
Safe Streets Coalition

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Honourable Gordon Campbell
Premier
Province of British Columbia
West Annex, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, British Columbia
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Dear Premier:

I am writing to you on behalf of a broad coalition of community organizations and business groups concerned about growing levels of disorderly and aggressive behavior affecting our communities. Enclosed is a document we recently submitted to the Attorney General's office describing the nature and extent of the problems faced by communities throughout British Columbia. The document also includes recommendations on the necessary legislative measures to combat these problems.

In the weeks to come, we will be working with other organizations in various regions of British Columbia to inform policy-makers of the serious and growing issues we face in our communities. As part of that process, it has come to our attention that the provincial government is planning to sponsor a public forum on crime and safety. The Safe Streets Coalition applauds this initiative and would be pleased to participate in such a forum to further discuss our recommendations for solutions that will benefit all communities.

We commend you on the dialogue on crime initiative, and our constituent organizations look forward to playing an active role in the upcoming forum.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by:

Kathi E. Thompson
President
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cc: Hon. Geoff Plant, Attorney General
Hon. Rich Coleman, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Hon. John Les, Minister of Small Business and Economic Development

BC Chamber of Commerce

*BC-Yukon Hotel
Association*

Block Watch Society of BC

BOMA BC

*Downtown Vancouver
Association*

Downtown Vancouver BIA

*Gastown Business
Improvement Society*

Gastown Neighbours First

*Greater Victoria Chamber
of Commerce*

*Kelowna Chamber of
Commerce*

*Prince George Chamber of
Commerce*

*Residents of City Gate
(Strata Council)*

Retail BC

South Granville BIA

Tourism Vancouver

Tourism Victoria

Vancouver Board of Trade

*Vancouver Hotel
Association*

Victoria Chapter of BOMA

*West End Citizens Action
Network*

Whalley BIA

Yaletown BIA