feel successful, regardless of differences in ability. All students should be able to feel a sense of accomplishment and be proud of their success, however they define it.

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Candidate for Trustee



Alice
WONG

Common Sense

Alice Wong is a dedicated Richmond community volunteer, parent advocate, and experienced education leader. She has served two terms as a school trustee, gaining valuable experience in governance, budgeting, policy, strategic planning, and collaborative decision-making.

Alice's commitment to education began as a school volunteer in 2001. She has served as PAC Chairperson at both elementary and secondary schools, Vice-President of the Richmond District Parent Association, Chairperson of the Richmond Chinese Parent Association, and BCCPAC Information Coordinator. She currently serves as Director of D.A.R.E. BC Society and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Richmond Senior Group.

Alice believes students should be at the heart of every education decision. She is committed to putting students first, preparing students for the future, building strong school communities, and ensuring responsible and transparent stewardship of public education resources.

Alice respectfully asks for your support to continue serving our students, families, and community.

Vote for Alice Wong

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Candidate for Trustee



Sophia
WOO

Advance Richmond

Sophia Woo has a master's degree in Social Work, a mental health clinician, researcher, and former VSB school trustee. During her tenure, she was recognized and applauded for raising issues of public safety and improving public participation in board decision making. She successfully maintained funding for drug prevention. She and Trustee Ken Denike successfully negotiated with the Federal Government to fund settlement workers in public schools across BC. With 30 years of experience in public services, Sophia has the expertise and passion to bring much needed common sense and fiscal responsibility to public office. She recognizes the diversity of our community and parental aspirations.

Sophia's priorities:

- Safe schools and substance use prevention
- Evidence-based decision-making
- Sound financial management and accountability
- Evidence-based strategies to strive for excellence in literacy and numeracy
- Transparent governance and community engagement

Please review all our Advance Richmond trustee candidate profiles!

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Candidate for Trustee



David
YANG

Empower Education Richmond

It has been a privilege to serve you over the past four years.

Raised by immigrant parents, I grew up in Richmond and have lived here for 20 years. I earned my BA from UBC in 2020 and currently work in the BC Public Service. I have dedicated myself to community service through organizations such as the Richmond Sister City Advisory Committee, BC Youth Parliament, and Richmond Minor Ball Hockey. I have also advocated for youth as a Richmond Green Ambassador and SD38 student leader.

My priorities if re-elected:

- Equitable and inclusive schools
- Seismically safe, sustainable, child care-friendly buildings
- Accessible student mental health supports
- Increased classroom resources to address growing complexities
- Comprehensive school safety strategies
- Diverse program options, including well-supported ELL and inclusive learning

I hope to earn your trust and support once again as we build a stronger public education system for everyone together—vote Empower Education Richmond.

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Candidate for Trustee



John
ZHANG

John Zhang is a Canadian entrepreneur, educator, and community leader who immigrated to Canada in 1996. In 1998, he founded Handsom Foreign Language School, which continues to serve students today. He has also contributed to international friendship-city initiatives connecting communities in Canada and China.

John brings more than 20 years of business and leadership experience, managing large teams, developing future leaders, and building successful organizations.

As a Richmond School Trustee, John will focus on student achievement, safe and inclusive schools, responsible use of public funds, stronger communication with parents, and preparing students for a rapidly changing world. He believes education should combine strong academic foundations with critical thinking, creativity, technology awareness, career readiness, and practical life skills so every student can succeed.

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Your voting plan



☐ **Check if you are already registered to vote.** Use the *Am I on the Voters List?* tool on richmond.ca/elections or in the 2026 Richmond Election app (available on Apple and Android devices). If you're not registered, you can register when you vote by bringing two pieces of ID. For a list of acceptable IDs, check page 2 of this Voter's Guide.

☐ **Find out where and when to vote.** Use the *Where do I vote?* tool on richmond.ca/elections, in the 2026 Richmond Election app, or check your voter card (if you received one in the mail). You may also check this Voter's Guide for voting opportunities and locations. Remember to set a reminder for yourself!

☐ **Review the candidates' profiles.** Candidate profiles are statements written by each candidate, and are available in this Voter's Guide, richmond.ca/elections, or in the 2026 Richmond Election app (available on Apple and Android devices).

☐ **Encourage your friends and family to vote:**

- Show them this Voter's Guide
- Direct them to richmond.ca/elections
- Encourage them to download the 2026 Richmond Election app
- Share the City of Richmond's election posts on Facebook, Instagram and X (#rmdelxn)
- Share other Richmond Election materials
- Discuss your views

If your friends and family see you voting, they are more likely to vote. Make sure to pick up an "I Voted" sticker after you vote, and share your experiences with your friends, family, and the rest of Richmond (use the hashtag #rmdelxn)! You may take selfies outside of the voting place. However, please do not record anything (photo, audio, video) inside the voting place to respect everyone's privacy and to respect the election process.

☐ **Vote!** You may bring a list of the candidates you intend to vote for on a piece of paper (such as this Voter's Guide), check the 2026 Richmond Election app, or view the election webpages at the voting place using your mobile device.

☐ **Find out the election results.** After 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, find out who Richmond voters have democratically elected to serve in office for the next four years via the 2026 Richmond Election app or richmond.ca/elections.

You may bring this sheet with you to the voting booth. *Please keep this information confidential.*

My voting place _____

My voting date _____

My voting time _____

I am a registered voter:

☐ YES ☐ NO

If not, please refer to page 2 of this Voter's Guide. Remember, you can register when you vote!

I will bring:

☐ my voter card
(if I received one in the mail)

☐ my ID

Do I need to bring someone with me to the voting booth to help me with voting?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Do I need to update my name and/or address?

☐ YES ☐ NO

You can update your name and/or residential address when you go to vote. Please make sure you check your voting location first.

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Mayor (up to 1):

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Councillors (up to 8):

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School Trustees (up to 7):

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Contact the Richmond Elections Office

The Richmond Elections Office is a non-partisan office that administers the General Local and School Election.

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Voter information in other languages

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