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February 6th, 2017

ATTN: Chair of Executive Committee of Council

Dear City of Burnaby Executive Committee of Council Members,

On behalf of the Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC (Crisis Centre), this letter serves as a request to appear as a delegation before the Executive Committee of Council. In attendance will be Sandy Biggerstaff, Executive Director, and Kyle Tiney, Director of Development & Communications. The Crisis Centre is requesting the opportunity to present to the Committee our Burnaby services and programs, and by extension, convey the impact we have in the region. In the past, the City of Burnaby has been a generous supporter of Crisis Centre programs and initiatives; last year, we were unsuccessful in furthering this funding partnership. Looking forward to 2017, the Crisis Centre would like to explore ways to ensure alignment of our programs with the City of Burnaby and continue a meaningful partnership for future years.

The Crisis Centre utilizes a holistic approach to suicide prevention in our communities, always working to further our mandate of empowering individuals to help themselves and others in times of distress. Each year, our Youth Distress Services are accessed by thousands of Burnaby residents who are seeking targeted, non-judgmental youth support by highly trained volunteers, as well as informative resources regarding suicide prevention. By remaining adaptive to specific needs such as this and striving to create suicide-safer communities in Burnaby and beyond, we are able to break down stigma surrounding suicide, showing youth they are not alone.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the speakers directly at 604.872.1811 or alternatively you may reach me by my email at kyazman@crisiscentre.bc.ca. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to further correspondence.

Sincerely,

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