



OCCUPY
VANCOUVER

750 Hornby Street, Vancouver,
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Monday, November 14, 2011

Dear Municipal Election Candidate,

Occupy Vancouver's General Assembly condemns the influence of corporate money on Vancouver's elections and municipal decision-making. At the November 13th 2011 General Assembly, Occupiers agreed by consensus to the following two proposals:

1. The removal of the influence of corporate contributions from municipal elections so that citizens—not corporations—are put at the forefront in municipal decision-making.

In order to achieve this, Occupiers suggest the following reforms:

- Establish limits on the amount of money candidates can spend while campaigning;
 - Establish limits on the amount of money any one person can donate to a candidate or political party;
 - Prohibit corporations and other entities from donating money to election campaigns;
 - Prohibit donations from non-BC residents.
2. The establishment of real transparency in municipal campaign finance by requiring candidates and parties to reveal their donors and amounts *before*, not long after an election is over—as is current practice.

Occupy Vancouver challenges all municipal candidates to disclose the source of all contributions greater than \$100, and make this information publicly available online by 11:59pm Thursday, November 17, or be held to account by voters on Election Day.

Sincerely,

Occupy Vancouver General Assembly

Occupy Vancouver is a non-violent political movement to transform the unequal, unfair, and growing disparity in the distribution of power and wealth in Vancouver and around the globe.