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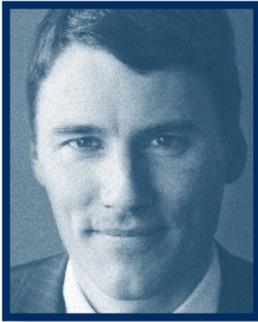
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Welcome to our 2008 Vision Action Plan for Vancouver. Throughout this campaign, I have spoken about the need for leadership, action and vision at City Hall. The ideas contained in this document form a cost effective blueprint for our city—an outline of the strong leadership and new energy you can expect from a Vision-led City Hall.

This is an incredibly important time for the City of Vancouver. The Olympics are just around the corner, and the world will soon be on our doorstep. Over the past few months, the faltering global economy has had painful local impacts. We're all concerned about our jobs, our families, and our future. In uncertain times, people expect their city government to provide stability—to protect the services we count on, to keep spending and taxes under control, and to plan for the future.

Vision Vancouver's team brings a wealth of experience, but experience alone won't solve the problems we face. In our most uncertain times we have to demand the kind of new ideas that Vision can offer. The NPA has shown us what three years without innovation, creativity, and vision can do to our great city. We should expect better.

In the following pages, we have outlined our plan for Vancouver in four broad areas

- **Homelessness and Affordable Housing**
 - **Building Strong, Safe, Inclusive Communities**
 - **The Environment and Sustainability**
 - **Creative Capital and a Thriving Economy.**
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The ideas contained in this document are deeply interconnected. The urgent need to end homelessness is tied directly to our actions to support a successful, stable economy. The strong communities we create by investing in bike, pedestrian, and transit infrastructure will also lead to a cleaner environment.

But the most important link is to you. The future we hope to build together will require an investment of time, resources, and faith from the residents of Vancouver. We will begin by rebuilding trust with Vancouver's citizens through a more effective, open, and accountable municipal government.

Throughout our platform, you'll see evidence of our values: engaging our community, setting clear and measurable goals and targets, and always being accountable for our actions. This document outlines a vision of a more vibrant, successful city that is the world leader we all know it can be. I believe it's a vision that we can all share.

On November 15th, I look forward to the opportunity to work with you on behalf of our great city.

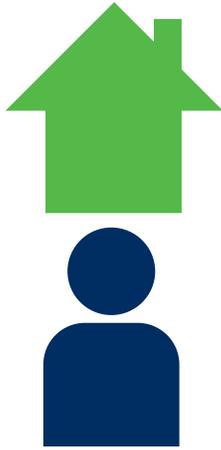
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregor".

Gregor Robertson

Vision Vancouver Candidate for Mayor

Homelessness and Affordable Housing



The solution to homelessness will always be a home. A home is a safe place to sleep, a permanent address that helps secure a job, and a place to rebuild and rejoin our community. But the crisis can't be solved just by building homes. We must also ensure that there is adequate treatment for addiction and mental health, access to temporary shelter, and action to eliminate poor rental conditions.

Gregor Robertson and the Vision Team have set a clear goal: we will end street homelessness by 2015. The men and women who sleep on our streets each night are not only a symptom of a pressing local issue; they are a constant reminder of our growing national shame. No one should be forced to sleep on the streets, in parks, or on the sidewalk.

Vision has a strong record of working to end homelessness and building affordable housing. Vision councillors opposed the NPA cuts to affordable housing in SE False Creek, spoke up when the federal government failed to provide new funding for housing, and championed policies to create new housing and protect tenants.



HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

TO REINVIGORATE THE HOMELESS ACTION PLAN, GREGOR ROBERTSON AND THE VISION TEAM WILL PUT OUR RESOURCES TO WORK IMMEDIATELY. STARTING ON DAY ONE, THE CITY WILL CALL A SERIES OF EMERGENCY MEETINGS WITH DEVELOPERS, BUSINESS LEADERS, PHILANTHROPISTS, COMMUNITY AND POLITICAL LEADERS TO EVALUATE SOLUTIONS AND BRING FORWARD AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO:

End street homelessness by 2015.

