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MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Government of Canada Decision to Discontinue the Mandatory Long-form Questionnaire from the 2011 Census

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Councillor Andrea Reimer

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has made a decision to discontinue the mandatory long-form questionnaire from the 2011 Census; and

WHEREAS the long-form Census questionnaire provides the City of Vancouver with information about the changing nature of the city and its neighbourhoods that is not available from any other source; and

WHEREAS long-form census data plays a critical role in allowing the City to assess and address policies and priorities related to housing, incomes, migration, ethnicity, work, education, transportation, child care, and family life; and

WHEREAS the City relies on such data when designing and delivering services to its citizens, selecting sites for facilities, and planning for transportation, housing and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the reliability and comprehensiveness of data collected in the current Census system will not be replicated by the proposed voluntary national household survey, and the ability of municipal governments to understand and anticipate how their communities are changing will be significantly reduced.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver urge the Government of Canada to rescind this decision and reinstate the long-form questionnaire in the 2011 Census; and

FURTHER THAT Mayor Robertson write to the Federal Minister of Industry, the Members of Parliament representing Vancouver ridings, and the Chief Statistician of Canada to convey the City's concerns.

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