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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 2. Ethics, Journalism and Race

MOVER: Councillor Kerry Jang

SECONDER: Councillor Raymond Louie

#### WHEREAS

1. Inclusiveness, diversity, tolerance and respect for all cultures are core values of the City of Vancouver, which has joined the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination;
2. The City of Vancouver recognizes that racial stereotypes of specific groups such as those characterized in recent articles by Maclean's magazine and the Toronto Star are inaccurate, offensive to Vancouver residents of all backgrounds and counterproductive to meaningful dialogue;
3. Our post-secondary educational institutions are places of immense diversity where all ideas are examined through intelligent inquiry and accountable debate in a safe and open environment and where false perceptions perpetuating racism are challenged;
4. The City of Vancouver actively supports intercultural communication and respectful discussion within and amongst the wide spectrum of cultures in our city in order to promote deeper understanding and cultural harmony.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council support productive and respectable dialogue about the role media plays in shaping perceptions of race and ethnicity in Canadian society.
- B. THAT Council encourage ethical journalistic standards from all forms of media in the reporting and publishing of articles, particularly those about race and ethnicity in Canada, and especially through improved communication with community leaders and citizens of diverse backgrounds.
- C. THAT Council support community organizations and campus groups calling for Maclean's magazine to issue an unqualified apology and constructively address the stereotypes and perceptions perpetuating racism in their recent article "Too Asian?"

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