While the only real solution to homelessness is a home, no one should be forced to live on the streets. We will work to end the homelessness crisis, with a clear goal of zero street homelessness by 2015.

Ensure there are enough shelter beds so people don't have to sleep on the streets.

Shelters are not a long-term solution—they are a temporary response while permanent housing is developed. But recent statistics say there are more than 1,500 homeless in Vancouver, and only about 800 shelter beds, leaving hundreds to sleep on the streets because there's nowhere else to go. The City will work with all levels of government to ensure that there are safe, clean places for those who are most vulnerable.

Use city bylaws to keep affordable rental buildings safe, open, and accessible to the homeless.

The City will strengthen and enforce existing property standards bylaws to prevent rental buildings from being closed—even making repairs at the owners' expense if necessary. The NPA has protected slum-landlords by failing to enforce these basic standards. We can't be afraid to take action to ensure that affordable rental housing remains safe, clean, and available.

Improve outreach services for the homeless so they can get off the streets and rebuild their lives.

The Assertive Community Treatment program (ACT) helps people who are homeless get off the street, and stay off the street. The City will partner with federal, provincial, and regional governments, and non-profits to increase support for dedicated outreach workers, and support programs that provide mental health care, drug rehabilitation, training and community support. This is a proven model that is working in major cities.

HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**Establish a Mental Health Advocate. Homeless individuals need access to housing, but many also require treatment.**

The City will establish a Mental Health Advocate to raise public awareness of mental health issues across Vancouver, and to help foster collaboration between the City, ACT, the VPD, Coastal Health and BC Housing.

Expanding local hiring and training programs to assist street youth.

Economic development should be seen as the “fifth pillar” of the Four Pillars drug strategy. The City will seek partnerships to expand programs like the successful Bladerunners initiative, which helps young people who are living on the street get training, and encourages local employers to hire them.

**TO MAKE LIVING IN VANCOUVER MORE AFFORDABLE,
AND PROMOTE THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AFFORDABLE
HOUSING, GREGOR ROBERTSON AND THE VISION TEAM WILL:**

Lead the development of new affordable housing.

The City must provide leadership to ensure that new units are built every year. The Woodward’s building is a legacy of Vision’s leadership, and a model for innovative housing—that’s the kind of leadership we need now. The Mayor will step in to cut across City departments and bureaucracy, develop partnerships with other levels of government and the private sector, and drive the development of innovative programs that accelerate the construction of affordable housing. We will fast-track developments that include affordable housing, and engage business to explore strategies to leverage capital for affordable home ownership.



HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**Implement SmartGrowth BC recommendations for affordable housing.**

The City will work to implement recommendations of SmartGrowth BC on Best Practices for Affordable Housing, like inclusionary zoning and density bonus models for development

Modernize city planning policies to promote new affordable housing across the city.

The City will develop policies that ensure the maximum number of new affordable units are constructed, while carefully managing density in new developments and existing neighbourhoods. We will set and enforce minimum affordable housing standards in new developments, and promote secondary suites and laneway housing that work for our neighborhoods.

Protect existing low-income rental units.

The City will ensure there is no reduction in the total rental housing stock as we support the development of new rental housing, by improving city bylaws to prevent properties from being converted to tourist or condo use without permission of Council.

Unlock vacant condos as rental units.

There are thousands of vacant condo units in Vancouver, which creates higher rents, and fewer options for renters. The City will encourage property owners and strata councils to unlock vacant condo units as rental properties.

Use tax incentives to promote development of new rental units.

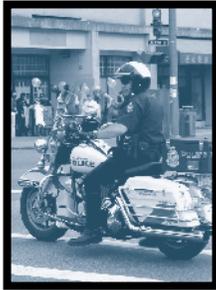
The City will promote the development of new low- and middle-income rental housing by developing a tax-increment equivalent grant (TIEG) program. These grants forgive the incremental increase in property taxes created by new development for a limited period, so the City protects its tax base while giving developers an incentive to build new rental units.

Advocate to other levels of government to meet their responsibility as partners in affordable housing.

