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PERMANENT RESIDENT VOTING RIGHTS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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WHEREAS Humanism supports democracy and human rights;

AND WHEREAS over 45 countries, including Australia, Denmark, New Zealand and seven jurisdictions in the USA allow permanent residents to vote in municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS approximately 60,000 permanent residents live, work, pay taxes and send their children to schools in Vancouver alone;

AND WHEREAS Vancouver City Council unanimously passed a motion to ask the province to allow permanent residents to vote in local elections:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCHA supports efforts to extend municipal voting rights to permanent residents in British Columbia.