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Subject: Request to endorse resolution on Affordable Housing for UBCM
Attachments: CopyOf_004938107 to Councils re resolution for 2009 UBCM on Afforda.doc

Dear Mayors and Councils - The Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness (RSCH) asks that your Council consider for endorsement the attached resolution on affordable housing for submission to the 2009 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) provincial convention.

Affordable housing and homelessness are critical issues for the Metro Vancouver region and require support and clear strategies from senior levels of government and other community partners. Much has been done in the last three years, and much more is needed.

Thank you for your consideration.
Alice Sundberg and Susan Papadionissiou, Co-Chairs, RSCH

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Mayor and Council

June 3, 2009

Re: Proposed Affordable Housing Resolution for the 2009 UBCM Convention

On behalf of the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness (RSCH), we are writing to all Metro Vancouver municipal Councils to support and sponsor the attached resolution on affordable housing for consideration by the 2009 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) convention.

The Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness is a 40-member group with representatives from all levels of government, non-profit agencies, municipalities, and advocacy groups that has been at the forefront of the fight against homelessness in Metro Vancouver since 2000.

While we recognize and welcome the increased level of provincial investments in emergency services, outreach and supportive housing facilities over the last three years, we know that more still needs to be done, especially if we are to achieve our ultimate objective which is not just manage homelessness, but end it.

We appreciate your Council's consideration and support for this proposed resolution, and look forward to working together to increase the supply of affordable housing and ending homelessness in our region.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signatures of Alice Sundberg and Susan Papadionisiou]

Alice Sundberg and Susan Papadionisiou
Co-Chairs, Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness



United Way of the Lower Mainland

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEAREAS the provision of and access to affordable housing is vital to support the health and well-being of individuals, as well as the sustainability of vibrant and diverse communities.

WHEREAS the changes in senior government funding and the withdrawal of Federal funding for new social housing developments has placed constraints on the construction of new affordable housing units, combined with demand pressures on the existing stock of adequate affordable housing, and ongoing tight rental market conditions has meant that there are nearly 133,100 British Columbians who rent and who are in core housing need.

AND WHEREAS leadership, sustained funding, and strong partnerships are required to increase the supply and diversity of affordable housing across British Columbia:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the Provincial government and Federal government to work with community partners to develop a National Affordable Housing Strategy which includes provisions that respond to the specific needs of British Columbians; and which provides the necessary long-term funding to support the construction of the full range of affordable housing choices needed in communities across the Province;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the Provincial government to continue to show leadership on this issue through the provision of on-going funding to meet the housing needs in communities across the Province as well as in ensuring that adequate housing and supports are in place to better meet the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

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