The City can't solve the housing crisis alone, yet the federal government has not had a housing program since 1993. The City will lead talks with major Canadian municipalities to develop a strategy to convince the federal government to invest in housing solutions like housing co-ops, with aggressive targets and dedicated long-term funding and to restore tax incentives for building rental housing.



Building Strong, Safe, Inclusive Communities



Improving the quality of life for everyone in Vancouver requires a proactive approach—one that starts at City Hall and extends throughout every neighbourhood in our city. From engaging citizens and reforming our electoral process, to taking on gangs in the drug trade, building strong, safe, inclusive communities is a long-term commitment.

On our streets, people are worried about safety. Gangs reign over the drug trade, and untreated addictions ensure a steady flow of clients. Our police are doing their best with limited resources. The solutions are clear: a strong commitment to the Four Pillars Drug Strategy, targeted investment in policing, and a focus on breaking the gangs that profit from drugs.

At City Hall, citizens have felt shut out of the decision-making process. People want to be heard by their city government, and they want to be sure that their elected representatives are acting in their interests. Gregor Robertson and the Vision Team will increase accountability, transparency, and access to City Hall with new opportunities for engagement, and improved outreach and consultation on major issues, like the city budget.

Vision Vancouver has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all citizens and to create neighbourhoods that are strong and safe. We have repeatedly supported the better staffing of our police force, the full implementation of the Four Pillars Drug Strategy, and have fought for expanded outreach for those at risk.



BUILDING STRONG, SAFE, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

EVERYONE IN VANCOUVER SHOULD FEEL SAFE ON THE STREETS. TO MAKE OUR CITY SAFER, GREGOR ROBERTSON AND THE VISION TEAM WILL:

Provide adequate resources to Vancouver's Police Department.

The NPA's neglect has forced local businesses to hire private police in our most troubled areas—a program the NPA would expand if re-elected. The City will ensure that all neighbourhoods have the resources they need for real community policing, not private security patrols, as part of a comprehensive response to crime, drugs, and gangs.

Focus on the Four Pillars to deal with drugs in our communities.

Prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and enforcement are the most effective tools to make our communities safer. This includes support for InSite, a focus on access to treatment, and expanding prevention education programs.

Target police resources towards gangs and organized crime, and their central role in the drug trade.

The City will work with the Chief of Police to enhance and target the resources available to the police. This will provide improved co-ordination and increased effectiveness in the fight against gangs and violent crime.

Cut response times for 911 priority one calls.

The average response time for priority one calls—incidents where individuals are in immediate danger, like robberies, assaults, or weapons calls—is 8 minutes and 40 seconds, far above the national standard. The City will work with the Chief of Police to improve these times.

Help survival sex trade workers get off the streets.

Prostitution has been an issue that City Hall has ignored. The City will work to increase transition opportunities for people to leave the sex trade, find safe shelter, and reduce violence. We will establish a Roundtable on Prostitution to create a city wide plan for dealing with sex trade issues

BUILDING STRONG, SAFE, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES**Promote initiatives that help citizens take back our streets.**

As urban thinker Jane Jacobs wrote, “eyes on the street” from neighbours and businesses make our communities safer. The City will encourage public events and community festivals, and support opportunities for community groups and organizations to take advantage of our public spaces. We will also study creative uses of laneways and alleys for community use in consultation with local neighbourhoods.

Create a summer trial for car-free Sundays on selected streets.

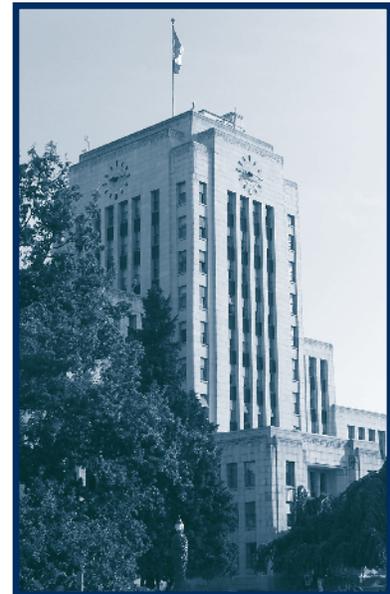
Reducing car speeds and traffic improves pedestrian safety and is good for businesses. At the annual Car Free Commercial Drive day, merchants reported an 80 percent increase in sales. The City will implement a summer trial of car-free Sundays on selected streets in 2009.

