OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS, VANCOUVER HAS BEEN MOVING FORWARD.

On November 15, we have an important choice to make in our city.

Do we keep moving forward with Vision Vancouver? Or do we let the NPA drag the city backwards? Choosing Vision Vancouver means continuing Vancouver’s environmental progress and strengthening our economy with new jobs in digital and clean technology. It means showing strong leadership and fighting for a new Broadway Subway to cut congestion and improve transit, and standing up against Kinder Morgan’s proposal to bring 340 more oil tankers a year into our waters. It means building a city where young families, students and seniors have an opportunity to afford a home through creative partnerships and our new Affordable Housing Agency.

I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished together. As a city, we’re standing up for what we believe in. A greener city that leads the world. A compassionate city that takes care of its most vulnerable residents. An innovative city that tackles tough challenges and displays an entrepreneurial spirit. A vibrant city that celebrates its artistic talent and showcases its culture every day of the year.

Returning to the NPA will just take Vancouver backwards. Their record is one of standing in the way of progress on the environment, affordable housing, and help for the homeless. They have shown weak leadership on the issues that matter most to Vancouver by flip-flopping on the Broadway Subway and by refusing to stand up against more oil tankers in our waters.

I love our city. We’re progressive, inclusive, and visionary. It’s our passion for Vancouver that keeps us moving forward.

We’ve got a lot more to do together. Don’t let the NPA drag Vancouver backwards.

On November 15th, I’m asking for your support. Let’s go forward with Vision.

A MESSAGE FROM GREGOR ROBERTSON
Over the last six years, Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vision Vancouver have stood up for what we believe in, providing strong, experienced leadership to keep Vancouver moving forward.

HERE’S SOME OF WHAT WE’VE ACHIEVED TOGETHER:

- Launched Vancouver’s first Rent Bank and increased penalties on negligent landlords
- Opened new homeless shelters, and secured funding for 1,500 social housing units
- Created more than 900 new child care spaces
- Launched the weekly Green Bin collection program for compost pick-up
- 1,500 new community garden plots, and double the number of Farmers’ Markets
- Enabled green jobs to grow by 19% since 2010 -- 4x the rate of jobs nationally
- Reduced the City’s debt by $191m
- Saved the York Theatre, and provided a city-owned warehouse for local arts groups

We’re building more housing that’s affordable, we’re making Vancouver an environmental leader, and our innovation economy is thriving -- we’re on the right track. **On November 15th, let’s keep moving forward.**
5 KEY PRIORITIES FOR MOVING VANCOUVER FORWARD

We’ve made a lot of progress – on affordability and opportunity, on making the city greener, on making neighbourhoods more vibrant and inclusive, and on building an economy that works for all of Vancouver.

But there’s more to do.

Vision Vancouver’s platform outlines Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vision Vancouver’s plan to build on the progress we’ve made together with 5 key priorities to keep Vancouver moving forward:

- BETTER TRANSIT AND A GREENER CITY
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUPPORT FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE
- STRONG, VIBRANT NEIGHBOURHOODS
- AN INCLUSIVE CITY
- GROWING AN ECONOMY FOR ALL OF VANCOUVER

Together, Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vision Vancouver will provide the strong, experienced leadership our city needs to keep moving forward. Our platform builds on Vancouver’s strengths -- our diversity, our natural environment, a desire to be a global leader -- and provides a path for how we can make Vancouver a better city tomorrow.
MAYOR GREGOR ROBERTSON and the VISION VANCOUVER TEAM

VISION VANCOUVER WILL MAKE THE BROADWAY SUBWAY OUR TOP PRIORITY.
Only a rapid transit line underground along Broadway can significantly reduce traffic congestion, ease pressure on buses, and help Vancouver reach its greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Mayor Robertson and Vision Vancouver will continue to strongly advocate for a Broadway Subway and work to ensure that construction protects local businesses, and that new station development respects neighbourhoods.

DID YOU KNOW?

A BROADWAY SUBWAY WOULD REMOVE 50,000 CAR TRIPS A DAY AS PEOPLE SWITCH TO TRANSIT.

