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Dear Mayor and City Council,

As a long-term Langley resident, I feel compelled to share my concerns about the rapid pace of development in Langley, particularly the proposed rental mixed-use project at 49th Avenue and 200th Street.

My husband and I are both born and raised Langley residents and are now raising our children in the neighbourhood we grew up in. Our children attend the same elementary school we went to and will go to the same secondary school. Langley is our home. We grew up playing in the streets morning until dark with neighbours and friends and we are very fortunate to have our children share a very similar experience. Langley has always had that “community” feel.

However, things are rapidly changing and not for the better. Langley is losing that community feel. It’s starting to feel like we’re not taking care of the residents that are already here and we’re more concerned and focused on growth and bringing more people in.

Here’s what’s not okay in Langley right now:

- Cleaning up needles from school grounds, parks and ballfields before our kids can play.
- Watching community programs sell out in seconds due to overwhelming demand and limited resources.
- Competing for spaces in youth sports because we don’t have enough coaches or support.
- Avoiding downtown Langley because of visible crime, garbage, and open drug use.
- Bracing for these issues to intensify with the coming SkyTrain stations.
- The inability to find a family doctor or access basic health care.
- A lack of support for kids who are already struggling—and those who go unnoticed—in our schools.
- Schools that are bursting at the seams, with no real plan to accommodate more students.
- Tent encampments in green spaces because we haven’t solved housing or mental health crises.
- Rising crime and a growing sense of unease.
- The persistent feeling that the voices of residents and taxpayers are ignored by those elected to represent us.

If we’re not taking care of the people who are already here, how can we justify bringing more in?

We need a plan. A commitment to community well-being before we approve another major development. I am opposed to the Rental Mixed-Use Project at 49th and 200th Street, because right now, it feels like growth is being prioritized over people.

Mayor and Council, we’re asking you to truly listen. To lead with care. And to prove that you are invested not just in Langley’s expansion—but in its soul.
Thank you for your consideration.

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