

## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 1. 2017 Provincial Ballot Question on Municipal Campaign Finance Reform

MOVER: Councillor Reimer  
SECONDER: Councillor Louie

#### WHEREAS

1. The Provincial Government currently holds the legislative authority for regulating municipal elections, including campaign finance;
2. The City of Vancouver has long standing, and often reaffirmed policy, on campaign finance reform that includes a ban on union and corporate donations, caps on contributions from individuals, election spending limits, ongoing reporting and better measures for enforcement of the rules;
3. In 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, and 2013 via a motion endorsed nearly unanimously by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and in 2014 and 2015, the City of Vancouver has brought forward formal requests to the Province requesting changes to the Vancouver Charter to allow Vancouver to create rules for municipal election campaign finance;
4. On April 7, 2016, six years after committing to taking action on municipal campaign finance reform, the Provincial Government passed Bill 17 - Local Election Campaign Financing Amendment Act which fails to prevent unlimited contributions to municipal political parties from corporations, unions and individuals with very few limits on spending;
5. The funds used to campaign for elected office in Vancouver have grown from \$1 million to \$5.85 million in the years Vancouver has waited for Provincial action on this issue, with the unprecedented case in the 2011 Vancouver municipal election of \$1 million donated to one electoral organization from a single corporation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver call on the Provincial Government to hold a referendum at the time of the 2017 Provincial General Election on the question of whether or not municipalities should be able to regulate campaign finance rules for local elections including the power to ban donations from corporations and unions, limit contributions from individuals and impose election spending limits.

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