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To Council  
August 16, 2010

July 28, 2010

File: 0110-20

Mr. Mark Warawa  
Member of Parliament – Langley  
#101 - 6830 216th Street  
Langley, BC V0X 1T0

Dear Mark:

**Re: Long Form of the Canada Census**

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We are in receipt of the attached July 19, 2010 resolution passed by the City of North Vancouver Council regarding the long form of the Canada Census.

The data derived from the long form Census that is sent to 20% of all households, such as population, mother tongue, mobility of population, family composition, average household income, labour force by industry, education, housing tenure, homes by period of construction, is absolutely vital to the work that we do in municipal planning. The data from the Census and the trends between censuses allow us to plan for infrastructure improvement, transportation and transit improvement, community development and planning, recreation and leisure programs and services, education programs and facilities, health programs and facilities, and many others.

The results of the long form are by far the most detailed, accurate and reliable source for socio-economic data in the country. We are concerned that the proposed move to a voluntary survey to attain this information would jeopardize the consistency and reliability of the results. In effect, Canadians would need to put an asterisk beside socioeconomic data derived after the 2006 Census when comparing those results to previous Census years because the voluntary survey would be superficial and have very limited value.

Looking beyond the municipal planning context, the data from the long form Census allows researchers to establish and validate numerous relationships between economics and demographics. The research allows all levels of government to develop and implement private and public policies and programs, both domestically and internationally, that may affect marketing, human resources planning, corporate organization, saving and investing, housing,

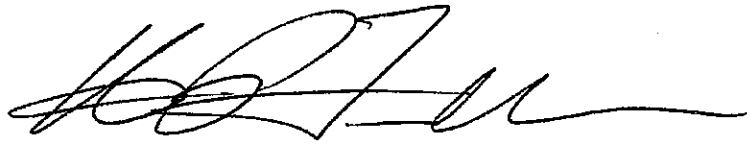


health, education, recreation and leisure, unemployment, migration, government expenditures, and intergovernmental relations.

To this end, the City of Langley concurs that the long form Census provides and should continue to provide invaluable information to communities across Canada regarding socio-economic, demographic, ethnic and other characteristics and that this information is crucial to the planning and development of resilient and successful communities.

I close by quoting Sherlock Holmes, "While the individual man is an insoluble puzzle, in the aggregate he becomes a mathematical certainty."

Yours truly,  
CITY OF LANGLEY



H. Peter Fassbender  
Mayor

Attachment: 1. City of North Vancouver's July 19, 2010 Resolution on Long Form of the  
Canada Census

cc: Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Industry  
Director Hans Cunningham, President, FCM  
UBCM Municipalities  
Langley City Councillors  
Francis Cheung, P. Eng., Chief Administrative Officer



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**E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE**

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To: All Union of British Columbia Municipalities Member Municipalities  
From: Robyn G. Anderson, City Clerk  
Subject: Long Form of the Canada Census  
Date: July 22, 2010  
File No: 1155-08-S4-02

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The City Council at its regular meeting of Monday, July 19, 2010 endorsed the following resolution:

**"WHEREAS** the long form of the Canada Census has provided and continues to provide invaluable information to communities across Canada about their socio-economic, demographic, ethnic and other characteristics;

**AND WHEREAS** this information is crucial to the planning and development of resilient and successful communities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of North Vancouver call upon the federal government to maintain the long form for the 2011 and future census undertakings;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City of North Vancouver submit this resolution for consideration at the forthcoming Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention in September, 2010 (either as a regular or emergency resolution);

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all Union of British Columbia Municipalities member municipalities, all BC MPs, the Prime Minister, and the federal Minister responsible for the Census."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn G. Anderson', written over a horizontal line.

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