Planning a Town Hall to Discuss Community Food Security in Richmond

Richmond Food Security Society
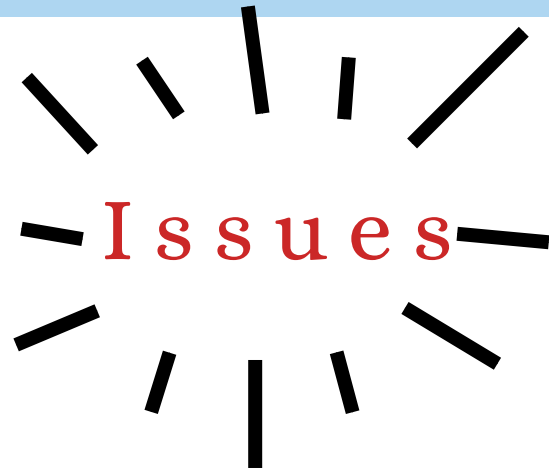
UBC

Vision
Healthy people, community and environment [1].

Mission
To inspire a robust Richmond food system through education, advocacy, and community building initiatives [1].

Community Food Security
"Community food security is defined as a situation in which all community residents obtain an affordable, safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate diet through a sustainable food system" [2].
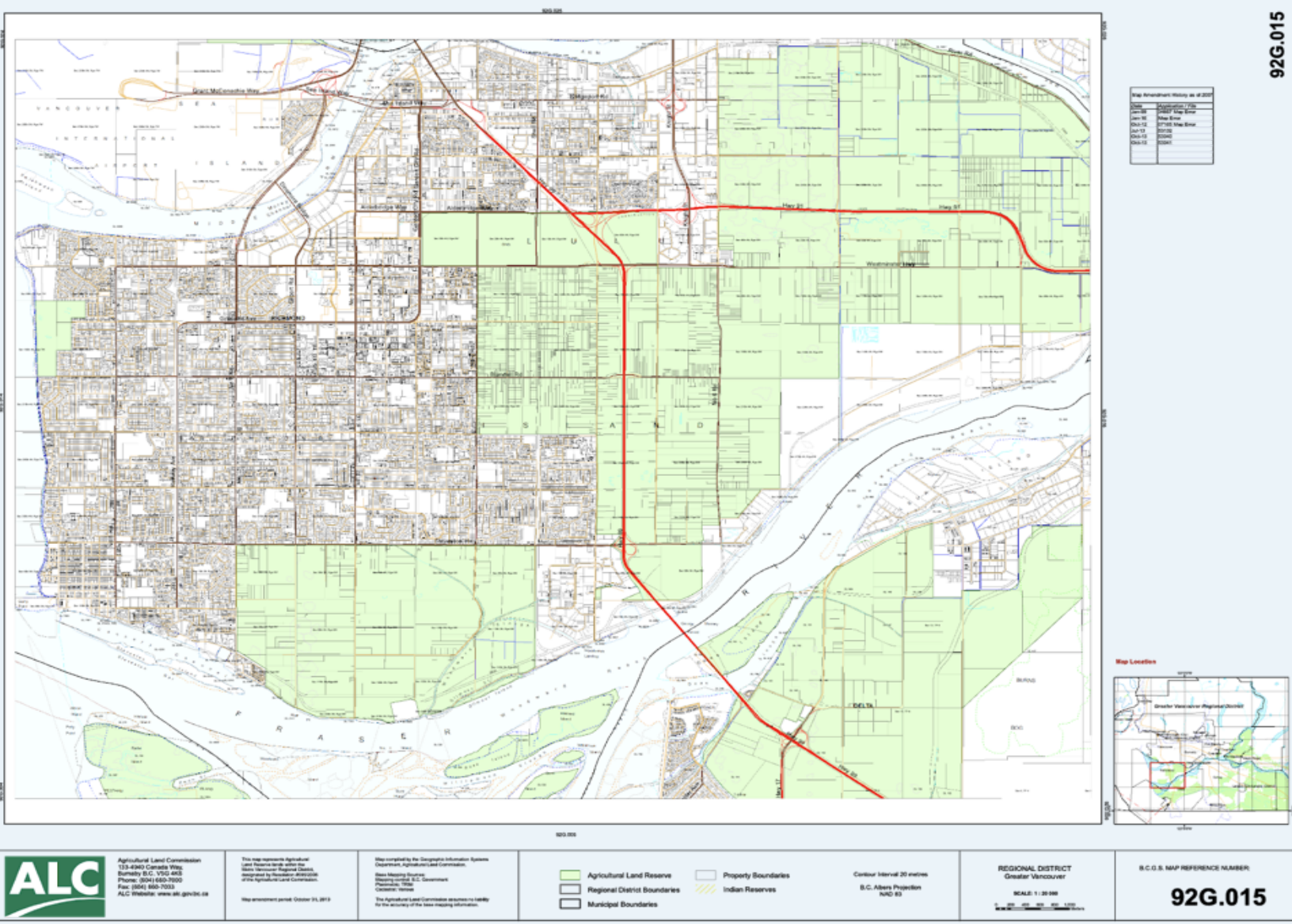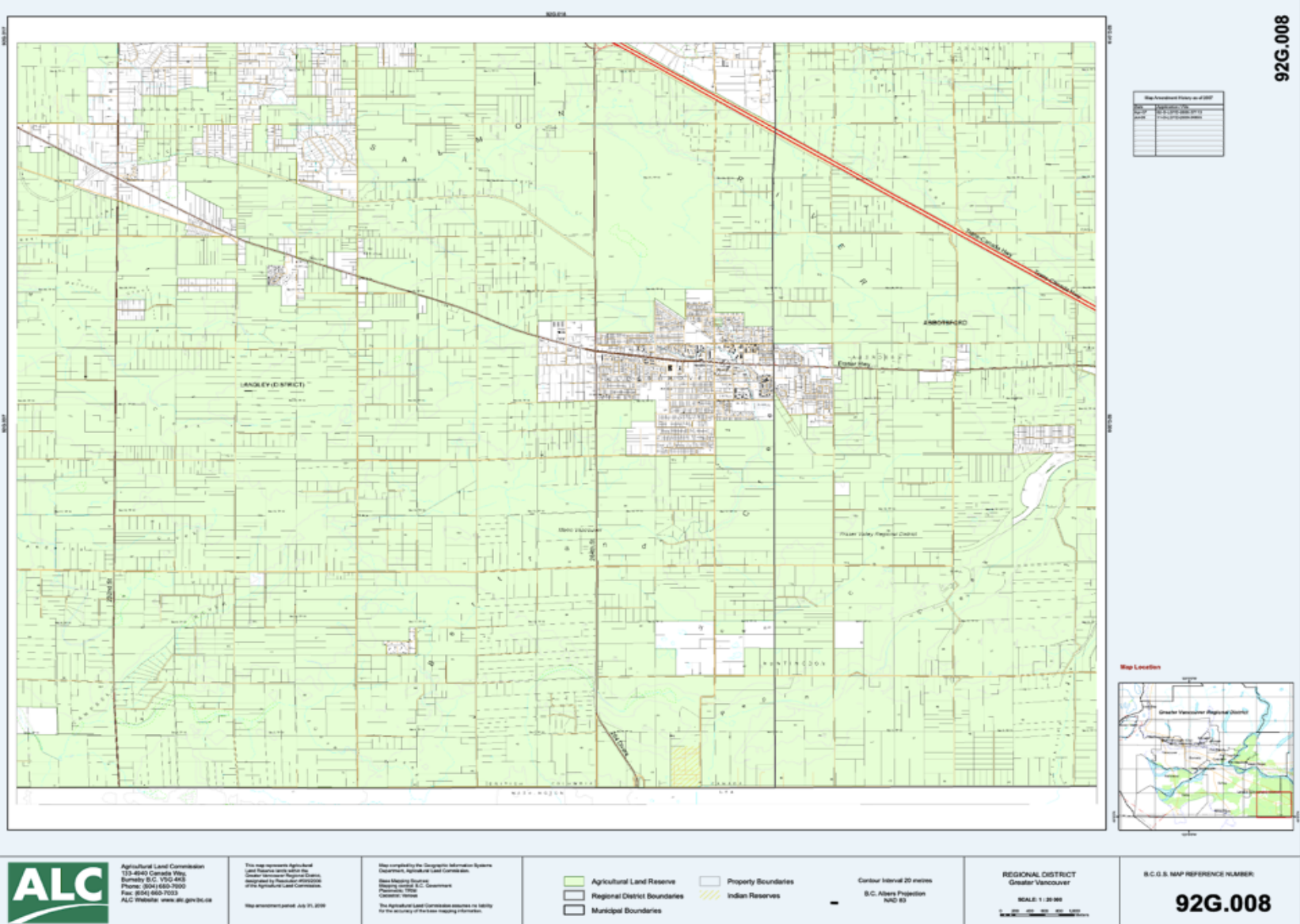
Issues
Low Public Awareness

