



MEDIA RELEASE

NSV supports Vancouver City Council motion on municipal elections reforms, but with conditions

(Vancouver, January 30, 2012) Neighbourhoods for a Sustainable Vancouver today wrote Mayor and Council, offering general support for, but also requesting amendments to, a Motion by Councillor Andrea Reimer for the regular council meeting at 9:30 am on January 31.

The NSV letter supports several points in the Motion, which features limits on political contributions, a ban on union and corporate donations, a ban on foreign contributions, and more. Meanwhile, NSV requests that text be re-inserted to oppose the right for corporations to vote in local elections, and requests more stringent disclosure requirements immediately preceding and during election campaigns, and controls over third-party advertising and in-kind donations.

The full text of NSV's letter is attached, and also available online on our website (www.nsvancouver.ca). NSV's input to Council is based on five years of neighbourhood-based networking and advocacy in Vancouver, and most recently the experience of having run five candidates in the 2011 civic election.

Letters on other Council deliberations this week will also be sent to Mayor and Council and posted online, as follows:

For Regular Council Meeting (Jan. 31), based on its declared Principles, NSV is supporting:

- Motion B2 - Request to Metro Vancouver Regarding Broadcasting of Meetings
- Motion B4 - Allow Safe Tying Up of Leashed Dogs, and

For the Public Hearing (Jan. 30), based on its declared Principles, NSV is opposing:

- CD-1 Rezoning: 228-246 East Broadway and 180 Kingsway
- CD-1 Rezoning: 2298 Galt Street

NSV is an elector organization based on a network of individuals in neighbourhoods all over Vancouver. Since 2007, the network has provided extensive policy analysis and input to City Hall regarding critical Council decisions.

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