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Subject: Request for Lease of Municipal Land – Hindu Temple & Community Service Centre

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Dear Nathan Pachal and Council Members,

On behalf of all langley residents, we are writing to request the City of Langley's consideration in leasing a parcel of municipal land for the establishment of a Hindu Temple and Community Service Centre.

This facility is intended to be more than a place of worship — it will be a multi-purpose hub for cultural education, charitable programs, and community engagement, open to all residents of Langley.

Why This Facility Is Needed

- The Hindu population in Langley has been growing steadily, yet there is no local temple or cultural centre.
- Residents must travel to other municipalities for worship, cultural programs, and community services.
- The lack of a dedicated facility limits opportunities for youth engagement, senior support, and multicultural exchange in Langley.

Planned Community Benefits

1. Youth Engagement – Programs to connect the younger generation with cultural and ethical values, fostering leadership and volunteerism.
2. Free Meal Program – Nutritious meals provided at no cost to all attendees, regardless of faith or background.
3. Senior Facilities – Accessible spaces and activities designed for the comfort, inclusion, and well-being of older residents.
4. Language & Cultural Classes – Heritage language instruction for children and cultural workshops open to the public.
5. Community Outreach – Initiatives such as food drives, health awareness programs, and emergency support services.

Our Request to the City

We respectfully ask that the City of Langley:

1. Confirm if it is possible to lease municipal land for this project.
2. Provide information on eligibility criteria, policies, or bylaws governing such leases.
3. Identify potential parcels of land suitable for the development of the proposed facility.
4. Outline the procedural steps required to advance this application.

Alignment with Langley's Vision

This project supports the City's values of inclusivity, cultural diversity, and social cohesion. It will contribute to Langley's reputation as a welcoming, community-oriented city that celebrates and benefits from its multicultural makeup.

We thank you for considering this request and look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with City staff and Council members in making this vision a reality for Langley residents.

Sincerely,
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