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RIVERVIEW PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Over 100 years ago, 1000 acres (Mount Coquitlam) were set aside for two purposes:

- To provide a sanctuary and residential treatment facility for the mentally ill, and
- To provide a site for a provincial botanical garden.

Now the 244 acres remaining are known as the Riverview Lands.

We, as members of the Riverview Preservation Society, are writing to you to ask that you become an ally or supporter of our cause.

Who are we and what is our cause? We are friends, family, and advocates of mentally ill and addicted people. The Riverview Preservation Society was formed around 3 years ago to keep all of the remaining 244 acres of the Riverview Lands as public lands in perpetuity and to follow the original vision for these lands, that is, to keep these lands for the use of the mentally ill and as a botanical garden.

We ask that you join in our efforts to:

- Keep all of the remaining Riverview Lands as public lands in perpetuity, and
- Retain all these lands under the provincial health authority to provide all levels of care, housing, and ancillary services for the mentally ill and addicted of the Province of B.C.

We further ask that you endorse our petition and become involved in obtaining signatures in this regard. Action needs to be taken to keep the Riverview lands public and to keep these lands for the mentally ill. A copy of our petition is enclosed. Each sheet contains two separate petitions.

We look forward to hearing from you and would appreciate any comments you may have. A written reply can be sent to the address on the attached petition, or you can contact the following members at at the numbers noted below:

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Yours truly,

Riverview Preservation Society



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Attention: BC Provincial Government

SAVE ALL THE RIVERVIEW LANDS IN PERPETUITY

**KEEP THE ENTIRE 244 ACRES AS PUBLIC LANDS FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
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LET YOUR GOVERNMENT KNOW YOUR PRIORITIES

NAME (please print)

SIGNATURE

ADDRESS

Please mail this to:
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c/o 420 - 4500 Westwater Drive, Richmond, B.C. V7E 6S1

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