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His Worship Mayor Derek Corrigan  
The City of Burnaby  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, BC, V5G 1M2

Copied to:  
City Manager  
Dir. Planning & Building  
Planning and Development Committee

Dear Mayor Corrigan:

On behalf of the Pine Ridge Housing Co-op, we are writing to ask for your help in protecting the most vulnerable members of BC's housing co-op communities. Attached is a copy of a resolution passed by the Co-op endorsing the *You Hold the Key – Fix the Co-op Housing Crunch* campaign.

As you know, federal rent assistance for thousands of low-income co-op members is ending in the next ten years. This will affect 1,500 co-op households by 2017, and by 2020, almost 3,000 households will have lost the assistance that now makes their homes affordable. A portion of the households affected reside in Burnaby.

To date there is no provincial program to replace this disappearing federal assistance, even though housing is now a provincial responsibility. We need your help in asking the Provincial Government to act quickly to implement the rent supplement program suggested by the Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia.

The people in Burnaby's co-op community who now rely on federal rent subsidies are seniors, people with disabilities, new Canadians and single parents. Without your help they will be at risk of losing their homes when their federal subsidies end.

Please help us reassure those who can least afford to lose their homes in Canada's most expensive housing market that your government will work to help them remain in the co-op communities they call home.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brenda Bedford".

Brenda Bedford  
Corporate Secretary on behalf of  
The Pine Ridge Housing Co-op

Attachment

**NOTE:** Council, on 2014 February 3, adopted a resolution on this matter from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities', titled "Development of a New Long-Term Federal Plan to Fix Canada's Housing Crunch". In addition, Council co-sponsored a further resolution that was endorsed at the 2014 UBCM Convention. Staff are continuing to monitor the response from senior levels of government on this important issue, and will advise the correspondent of the efforts undertaken to date.



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## **CAMPAIGN RESOLUTION FOR HOUSING CO-OPS**

### **You Hold the Key – Fix the Co-op Housing Crunch Campaign**

#### **WE RESOLVE**

**THAT** our Co-op endorses the You Hold the Key – Fix the Co-op Housing Crunch Campaign;

**THAT** we call on governments at all levels to act together now to maintain a rent supplement program for more than 20,000 low-income households in co-operative housing communities across Canada;

**THAT** we call on the Province to fund a rent supplement program to replace expiring federal subsidies for low-income members in housing co-ops;

**THAT** we call on the federal government to commit now to reinvest the savings from expiring federal housing agreements to share the costs of funding this program;

**AND THAT** we commit to working with CHF BC, CHF Canada, our municipal partners and other housing allies to achieve these goals.

**PASSED BY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ON NOVEMBER 26, 2014**