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**BY EMAIL: MAH.minister@gov.bc.ca**

Honourable Selina Robinson  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
PO Box 9056 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Robinson,

**Re: Corporate and Union Donations in Municipal Elections**

We have recently become aware that Vancouver's Non Partisan Association continues to accept corporate and union contributions, despite provincial government's legislation to take big money out of municipal politics.

Vision Vancouver and our elected officials on city council have fought to change campaign finance rules for over a decade. We applauded your government's swift action during the last fall's sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

Like you we are now dismayed to discover that the NPA continues to solicit corporate contributions despite a very clear direction from your government and an abundantly clear public expectation that corporate and union money should never again flow into the coffers of municipal political parties.

We believe that all expenditures incurred by political parties, whether during election cycle or outside of it, are done with an intention of winning elections. Our view is that only individual contributions should fund political parties at all times.

With a municipal election just months away, we write today to urge you to take additional steps to retroactively rectify this matter and ensure Elections BC is given all necessary tools to appropriately enforce legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Haack".

Michael Haack  
Co-Chair, Vision Vancouver Elector Association

cc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia

Dr Andrew Weaver, Leader, BC Green Party  
Dr Keith Archer, Chief Electoral Officer, Elections BC