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Mayor Corrigan and Council
City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Dear Mayor Corrigan and Council:

Re: *Regional Affordable Housing Strategy*

At its May 27, 2016 regular meeting, the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District ('Metro Vancouver') adopted the following resolution:

That the GVRD Board:

- a) Adopt the Regional Affordable Housing Strategy attached to the report dated May 13, 2016, titled "Regional Affordable Housing Strategy"; and*
- b) Convey the Regional Affordable Housing Strategy to member municipalities with a request to endorse the Strategy as a collaborative approach through which stakeholders can advance its vision, within their authority;*
- c) Transmit the Regional Affordable Housing Strategy to the BC Minister Responsible for Housing, The Honourable Rich Coleman; The Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development, and the Minister responsible for Housing and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, The Honourable Jean Yves Duclos, and other stakeholders with an interest in regional housing affordability; and*
- d) Direct staff to develop an implementation plan for Metro Vancouver actions.*

We are pleased to provide a copy of the *Regional Affordable Housing Strategy** for your reference.

The high cost of housing in Metro Vancouver is a major concern for residents and local governments. First adopted in 2007, the new *Regional Affordable Housing Strategy* (2016) aims to provide leadership and a collaborative approach for meeting the region's pressing housing issues. Our vision is to have a diverse and affordable housing supply so Metro Vancouver region can remain livable and prosperous.

In November 2015, the GVRD Board conveyed to Municipal Councils the Draft *Regional Affordable Housing Strategy* for review and comment. Some Councils endorsed the Draft Strategy at that time, or provided support in principle and offered suggestions for improvement. Others received it for information only. The final *Regional Affordable Housing Strategy* (RAHS) that was adopted by the GVRD Board took these comments into consideration.

* Report Available in Clerks Office

The GVRD Board requests that your Council endorse the *Regional Affordable Housing Strategy* as a collaborative approach to addressing regional housing needs.

We request that you inform the GVRD Board of your Council's decision by November 30, 2016.

The next step will be for the GVRD Board to write to the federal and provincial governments and other key stakeholders, such as Health Authorities, urging that they take the recommended actions in the Strategy.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GM', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Greg Moore
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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Encl: *Regional Affordable Housing Strategy* dated June 20, 2016 (Doc #18636406)

