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MOTION ON NOTICE

At the Regular Council meeting on January 31, 2006, the following motion was submitted by Councillor Deal. Mayor Sullivan called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of February 2, 2006.

2. Provincial Housing Program (File 11-2200-01)

MOVER: Councillor Deal

SECONDER:

WHEREAS homelessness has doubled in Vancouver since 2002 due to changes in provincial income assistance and housing policy; and

WHEREAS the homelessness strategy unanimously adopted by the last council relied on funding from senior levels of government to build affordable and low-income housing as a way to reduce homelessness over time; and

WHEREAS recent news reports suggest the provincial government is considering rent subsidies to renters instead of revitalizing the housing program, a move which tenants' groups say will not meet the growing need;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this council support the City of Vancouver's Homelessness Action Plan, and call on the provincial government to restore a full subsidized housing program as the lead element in the fight against homelessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Vancouver seek endorsement of this motion by the GVRD and the UBCM.

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