



Community News

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Dear Neighbours:

Philippine Independence Day 2007

I would like to congratulate Filipino Canadians in my community on the 109th National Declaration of Philippine Independence celebrated on June 12, 2007. I encourage you to join me for these celebrations on June 9th at Rocky Mountaineer Station at 1755 Cottrell Street starting at 1:00 pm and on June 16th at the Pista Ng Bayan Picnic Barbecue at Slocan Park near 29th Avenue beginning at 10:00 am. Enjoy some of the Philippine's finest cuisine and great entertainment right in your backyard. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mabuhay kayong lahat sa araw ng kalayaan ng bansang Pilipinas. Hangad po namin ang inyong maligayang pagdiriwang.

Skytrain Safety

In light of the recent violent attacks on women near and around Joyce-Collingwood, 29th Avenue, Nanaimo and Broadway Skytrain Stations, I have been canvassing the community and hosting community consultations to hear your concerns of transit safety. Many more individuals expressed feeling a greater sense of fear and intimidation and have already taken action to become more vigilant while traveling throughout the community.

On May 23, 2007, I hosted a community safety forum with residents who share these concerns. The discussion resulted in some great ideas such as adopting a "Safe-Walk Program," launching a large scale public education campaign against violence, promoting safety tips while using transit and increasing lighting, surveillance and more public phones in the city. The meeting minutes for this forum can be found on my website at: www.bcndpcaucus.ca/en/mla/adrian_dix. I would like to thank all those who came out to share your ideas on how we as a community can address these issues. I will continue to put pressure on Translink, the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Department to implement these ideas as well as to direct more resources to address the isolation in the stations and to improve the coordination and responsiveness to these violent attacks on women.

I will be continuing my petition campaign for improved safety around the skytrain station. If you would like to support our petition or have any more great ideas, please give me a call at my community office at 604-660-0314.

Bare Hallways

Please join me for a community healthcare forum, "Bare Hallways", a discussion addressing the labour shortages in health care and its impacts on the community. Guest speakers include Reid Johnson, President of the Health Sciences Association, Boni Barcia, Vice President of the Hospital Employees Union and Leah Diana, Coordinator of the Filipino Nurses Support Program at the Philippine Women's Centre. The discussion will take place at Collingwood Neighbourhood House, 5288 Joyce Street on Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. For more information, please contact Easter Tocol at 604-660-0314.

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