Tens of thousands of Vancouverites take transit every day, and they deserve better service.

Vision will:
• Strongly support the TransLink Mayor’s Council 10-year plan in the referendum held in 2015. It includes Phase 1 of the Broadway Subway to Arbutus, new B-Line service for 41st, Victoria, and Hastings, and more night buses -- it is critical that the referendum passes.
• Invest $2.5 million to add new bus stop shelters and extra benches at 100 B-line stops and frequent transit routes.
• Support enhanced transportation service for seniors by continuing to support the HandyDart service and oppose any service cuts.
BETTER TRANSIT AND A GREENER CITY

NO TO KINDER MORGAN
Mayor Robertson and Vision Vancouver are the only civic party willing to take a clear, strong stand against the seven-fold increase in tanker traffic from Kinder Morgan. We will continue to say a loud, firm ‘No’ to the federal government and Kinder Morgan, and speak up for Vancouver in the National Energy Board hearings.

LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE CHANGE:
We will implement the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy to protect our city for future generations.

STRONG LEADERSHIP ON THE ENVIRONMENT:
We will continue to strive to be the greenest city in the world. Vision will:
• Plant 150,000 new trees by 2020.
• Continue to improve energy efficiency and reduce building-related GHG emissions.
• Mandate food scraps collection for all apartments and condos in Vancouver, following the success of the first phase of the Green Bin program.
• Continue to support the Greenest City Fund to support resident-led projects, with added focus on Vancouver’s emerging Sharing Economy.

REDUCING HUNGER THROUGH FOOD SECURITY:
Vision will build on its record of introducing the City’s first Local Food strategy. We will:
• Add an additional 1,500 community garden plots by the end of 2018.
• Work with the Vancouver Food Bank to secure a new, expanded facility within Vancouver, including a local food hub.
• Leverage city assets to enable access to charitable food for low-income residents, such as library cards or the One Card, as identification is often needed.

CONTINUE TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:
Vision will work with City advisory committees to identify high-traffic sidewalks and intersections needing immediate investments to repair potholes, improve curb cuts, and install more public benches, particularly those close to facilities frequented by seniors.

We will stand firm on the City’s goal to have zero annual pedestrian fatalities.

UPGRADE AND EXPAND VANCOUVER’S CYCLING NETWORK:
Vision will implement the City’s comprehensive Transportation 2040 plan, ensuring that Vancouver has a network of safe bike routes for people of all ages and abilities. We will:
• Continue to make safety improvements along existing routes and addressing gaps in the current network, including the seawall.
• Work to ensure new developments in the downtown core include new, secure bike storage facilities in high-traffic areas.
• Increase public bike racks in high-traffic areas like beaches, parks, and neighbourhoods with high volumes of cyclists.
• Engage Vancouver’s local design community to come up with new and more innovative bike rack designs.

CONNECT OUR TRAIL NETWORK:
Working with UBC, Metro Vancouver, and neighbouring municipalities, Vision will review the current network of trails and identify opportunities to fill gaps. Priority areas will include waterfront access along the Fraser River to connect South Vancouver to Southlands, as well as trails connecting the Lions Gate and Second Narrows Bridges.
Gregor and Vision have a clear plan to make Vancouver a more affordable city for families. Together, a Vision Council, Park Board, and School Board will deliver on our Affordability Agenda over the next four years.

4,000 NEW RENTAL HOUSING UNITS

LAUNCH THE VANCOUVER AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGENCY

1,000 NEW CHILD CARE SPACES

“FIRST LESSON FREE” FOR CHILDREN’S SWIMMING LESSONS

TARGET 35% FAMILY HOUSING IN LARGE NEW DEVELOPMENTS
AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUPPORT FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

MORE RENTAL APARTMENTS AND FAMILY HOUSING
- Deliver 4,000 new rental units over four years through our Rental 100 program and Affordable Housing Plan.
- Add more family-oriented housing in Vancouver by working towards a requirement for large new developments to have 35% family housing, with 10% being three-bedrooms to support families living in Vancouver.