**TO RESTORE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRUST, AND PUT
CITIZENS BACK INTO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS,
GREGOR ROBERTSON AND THE VISION TEAM WILL:**

Establish a Civic Engagement Unit.

The City will re-assign existing staff from various city departments to:

- Lead and co-ordinate public consultation for major public initiatives, including Listening to Vancouver, an annual series of consultations and workshops where the public can share ideas, and guide our city government
- Help city departments run effective public meetings and meaningful consultation, and build stronger relationships with our communities.
- Provide recommendations to improve civic participation city-wide, including a strategy to increase the involvement of multi-cultural communities, refugees, and non-citizens in the democratic process.
- Provide outreach to communities that face language barriers to becoming informed and engaged.



BUILDING STRONG, SAFE, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES**Audit the City's books, spend for impact, and consider every option for savings.**

As we develop new initiatives, we must also look for savings and efficiencies. The City will retain an external auditor to provide a full review of city accounts, and provide recommendations to make City Hall more efficient and effective for the people of Vancouver.

Develop Mayor's Advisory Panels on critical city issues.

Composed of citizens, academics, professionals, advocates, and city councillors, the Mayor's Advisory Panels will provide advice to the Mayor on critical issues like the economy, community safety and the environment. Mayor Gregor Robertson will co-chair an Advisory Group on Aboriginal Issues with a member of the Aboriginal community.

Review our elections process to make it more accountable, accessible, and transparent.

The City will advocate changes to provincial legislation to establish campaign spending limits, disclosure rules, and donation limits for individuals, unions, and businesses, to come into effect for the next municipal election.

Put childcare back on the agenda.

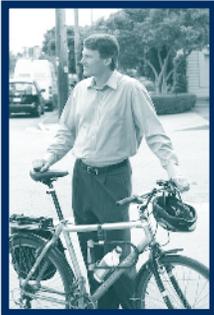
The City will reinstate the Joint Council on Childcare, and renew its goals. We will target a five percent increase in childcare spaces over the next two years, conduct a review of available childcare spaces and work to create a centralized childcare wait-list system.

Implement the recommendations from the Task Force on Immigration.

The City will review and set specific timelines for implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Immigration including convening a summit of key business leaders, employer and sectoral groups to discuss the feasibility of launching a multi-sectoral Immigrant Employment Initiative.



Environment and Sustainability



Gregor Robertson and the Vision Team will make Vancouver the greenest city in the world—the international leader among environmentally sustainable cities. Reducing the impacts of climate change are critical to our city’s future—from air quality to green jobs—but in three years the NPA has made little progress. While Vancouver was once known as a leader in environmental innovation, we now trail other leading cities on environmental performance. Vancouver’s ecological footprint is not only above the national average but is more than four times the sustainable level.

Establishing Vancouver as the greenest city in the world is no small commitment, but incredible challenges require ambitious goals. Working with local business, non-profits, schools, and community groups, we will set realistic targets, measure our success, and help create green jobs and a greener economy for the 21st century.

Vision Vancouver has fought for the full implementation of the Community Climate Change Plan, pushed for greater energy efficiency in city buildings, and reduced waste in city facilities. Vision opposed Peter Ladner and the NPA’s elimination of the environmental grants, as well as their cut of \$200,000 from the Community Climate Change Action Plan.

We can’t afford another three years of failed policies and inaction. By taking real steps to reduce the effects of climate change, improving public transportation, making new efforts to reduce waste, and supporting our green economy, we’ll not only protect the environment for present and future generations, and help residents save money—we’ll make the world green with envy .



ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES AND FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE, GREGOR ROBERTSON AND THE VISION TEAM WILL:

Strengthen the Sustainability Group at the City of Vancouver.

The NPA talks about sustainability, but hasn't followed through with the commitment required to make it real. We will make sustainability a priority by integrating the Sustainability Group with the City's senior management team, and provide the resources required to ensure we create a more sustainable city.

