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MOTION ON NOTICE

5. Legal Aid in British Columbia

MOVER: Councillor Woodsworth

SECONDER:

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to equal access to justice for all of its citizens;
2. The provincial government has an obligation to properly fund legal services to ensure equal access to justice for every British Columbian;
3. The provincial government has repeatedly cut funding to legal aid over the past year;
4. Demand for legal aid in British Columbia has risen significantly over the past year; and
5. Cuts to legal aid hurt the most vulnerable in our society, predominantly lower-income women and children.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver write a letter to the provincial government urging them to restore and increase funding for legal aid in British Columbia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver write a letter to the provincial government urging them to allow the Legal Services Society to re-open the regional centres.

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