TAKE ACTION TO BUILD NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES
- Empower the new Vancouver Affordable Housing Agency to use city-owned assets to create 500 new affordable homes in its first three years.

PRIORITIZE CO-OP HOUSING:
- Prioritize new co-op rental housing through partnerships with non-profits, and leverage city-owned land to keep costs low.
- Champion the protection of co-op housing that have expiring leases with CMHC.

MAKE VANCOUVER A CHILD-FRIENDLY CITY:
- Create a ‘First course free’ for beginner swimming lessons for kids 14 and under
- Increase and expand quality child care by delivering 1000 new child care spaces by 2018, and continuing to support the Childcare Endowment Fund.
- Build childcare centres in every elementary school getting a seismic retrofit.
- Empower parents and enhance safety of child care centres by having the City work with Vancouver Coastal Health to put child care centre inspection data into an open source format.
HOUSING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE:
- Continue to work towards the City’s goal of ending street homelessness by 2015.
- Support the winter response shelters, which in five years have helped almost 500 people move off of the streets and into permanent housing.
- Continue to provide in-kind and financial support to the Vancouver Rent Bank, which helps renters in crisis avoid becoming homeless.
- Invest in interim housing, such as the City purchasing the Ramada Hotel on East Hastings, to provide housing for low-income residents who are waiting for permanent homes.
- Identify more city-owned sites to build new social housing in partnership with BC Housing.
- Implement the recommendations from the City’s SRO Task Force, with a commitment to expand grants to advocacy groups who will work with and empower low-income tenants.

SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS TREATMENT:
- Implement the recommendations from the Mayor’s Task Force on Mental Health and Addictions.
- Remain committed to the Four Pillars program and continue to champion enhanced treatment and supportive housing for people suffering from addiction.

REDUCE CHILD HUNGER AND INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD:
A Vision Council will invest $400,000 a year to directly reduce child hunger by doubling the Vancouver School Board’s Breakfast Programs, and doubling its reach to 1,300 kids a day.
SUPPORT FOR A VIBRANT CITY
Over the past six years, we’ve made big strides, with later patio hours, new food trucks, street festivals, and new tasting lounges. To make Vancouver a more fun, livable city, Vision will:

• Bring in a new patio permit option, with the opportunity for patios with track records of good behaviour to stay open until 1am during July and August, and look at ways to expand the size of patios.
• Allow another 20 new food trucks to operate in Vancouver, bringing more quick, delicious food to our streets.
• Advocate for neighbourhood entertainment options throughout the City, on streets like Main, Cambie, and South Granville, so that we strengthen neighbourhoods and give people more choice outside of the Downtown Core.
• Expand the City’s Block Party Grants to include cultural events held by community groups that bring residents together and strengthen multicultural connections.

CLEANER STREETS:
Using data collected from the City’s 3-1-1 service, Vision will identify the areas in the City most frequently reported for excessive garbage and litter, and add additional garbage cans and recycling bins to problem areas.

ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY:
Vancouver has seen a steady drop in crime in recent years, as we work to become the safest major city in Canada. Under the leadership of Mayor Robertson as Chair of the Police Board, Vision will increase resources for the VPD to target dangerous drivers and cyclists who put pedestrians at risk, particularly in school zones, on sidewalks, and near public facilities such as community centres, parks and libraries.
PROTECT HERITAGE AND INCREASE INCENTIVES FOR PRESERVATION
In consultation with neighbourhoods, heritage experts, and home builders, a Vision Council will:
• Continue to strengthen requirements for the diversion of waste from the demolition of post-1940s single-family homes, making heritage preservation an even more attractive option.
• Implement the City’s new Heritage Action Plan, which will update the heritage registry and expand heritage designation to new buildings.
• Use amenity funds from new development in Chinatown to support the renovation of aging family association buildings, ensuring that new development benefits the historic character of Chinatown.
• Advocate for provincial and federal investment to support the renewal of historic family society buildings.

SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS AND ARTIST SPACES
• Continue to champion an expanded Art Gallery downtown, and advocate strongly to the provincial and federal government that an investment in the arts will provide a big boost for Canadian culture and our economy.
• Work to streamline the City’s mural program, making it easier for community groups to step forward and develop murals and reduce permitting time.
• Work with BIAs and the Public Art Committee to identify unprogrammed walls and match them with local artists to create new murals.
• Create an Independent Arts Fund, which will provide grants of $500, $1000, and $2000 for local artists looking to host new events, start festivals, and secure space for new performances.
• Complete an expedited review and streamline of bylaws that govern performance venue spaces by June 1st, 2015, to reduce unnecessary burdens for cultural entrepreneurs.
• Identify a city-owned building that can be used for artists, and offer up a request for proposals at an affordable, long-term lease rate.
• Ensure that artistic sectors that require industrial space such as foundries, fabrication, and music rehearsal are prioritized in the next round of artist spaces in industrial areas.

IMPROVE CONSULTATION AND FOSTER AN ENGAGED CITY
• Implement the recommendations from the Engaged City Task Force, and seek to strengthen neighbourhood connections with more outreach to immigrant and newcomer communities, urban aboriginals, and youth.
• Continue to expand the Pop-Up City Hall to provide convenient access for city services in different neighbourhoods.
• Seek new partner organizations for Doors Open Day.
• Establish a participatory budget pilot program, which will see two neighbourhoods develop local priorities for small capital projects, and then determine themselves how a small portion of capital funds should be allocated for things like:
  o New playground equipment
  o More park benches and lighting
  o Traffic calming and new public spaces
CONTINUE TO MAKE VANCOUVER A LEADER IN LGBTTQ INCLUSION

We want to make Vancouver a more welcoming and inclusive city for everyone.

Over the next four years, Vision will:
• Proudly support a new LGBTTQ community centre run by Qmunity in the West End.
• Implement the new West End Community Plan, ensuring we reinvigorate Davie Village and enhance its vibrant character as a hub of Vancouver’s gay community.
• Maintain Civic status for Pride, and continue the City’s LGBTTQ Advisory Committee.
• Ensure that LGBTTQ homeless persons are counted as part of the annual homeless count.
• Work with Tourism Vancouver to enhance Vancouver’s reputation as a world-class destination for LGBTTQ visitors.
• Work with the VPD and community groups to enhance public awareness and safety against gay bashing.

DID YOU KNOW?
• VISION SUPPORTED PROGRESSIVE POLICIES ON LGBTTQ INCLUSION AND AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AT BOTH THE PARK BOARD AND SCHOOL BOARD
• INITIATED VANCOUVER’S HOST CITY PRIDE MISSION IN SUPPORT OF LGBTTQ RIGHTS AND INCLUSION IN SOCHI.
• OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED CIVIC STATUS FOR THE VANCOUVER PRIDE PARADE
• CREATED VANCOUVER’S FIRST PERMANENT RAINBOW CROSSWALKS TO CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS & HISTORY OF VANCOUVER’S LGBTTQ COMMUNITY.

AN INCLUSIVE CITY
INCREASE SUPPORT FOR SENIORS:
• Implement Vancouver’s first-ever Age-Friendly City Action Plan, with a focus on enhancing training for front-line city workers to help seniors in crisis.
• Work with the Vancouver Taxi Association and the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities to implement the ‘Ask-Listen-Act’ driver training program.
• Increase opportunities for seniors housing in new neighbourhood plans, based on the changing demographics of our city.
• Review the City’s social grants to identify ways to support programs that provide at-home care and outreach to house-bound seniors.
• Move quickly to ensure construction is started on a new seniors’ centre at Killarney.

MAKE VANCOUVER A WORLD-LEADER FOR INCLUSION OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES:
• Reappoint the Mayor’s Working Group on Immigration to maintain a direct connection between the Mayor and immigrant-serving agencies and newcomers to the city.
• Continue to support the Skilled Immigrant Mentorship Program at the City.
• Work with organizations including the School Board, Vancouver Police Department, Community Centres, and TransLink to ensure Vancouver is a safe and inclusive city for all, along the lines of the ‘access to services without fear’ policies in Toronto, Hamilton, and the more than 100 ‘Sanctuary Cities’ in the US.
Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vision Vancouver’s economic plan for the next four years builds on their record of steady leadership, and provides a clear path to continue Vancouver’s economic success.