Create a \$100,000 Green Neighbourhood Grants Fund to support individuals and small groups that start local initiatives to fight climate change.

There are great ideas all over our city, and with a little help they can make a big difference. Small matching grants—from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars—can help start a community garden, a local carpool club, or a neighbourhood bike tune-up event.

Spark a boom in green retrofits—from condos to commercial buildings.

The City will encourage property owners and developers to incorporate green solutions in their buildings by fast-tracking development and building permit applications that incorporate green technology and green retrofits. There's a double benefit: businesses create local green jobs, and the projects help fight climate change.

Promote neighbourhood-based clean energy systems.

The City will promote clean energy projects, from local ground source heating and solar hot water installations, to neighbourhood-scale and district clean energy systems as part of our publicly-owned utilities.

Accelerate the implementation of the City's Green Building Strategy.

The City will lead by example, and achieve carbon neutral new buildings by 2020, instead of 2030. Green buildings cost a little more to build, but pay back those costs in just a few years through reduced energy expenses.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Provide a national voice for cities against climate change.

From the 2010 Olympics to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Vancouver needs a strong voice on climate change. The City will advocate that the federal government address greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution from motor vehicles, large industry, and marine vessels. We will work with the Port of Vancouver to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions created by shipping traffic.



TO IMPROVE OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NETWORK, AND PROVIDE REAL ALTERNATIVES TO THE CAR, GREGOR ROBERTSON AND THE VISION TEAM WILL:

Make cycling and walking a priority.

If we want people to get out of their cars, we have to make it safe, easy, and enjoyable to bike and walk in our city. To make Vancouver safe for cycling and walking, the City will:

- Create cycling infrastructure that safely integrates bikes into the road network, beginning with a pilot project that provides separated bike lanes on several major bike routes.
- Install improved lighting, bike lock, water, washroom, and compressed air facilities in key cycling and pedestrian areas.
- Put safety first by implementing a pilot project on the Burrard Street bridge. The City will pursue a one-lane trial for bikes on the Burrard Street bridge, incorporating lane-signaling (like on the Lion's Gate bridge) to maintain three of the remaining five lanes for rush-hour traffic. We will also review the option of a dedicated bike-pedestrian bridge as a long-term solution.

Implement a rentable bike program with hubs across the city.

The Paris Vélib' program has a network of 20,000 bikes at stations throughout the city, funded by a public interest partnership. The City will develop a similar model for Vancouver to provide easy access to cheap, no-emission transportation, create revenue for the city to fund the program, and offer a valuable service to the public.

Advocate for green regional transit improvements.

These include accelerating rapid transit expansion to UBC, increasing the number of buses to improve service, and support for a green alternative to the sprawl-inducing Gateway highway.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Get buses moving faster by giving them priority on our streets.

The City will review opportunities for enhancing bus priority measures on our streets, such as bus signal priority and bus-only access, to help transit move faster and make better use of our existing fleet.

Advocate for improved transit quality and level of service, including a fair priced U-pass for all post-secondary students.

The City will work with Translink to ensure that all post secondary students receive equal treatment.

Make our green taxi fleet even greener.

Vancouver's taxi fleet has more green vehicles than any other city in North America. To build on our success, the City will develop taxi priority strategies to reduce travel and wait times on major routes to the airport and cruise ship terminals, which will help cut emissions and improve service, especially for seniors and the disabled who rely on this service.



TO REDUCE WASTE AND INCREASE OUR RECYCLING AND RE-USE, GREGOR ROBERTSON AND THE VISION TEAM WILL:

Get serious about reducing our waste with a city-wide waste diversion and composting strategy.

The City will set strong waste diversion targets to reduce waste and improve recycling rates. We will work with residents and local businesses to reduce waste from packaging, including plastic bags and disposable containers, and develop a plan to improve recycling rates in apartments and condos.

Make City-owned facilities a model for recycling, with a target of 70 percent diversion.

