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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 1. Reinstating Federal Funding for DNA Analysis

MOVER: Councillor De Genova

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. DNA analysis is a crucial investigative tool that ensures offenders are brought to justice and innocent parties excluded as suspects;
2. Until recently, the Federal Government, through the RCMP, has provided DNA services to police at no cost;
3. Historically, the Province of British Columbia has made a yearly contribution toward the cost of the DNA services provided by the Federal Government and continues to support municipal DNA testing province-wide through an annual funding contribution of \$1.3 million;
4. The previous Federal Government revised the funding model for DNA services and significantly limited its financial contribution toward the costs of DNA analysis and services;
5. The Chair of the Vancouver Police Board and the Chief Constable of the Vancouver Police Department wrote to the Premier of British Columbia on August 4, 2015, to express "great concern" regarding the additional costs that the City of Vancouver will have to bear for DNA analysis (estimated to be between \$400,000 to \$600,000 annually) and the significant negative impact this new cost will have on the City's budget;
6. The additional cost of \$400,000 to \$600,000 for DNA analysis has not been specifically included in the City of Vancouver 2016 Budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Mayor Robertson to write a letter to Prime Minister Trudeau and the Federal Minister of Public Safety on behalf of Council requesting that the Federal Government reinstate full funding for DNA analysis to ensure that public safety continues to be served in the City of Vancouver and other affected municipalities across Canada.

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