



# Presentation of Petitions to Council

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# Why a petition for a referendum on an Anmore South redesignation?

- ▶ A significant number of Anmore residents request that a referendum or survey be conducted prior to any public hearing relating to an OCP amendment and land use designation change for Anmore South.
- ▶ A significant number of Anmore residents have written letters to Council opposing the redesignation of Anmore South to urban.
- ▶ Petitions represent a broad lack of resident support for the April 2021 - Anmore's Official Community Plan: Amendment Discussion Guide "Our Future, Our Way"

# Petition for Referendum

- ▶ “I am submitting this as a formal petition to request that during the next civic election held for the residents of Anmore there be conducted a referendum asking the residents of Anmore the following question or a substantially similar question:”
  - ▶ “Do you, as a resident of Anmore, support the redesignation of the Anmore South lands from Rural to Urban? YES or NO.”

# Significant Petition Responses Warrants Action by Council for a Referendum

- ▶ 322 Anmore resident hard copy petitions
- ▶ 78 Anmore resident online petition respondents
- ▶ 502 non-resident online petition respondents
- ▶ 255 Anmore residents signed letters to Mayor and Council strongly opposing a redesignation of Anmore South to urban
  
- ▶ The 400 Anmore resident petitions represent a significant level of resident engagement (48% of 2018 Anmore election participants of 827)

# Comprehensive Community Engagement

## Example: Lions Bay

- ▶ December 14, 2021 - Lions Bay, designated general urban, conducted a resident survey asking whether the community believes they are urban or rural
- ▶ 535 responses were received
- ▶ 91% of respondents were in favour of a rural designation for Lions Bay
- ▶ Council listened to their residents and is now applying to Metro Vancouver to leave the urban containment boundary

# Timing is Critical

- ▶ Conduct a referendum or survey prior to any OCP amendment proceedings are initiated by Council
- ▶ Recommendation of petition
  - ▶ Conduct a referendum or survey in conjunction with the 2022 Anmore Municipal election