In our schools, parks, city departments, community centres, and libraries, improved recycling receptacles and a broad public education campaign will help us recycle more, and waste less. The City will challenge Vancouver's 50 largest employers to match our ambitious goal.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**Develop a city-wide curbside composting strategy for organic waste.**

An integrated curbside composting program will divert hundreds of thousands of tonnes of waste from landfills. The resulting high-quality compost can be used to beautify public spaces and community gardens. The City will review opportunities with restaurants and food processors to promote on-site organic composting, and work with neighbourhoods to develop local composting for community gardens.

Develop a plan to encourage recycling of construction and demolition debris.

There is enormous waste created by the construction and demolition process. Today, too many valuable materials that could be recycled are sent to landfill. The City would develop a plan that will create incentives for developers to recycle or re-use these valuable materials and eliminate this wasteful practice.

Advocate for federal and provincial policies that support the goal of zero waste.

The City can provide leadership, but we also need action from other levels of government, like laws that make producers responsible for the waste created by their products, and prohibiting the use of hazardous substances.



TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO LOCAL FOOD, GREGOR ROBERTSON AND THE VISION TEAM WILL:

Allocate space for community gardens.

In under-used lands and orphaned spaces, the City can help communities by cataloguing and promoting available spaces, and ensuring space is allocated efficiently to create vibrant gardens that generate healthy food, and also help strengthen our neighbourhoods.

Establish long-term licenses for new and existing farmers' market locations.

Buying local supports our economy, and gives everyone access to high quality, healthy food, with the smallest impact on our environment.

Creative Capital and a Thriving Economy



In today's uncertain economy, people want a city government that understands how to support business, promote creativity and innovation, and provide responsible governance. After 10 years leading a successful multi-million dollar business in Vancouver, Gregor Robertson understands the challenges businesses are facing. But he also understands that the economy is influenced by many factors: the credit crunch and unstable markets, homelessness and new development, the environment and the arts.

A successful city understands these links, and proposes solutions that bring diverse constituencies together. It protects what makes us great, but also demands new ideas, and invests in talent. It has the courage to reward creativity and celebrate innovation.

Vision Vancouver has a record of standing up for businesses and artists alike. We supported the Cambie Street businesses in seeking compensation from the provincial government for loss of business from the Canada Line construction. We drove the expansion of more patio space in Vancouver, as well as expanded and permanent licensing for Farmer's Markets. We also opposed federal arts funding cuts, and the NPA cutting \$300,000 from the arts budget in 2006.

As cities realize that their sustained future success is tied both to the business and creative communities, the arts and the economy are more closely linked than ever before. Sadly, both have been ignored at City Hall too often. Gregor Robertson and the Vision Team will help our city embrace a culture of creativity, entrepreneurship, and innovation, and help our artistic and small-business sectors thrive in a competitive economy. Together, we will make Vancouver a creative capital in North America.



CREATIVE CAPITAL AND A GROWING ECONOMY

**TO SUPPORT OUR ECONOMY, AND PROMOTE
BUSINESS INNOVATION, GREGOR ROBERTSON
AND THE VISION TEAM WILL:**

Cut business taxes to make Vancouver more competitive and fair for business.

The City will continue to shift property taxes for business to achieve a more equitable distribution with homeowners.

Keep taxes under control, and protect the city's credit rating.

The City will keep spending under control and property taxes reasonable, while ensuring we provide quality services and maintain the city's fiscal health.

Develop sector-based incubators to help entrepreneurs turn ideas into successful businesses.

In partnership with the federal government, the City will establish sector incubators to create trade opportunities, support workshops and seminars, and build skills and relationships through mentorship with top advisors and consultants. We will champion Vancouver's entrepreneurs in creative economy sectors like film, entertainment, new media and technology, and help build creative and professional capacity.

Create one-window access for business owners and entrepreneurs.

The NPA's cuts have made City Hall a place where business owners waste time and energy getting things done. We will make Vancouver a business-friendly city by reducing needless red tape, and creating easier one-window access with enhanced support for new immigrants and foreign-based businesses.

Establish a West Coast Economic Strategy to promote Vancouver business. Economic regions are creating new opportunities for business development and strategic partnerships.

The City will work with local business sectors, such as the film and entertainment, tourism and high tech industries, to promote and stimulate business in Vancouver.

