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After 44 years of one-party government, Albertans' faith and trust in their government and the democratic system has been lost.

Frustrated by countless scandals involving the abuse of tax dollars and the entitlement of senior government officials, Albertans are looking for new leadership to clean up the provincial government and restore basic ethics and integrity to the democratic process.

Serving the public is a privilege that should be taken seriously. Wildrose will eliminate lavish entitlements for politicians and other government officials by limiting pay and perks to competitive private sector levels, establishing true transparency and reporting for expenses, and ending cronyism.

But ending entitlements is only part of the equation. We will also improve accountability and restore balance to our

democratic institutions by strengthening our legislative watchdogs, increasing reporting and loosening the grip on public information, prohibiting floor-crossing without a byelection, and passing legislation that puts more power in voters' hands.

Albertans have to be able to trust their leaders. Wildrose will fight for honest government and present a new kind of leadership that works to earn Albertans' trust every single day.

Ending PC Entitlement

- Roll back the 30% Cabinet pay increase and the 8% increase for MLAs that were passed behind closed doors right after recent elections
- End sole-sourced contracting and improve conflict of interest legislation to ensure contracts are awarded appropriately
- Mandate that all travel expenses of elected officials and senior staff be fully and publicly disclosed in a detailed online report
- Use more teleconferencing to reduce executive travel by 50%

Improving Transparency and Accountability

- Strengthen the independent Offices of the Legislature such as the Auditor General, Ethics Commissioner, Chief Electoral Officer
- Provide easier, fairer, and more affordable public access to Freedom of Information requests by reducing the grounds on which the government can withhold information and ensuring the Information and Privacy Commissioner has the tools she needs
- Strengthen whistleblower legislation to protect all direct and indirect government employees or contractors who report unethical, wasteful, or other wrongful behavior
- Implement full disclosure of all financial expenditures of public funds by all ministries and arms-length boards and agencies
- Guarantee an open tendering and bidding process on all major government sanctioned and approved procurement and contracts to eliminate sole-source contract cronyism

Strengthening Democracy

- Get big money out of politics by phasing out large corporate and union donations
- Restore representative democracy by mandating all final votes in the Legislature be free and reported to the public
- Pass legislation banning MLAs elected under one party from crossing to another without a byelection
- Implement MLA recall legislation
- Improve democracy in the Legislature by implementing reforms to the legislative process like opposition days and having all-party committees review and amend legislation
- Legislate true fixed dates for provincial elections, the opening of legislative sessions, and the presentation of the budget and quarterly updates