Lack of Institution

Community Food insecurity

ALR Comparison between Richmond and Other Cities

Graph 1. Agricultural Land Reserve Maps of Richmond [3]

Graph 2. Agricultural Land Reserve Map of Langley and Abbotsford [3]

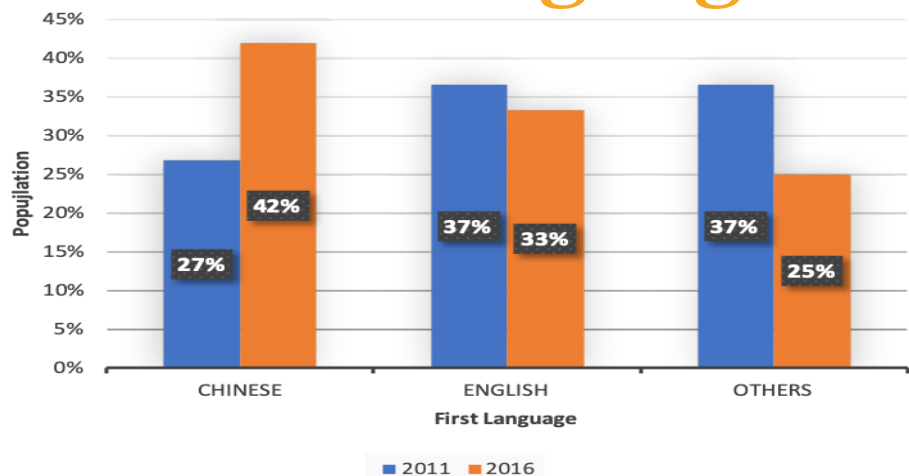## Crops Production on ALR Land in Richmond

37% Non Food

63% Food

Existing Policies
- Maintain ALR boundary
- Limit residential development
- set standard requirements for parcel developments nearby
- Collaborate with NGOs to promote local agriculture and organic farming

Demographic of Richmond

First Language

27% / 42% CHINESE
37% / 33% ENGLISH
37% / 25% OTHERS
■ 2011 ■ 2016

Education Level
43% High school diploma or below
19% College certificate or diploma
38% University degree or above