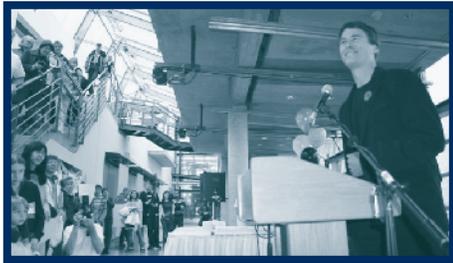
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Rebuild the Downtown East Side small business economy.

By working with communities, supporting local hiring initiatives, reducing homelessness, focusing police resources on gangs, the City will demonstrate leadership and revitalize the Vancouver Agreement that has been neglected by the NPA.

Help get foreign professionals working.

Too many of our city's professionals are unable to put their valuable skills to work because of restrictive rules on foreign accreditation. The City will advocate to other levels of government and professional associations to ensure that foreign credentials are recognized.

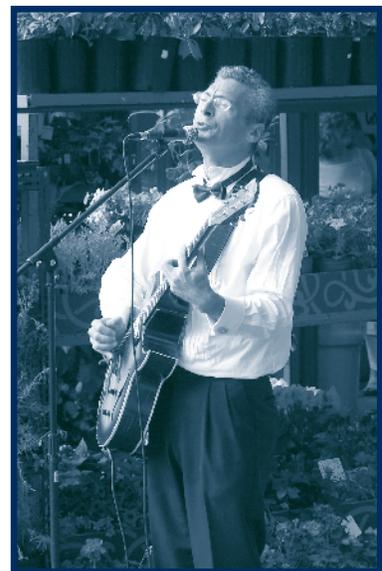


**TO INVEST IN VANCOUVER ARTS AND ARTISTS,
GREGOR ROBERTSON AND THE VISION TEAM WILL:**

Establish an arms-length Vancouver Arts Council.

With a mandate to nurture artistic and cultural development, and to support the arts community in Vancouver, this new cultural institution will:

- Promote Vancouver arts and artists in the city and beyond.
- Provide much-needed core funding grants for arts organizations of all sizes, along with innovative support like one-time exploration grants for youth in creative pursuits, or small festival core funding grants to support grassroots initiatives and emerging events.
- Engage private and public donors to support the arts in Vancouver through fundraising.
- Provide guidance and support to help smaller arts and cultural organizations thrive.
- Establish community projects like artists and writers in residence at community centres.
- Publish an annual Cultural Report Card to establish benchmarks and track progress.



CREATIVE CAPITAL AND A GROWING ECONOMY**Support and maintain our cultural facilities.**

The City will provide necessary resources to support and maintain our community-based arts and culture facilities, and make city facilities more affordable for local productions.

Create solutions that help artists find housing, studio, and gallery space.

The City will review all options for an Artists First Policy to develop new and innovative spaces for artists to live and work. We will review opportunities with public and private partners for use of City facilities, warehouse conversions and other creative solutions that will address issues of workspace, housing, and affordability for artists living at or below the poverty line.

Work with arts organizations and the local film industry to promote free outdoor screenings in public parks.**Make it easy for artists to do business with City Hall.**

The City will develop zoning and business license changes that make it easier for artists to get the permits they need so they can continue creating and exhibiting arts and culture that enrich our community, and drive our economy.

Create community-based Live Sites during the 2010 Olympics.

The City will pursue a partnership with VANOC to create local community-based Live Sites during the 2010 Olympic Games, in addition to the two downtown Live Sites, so that residents can gather to watch and celebrate the Games closer to home in a community setting.



Candidates for City Council



George Chow



Heather Deal



Kashmir Dhaliwal



Kerry Jang



Raymond Louie



Geoff Meggs



Andrea Reimer



Tim Stevenson



Gregor Robertson

Candidates for School Board

Patti Bacchus, Ken Clement, Sharon Gregson, Mike Lombardi

Candidates for Park Board

Constance Barnes, Sarah Blyth, Raj Hundal, Aaron Jasper

Thank you for taking the time to read our Vision for Vancouver document.

We look forward to receiving your feed back and sharing more ideas about the future of our city. Please send your comments and ideas to feedback@votevision.ca

Please vote on November 15th!

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