



Mayor and Council

c/o Office of the City Clerk
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Date: 27th September 2024

Dear Mayor and Council,

Request to Place Temporary Election Signs on Burnaby Public Property (Boulevards)

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is DEEPAK SURI, and I am running as an MLA candidate for the Conservative Party of British Columbia in the upcoming Provincial Election, representing the riding of Burnaby-New Westminster. As a first-time candidate with limited resources compared to my NDP opponent, I am formally requesting permission to install Provincial Election signs on public boulevards within the City of Burnaby, as permitted under Schedule No. 1 of the Sign Bylaw 1972. For your reference, I have enclosed a copy of my certificate of electoral candidacy issued by Elections BC.

Although the recently amended bylaw does not permit signs on public property, I respectfully request an exception. I am willing to provide a written undertaking to ensure that all signs are installed safely, fully compliant with regulations, and promptly removed after the election. Given my limited resources, I kindly ask for your understanding and approval to install the signs from the date of approval until 4 days after the final voting day, which is October 19, 2024.

All of my signs are made from lightweight coroplast and come in three sizes: 48"x48", 32"x24", and 24"x16". For the larger 48"x48" signs (fewer than 8 per road), I plan to place them along major roads such as Canada Way and Kingsway, using 2" PVC pipes for support instead of large wooden structures. The smaller 32"x24" and 24"x16" signs will be mounted using 1" PVC pipes and can be installed on boulevards in front of homes within my Burnaby riding, with about 2 to 4 signs per lane. Please find attached some pictures of my installed signs in Burnaby and New Westminster.

In compliance with the regulations outlined in Schedule No. 1 (9) regarding temporary signs for political campaigns, I will ensure the following:

- No signs will be placed on parkland under the jurisdiction of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Commission, or on public property in front of flower or shrub beds, or along the 60-meter portions of Nelson Avenue and Imperial Street fronting the Cenotaph at the northwest corner of the intersection.
- No signs will be placed on public boulevards without prior consent from City Council. I also agree to remove all signs within three (3) days after the campaign concludes.

Additionally, I seek permission to temporarily set up a **10' x 10' campaign tent** on public property within multi-apartment buildings in my riding, which will visibly display the Conservative Party's sign. The tent will not obstruct pedestrian pathways, and I will ensure that the area is cleaned after use. Furthermore, the tent will not be used for "Meet and Greet" events exceeding three hours at a time.

I also affirm that all signs will be installed safely, without obstructing city-installed signage, bus stops, or public pathways.

I kindly request your approval for these activities to support my Provincial Election campaign. Should you require further information or any adjustments to this request, please feel free to reach out.

As a special request, I ask for the expedited processing of my application. The advance voting period begins on **October 10-13** and **October 15-16**, from **8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** (local time), with a closure on **October 14** for Thanksgiving. The final voting day is on **Saturday, October 19**, from **8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** (Pacific time). To make the best use of the available time, I humbly request your approval as soon as possible, allowing me to proceed with sign installations and ensuring that voters in my riding can familiarize themselves with my campaign.

Thank you once again for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Deepak Suri

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Note from General Manager Engineering:

The Engineering Department does not recommend approval of the request to place election signs on city property at this time.