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Subject: Staffing Update - Housing Policy Group to move to Planning, Urban Design & Sustainability

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached a joint memo from Gil Kelley, GM - Planning, Urban Design & Sustainability and Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, GM - Community Services announcing the move of the Housing Policy Group from Community Services to Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability (PDS) effective, Monday, April 3, 2017.

Please contact me, Gil Kelley or Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas if you have any questions/concerns.

Best
Sadhu

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PLANNING, URBAN DESIGN AND SUSTAINABILITY
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MEMORANDUM

March 30, 2017

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
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FROM: Gil Kelley, General Manager
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Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, General Manager
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SUBJECT: Staffing Update - Housing Policy Group to move to Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability

With Council's continued emphasis on affordable housing, including the recent acknowledgement of the Emerging Directions for Housing Vancouver on March 29, we are announcing the move of the Housing Policy Group from Community Services to Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability (PDS), effective Monday, April 3, 2017. This will allow our continued housing policy efforts to make maximum use of the array of planning tools and knowledge in PDS in order to complete the 10-year Housing Strategy and continue further policy development and implementation planning. Staff will meet the week of April 3rd to plan for the reassignment of impacted work spaces.

The move will allow the CS Housing team members who are staying to focus on delivery of affordable housing projects in partnership with others as well as on critical projects in support of Homelessness Services. This is particularly important in light of newly announced federal funding for affordable housing.

PDS & CMO - Mayor and Council re Staffing Update March 30 2017

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Thank you to Abi Bond, Director Housing Policy and Projects and her team for their tremendous efforts in delivering the “Housing Vancouver Emerging Directions” report this week.

Background and Rationale

In 2016, under the leadership of Community Services – Housing Policy & Projects, the City launched the Housing Re:Set to initiate a new Housing Strategy for 2026. The Re:Set demonstrated the need for a robust affordable housing strategy for the City and further demonstrated how fundamental housing policy is to community planning, whether it is focused on transit station areas, arterials, moderate density areas or single-family neighborhoods. As part of the Re:Set, the Re:Address conference in the Fall also highlighted how global cities have significantly benefited from the amalgamation of ongoing needs research (population targets by income bands and household sizes) and the existing and evolving land use planning tools that shape complete cities, communities and neighbourhoods.

With PDS embarking on city-wide planning efforts, Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, General Manager – Community Services initiated discussions with Gil Kelley, General Manager of Planning Urban Design and Sustainability to transfer Housing Policy to PDS to better integrate housing targets and land use planning tools. Effective April 3, the housing policy team will report directly to Gil Kelley, until an Assistant Director for Housing Policy is recruited to lead this function. The Housing teams reporting to Dan Garrison and Celine Mauboules will remain in Community Services and will continue to report to Abi Bond, in her Director’s role, and Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, General Manager CS.

In addition, Community Services has appointed Ethel Whitty to the new role of Director of Homelessness Services, reporting directly to Kathleen. Ethel’s responsibilities will include Outreach Services, Warming Centers, Shelters, Annual Homeless Count, Homeless Action Week, and she will be the City’s point of contact on homelessness. None of these changes affect other Divisions within Community Services – Housing and Community Center Operations, Cultural Services, VCT, or Social Policy

We thank staff for their support during this transition and welcome any questions you have.

Please contact either one of us directly.

Kind regards,

Kathleen & Gil



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