

January 27, 2015

Paul LaBranche Executive Vice President Building Owners and Managers Association of British Columbia #556 - 409 Granville Street Vancouver, BC V6C 1T2 By email: pdl@boma.bc.ca

Dear Paul LaBranche:

RE: Support of your Emergency Mass Notification System initiative

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my support for the Building Owners and Managers Association of BC (BOMA BC) initiative to create and operate an Emergency Mass Notification System. While we are not in a position to directly fund this program, we think it would be of significant benefit to your members and residents of Vancouver.

Your proposal to implement an Emergency Mass Notification System can be expected to increase the safety of those who use your buildings, and is entirely consistent with other initiatives underway in the City of Vancouver. In particular, an Emergency Mass Notification System will be able to support the work we have been doing together in terms of evacuation planning by providing a means to quickly notify your member buildings if the City issues an evacuation order or needs to notify building owners of a hazard event quickly.

The City of Vancouver is also exploring the opportunity to pilot a call-out system for our own staff teams. As you implement your system, there is a valuable opportunity for continued cooperation between our organizations. I look forward to working together by sharing information, and solutions, as you undertake implementation.

Thank you for proactively contributing to the safety of those in your buildings and Vancouver and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of emergency preparedness planning in Vancouver.

Yours truly,

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