CONTINUE STRONG FISCAL MANAGEMENT
Vision has steered the City’s budget through an economic downturn while maintaining crucial services and keeping taxes low. We will:
• Build on Vision’s record to keep taxes low and control spending, and continue to target any tax increases to inflation.
• Reduce the City’s net debt per capita, continuing our work that has seen net debt lower than it was a decade ago.

GROW VANCOUVER’S TECH SECTOR
Vancouver has established itself as a tech start-up city, with rapid growth fueling new jobs and companies in Vancouver.

Over the next four years, Vision Vancouver will:
• Support the Vancouver Economic Commission in establishing the Vancouver Entrepreneur Fund, which will raise private sector capital - without contributing tax dollars - to provide the mid-level financing that emerging companies need to grow.
• Improve the public realm for tech hot spots by bringing together public and private sector partners to determine how to best support local tech companies through physical infrastructure improvements.
• Enable youth to gain skills in tech by supporting a Digital Badging system, which recognizes skills training through workshops in tech and digital media.
• Establish a Mayor’s Roundtable on Tech, to ensure local tech leaders can work directly with City staff to ensure the rapidly growing sector’s success.
GROWING AN ECONOMY FOR ALL OF VANCOUVER

CHAMPION TOURISM AND OUR DOWNTOWN:
We believe it’s time for a comprehensive, long-term vision for Vancouver’s downtown, one driven by the ideas of local residents to establish our downtown core as a world-class destination on par with major cities around the world. Vision will:

• Work with the Downtown Vancouver BIA, the VEC, the Downtown Vancouver Association, the Vancouver Public Space Network, post-secondary institutions, local bars, restaurants, and residents to undertake a large-scale, public re-envisioning of Vancouver’s downtown.

• Work with Tourism Vancouver, the Vancouver Economic Commission, and local food stakeholders to better promote Vancouver’s food scene, and make culinary tourism a larger piece of our economic development strategy for Vancouver.

ENABLE SUCCESS FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND OUR LOCAL ECONOMY:
Vancouver’s economy is thriving, but we need to do more to support locally owned businesses and protect the unique culture of our neighbourhoods. Vision will:

• Implement the recommendations from the Fair Tax Commission to establish clear benchmarks to track and address the impacts of property taxes on businesses.

• Increase the unbundling of contracts to allow small, local businesses increased opportunities to bid and provide services.

• Make sure the City’s procurement policy recognizes the benefit that social enterprises provide for taxpayers and the City, while maintaining that all winning bids provide top value for taxpayers and go to fully qualified companies.

• Initiate a series of roundtable discussions with the VEC, neighbourhoods, local BIAs, and the development industry to identify ways for large redevelopments to support smaller, more locally-owned businesses, and activate the streetscape with several stores, rather than one large one.

• Convene BIAs and local artists to identify ways to activate vacant storefronts to showcase local arts and culture through temporary installations.
A COSTED, RESPONSIBLE PLAN FOR VANCOUVER

Mayor Gregor Robertson and the Vision Vancouver Team’s plan for the next four years is detailed, costed, and achievable. It focuses on the priorities vancouverites care about – better transit, environmental leadership, affordable housing, support for families and neighbourhoods – and builds on what makes Vancouver great.

The majority of Vision Vancouver’s commitments require political choices, not new spending, and use funding that is dedicated in the city’s capital and operating budgets. Decisions to invest our capital plan in new housing, child care, and parks. Direction to use city tools to support renters, protect heritage, and make it easier for artists to live and work in Vancouver.

With Vision Vancouver’s platform, voters know where we stand – and that we can deliver on our priorities in a fiscally responsible way.

### New investments in the VISION VANCOUVER PLATFORM

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### GO FORWARD WITH VISION
FOR CITY COUNCIL

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