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Dear Community Advisory Council:

Re: Governance reform for the University Endowment Lands

I write to you today as your local representative in the provincial government to update you on the significant changes in local and provincial government representation for the University Endowment Lands, and the implications of that change for our community. Your new “Mayor” is the Hon. Selina Robinson, a former city councillor from Coquitlam. I have taken on new responsibilities as the Attorney General of British Columbia.

This change in government creates a unique opportunity for us to work together on issues that have been long-standing concerns for the University Endowment Land community, concerns about which we have spoken on many occasions.

I am pleased to advise you that late last week, I met with your “Mayor”, my colleague, and expressed to her and her staff your unambiguous wish to be moving forward on the issue of governance reform. I advised that you want to have a local voice on local issues. She was receptive to these concerns, and has asked her staff to identify the next steps needed to move the discussion on local government forward in a real and visible way.

I do not wish to understate the lengthy process of real local government reform. But a journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. I am honoured and pleased to tell you that I have brought to the Minister’s attention your requests, and we are putting our walking shoes on.

The Minister heard the concerns I raised, and has directed her staff to develop more information and a strategy that lays out a path forward for her consideration this Fall. The Minister and I will ensure that you are kept informed of the outcome of this work, along with the timeline for next steps.

I look forward to working with you on this important change in direction and approach.

Yours truly,

David Eby
MLA, Vancouver Point Grey