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Dear Mr. Singh:

Re: Local Government Matters 2019

On behalf of the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, we are pleased to send you this letter as the first step in what we hope will be a constructive dialogue with the New Democratic Party of Canada in advance of the 2019 federal election. The foundation for that dialogue will be a series of questions enclosed with this letter.

The questions are posed in three broad categories – “Securing sustainable infrastructure funding for local government”, “Expanding the supply of affordable housing”, and “Protecting our environment and responding to climate change”. Your answers, and those provided by the other major political parties, will be featured on a website (www.localgovernmentmatters.ca) and as part of a Metro Vancouver media campaign, “Local Government Matters”.

Our objective in posing these questions to you is two-fold: to share with you the topic areas and priorities that are foremost to Metro Vancouver going into the election campaign, and to better understand the relative importance of these issues to you and your party and how you would address them if elected on October 21.

As a federation of 21 municipalities, one Electoral Area, and one Treaty First Nation in a geographic area that is home to over half the population of British Columbia, Metro Vancouver plays a critical role in the provision of utility services, regional parks, affordable housing, regional planning, air quality and political leadership on important regional issues. With over \$5.5 Billion in capital spending over the next five years, the attached *5-Year Outlook – 2019-2023* provides an overview of Metro Vancouver, its strategic priorities, its capital projects, and its five-year financial plan.

We and our Metro Vancouver Board colleagues feel it is vitally important that we develop and maintain an effective working partnership with the next federal government, so that we can collaboratively and effectively address the complex issues facing the region. Your answers to these questions will give Metro Vancouver and its citizens a better sense as to where your party stands on the issues that are important to the people of this region.

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Metro Vancouver's External Relations Department will follow up with your campaign management to schedule meetings with you to discuss the attached questions. We look forward to a constructive discussion about these critical issues and appreciate the opportunity to meet with the New Democratic Party of Canada.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Metro Vancouver Board



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Vice-Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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cc: Alicia Tiffin, BC Outreach Officer, New Democratic Party of Canada

Encl: Local Government Matters 2019 – Questions for Political Parties
5-Year Outlook – 2019-2023

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