

MOTION ON NOTICE

4. Campaign Finance Reform

MOVER: Councillor Andrea Reimer

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. In 2005, 2009, 2010, and 2012 the City of Vancouver has brought forward formal requests to the Province requesting changes to the *Vancouver Charter* to allow for local governments to create appropriate rules for disclosure and regulation of election campaign finance.
2. The funds used to campaign for elected office in Vancouver have grown exponentially in the seven year interval Vancouver has waited for provincial action on this issue.
3. The most recent motion, passed unanimously by Vancouver City Council in January 2012, provoked an informal response from the Provincial Government that they would be amenable to modernizing municipal election and campaign rules if support from a majority of municipalities was garnered.
4. A motion from Vancouver to the UBCM in 2009 was pre-empted from debate with the establishment of the provincial government's Local Government Election Task Force.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lower Mainland Local Government Association support a resolution to the 2012 UBCM Annual Meeting requesting amendments to the *Local Government Act* and the *Vancouver Charter* to allow municipalities to make rules for disclosure and regulation of election campaign finance that are appropriate for their circumstances;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT it is requested these amendments be made before the 2014 municipal elections.

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