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MOTION

2. Vancouver as a Future Host City for the FIA Formula E Championship

MOVER: Councillor Ball

SECONDER: Councillor Affleck

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver City Council is dedicated to addressing environmental challenges through measurable and attainable targets;
2. In February 2014, the City of Vancouver was awarded a Sustainable Communities Award (Transportation) by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for its electric vehicle program;
3. The world's first fully-electric racing series, the FIA¹ Formula E Championship, features quiet Formula cars powered exclusively by clean, electric energy;
4. FIA Formula E Championship races are a one-day event with practice, qualifying rounds and the race taking place in a single day to minimise disruption to the host city;
5. Formula E races take place in city centres easily accessible by public transport;
6. Leading cities, including London, Rome, Los Angeles, Miami, Beijing, Putrajaya, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, are featured in the FIA Formula E Championship's preliminary calendar for its 2014 inaugural race year;
7. Formula E races have short-term and long-term economic benefits for host cities such as eco-tourism, green job creation and research, as well as short-term and long-term social benefits including engaging citizens as volunteers, fostering social inclusion and creating awareness of the potential of electric vehicles;
8. Formula E races demonstrate a global commitment to clean mobility and sustainability and serve to increase awareness about the environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to explore the opportunity for Vancouver to become a future host city for a FIA Formula E Championship race featuring Formula cars powered exclusively by electric energy.
- B. THAT staff report back to City Council in the early fall with a report on the economic, cultural, and educational opportunities by hosting a FIA Formula E Championship race, and the costs for the event, should the race be held in Vancouver.

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¹ Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile