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University of the Fraser Valley



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To:

Mayor Doug McCallum and City Council,

City of Surrey,

Dear Honourable Mayor and Members of City Council,

It is with pleasure that I pen this supportive letter for the proposal by Alex Sangha to develop the South Asian International Expo in Surrey at the Bear Creek Park.

The South Asian Studies Institute is a Research Institute at the University of the Fraser Valley. As you are aware, our South Asian population is vibrant, robust and culturally rich and an Expo in a neighbouring municipality is something that will assist all of us in building bridges, celebrating our identities and exhibiting our many contributions. The diversity of our province is reflected in our cities and it is important for us to showcase both our diversity and our inclusive practices. This expo will help combat negative stereotypes and ensuing prejudices.

It is important for Surrey to lead this initiative and I hope Abbotsford and other municipalities will follow suit. As a community member I encourage such initiatives that bring community together and builds more social cohesion

Thank you for considering our support and giving the proposal the considerable weight it requires and is worthy of consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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