Stakeholders of Richmond Food System

Our Objective
Create a barrier-free Townhall to:
- Discover ways to improve community food security
- Collect opinions on establishing a food policy council
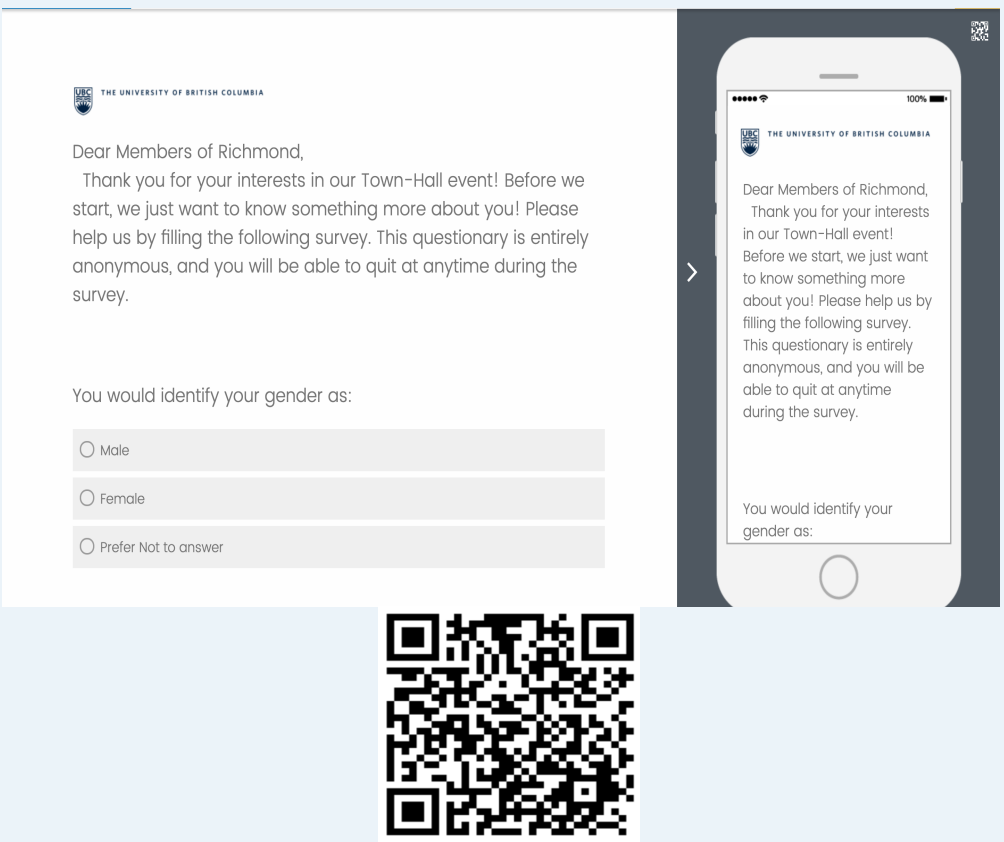
Planning a Townhall
Approach

Our Goals
1. To raise awareness of and discuss community food insecurity
2. To collect public opinions on establishing a food policy council for Richmond

Process
1. Planning
2. Advertising
3. Holding a Townhall meeting
4. Collecting data

Survey

Barriers

Language barrier

Gathering stakeholdsers

Future Plan
1. Establish a food policy council for richmond
2. Create an environment where people are conscious of food security and food justice

Proposed policies
1. Ensure agriculture remains the primary land-use for ALR land
2. Setting a maximum development area limit for farm-related commercial use
3. Raise local produce awareness to support local farmers

What is a Food Policy Council?

Policy Advocacy

Community Development

Community Education

Research and Analysis

Food Related Service Delivery

TORONTO FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

- Ensuring equal access to healthy, affordable, sustainable and culturally acceptable food.

- Identifying emerging food issues, promote food system innovation, and facilitate food policy development [4].

Food Strategy

Urban Agriculture

Community Garden Workshop

1. Richmond Food Security Society. (2019). Retrieved from: https://www.richmondfoodsecurity.org/
2. Hamm, M. W., & Bellows, A. C. (2003). Community food security and nutrition educators. Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior, 35(1), 37-43. doi:10.1016/S1499-4046(06)60325-4
3. Agricultural Land Commission, & Government Communications. (2014). Maps and GIS. Retrieved from https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/alc/content/alr-maps/maps-and-gis.
4. Toronto Food Policy Council. (2019). Retrieved from http://tfpc.to/about
5. City of Richmond (2019). Agriculture Hot Facts. City of Richmond, British Columbia, Canada. Retrieved from:https://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/Agriculture10900.pdf
6. City of Richmond (2019). Education Hot Facts. City of Richmond, British Columbia, Canada. Retrieved from:https://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/pp_hf_3022513.pdf
7. City of Richmond (2019). Farming First: Proposed updates to Richmond's Agricultural Viability Strategy. Retrieved from https://www.letstalkrichmond.ca/farmingfirst.
8. City of Richmond (2019). Language Hot Facts. City of Richmond, British Columbia, Canada. Retrieved from: https://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/Languages6251.pdf
9. Clarke, K. (2019). Richmond cannabis facility can now operate greenhouse. Retrieved from https://www.richmond-news.com/news/richmond-cannabis-facility-can-now-operate-greenhouse-1.23980322.
10. Pothukuchi, K., & Kaufman, J. L. (1999). Placing the food system on the urban agenda: The role of municipal institutions in food systems planning. Agriculture and Human Values, 16(2), 213-224. doi:1007558805953