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Subject: Memo - Refugee Forum April 21st, 2016

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached Memo from Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, GM - Community Services on the Refugee Forum on April 21st, 2016.

A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- The purpose of this memo is to inform Mayor and Council of an upcoming forum on April 21st on refugee resettlement;
- The need for the forum arises from the recent refugee resettlement from Syria; it is an opportunity to discuss refugees from other countries as well, and develop a collaborative leadership approach to support refugee settlement in Vancouver and the region;
- It has been developed and will be hosted in partnership with the United Way, Vancouver Foundation, VanCity, Vancouver Coastal Health, and the City
- A formal invitation with agenda will be sent to Mayor and Council in the coming week.

Please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas at 604.871.6858 or kathleen.llewellyn-thomas@vancouver.ca, should you have any further questions.

Best
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MEMORANDUM

April 6, 2016

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas
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SUBJECT: Refugee Forum April 21st, 2016 - Vancouver Welcomes Refugees

The purpose of this memo is to advise Mayor and Council that staff are coordinating a forum, *Vancouver Welcomes Refugees*, on April 21st in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health, Vancouver Foundation, United Way of the Lower Mainland, and VanCity. You will each received an invitation shortly.

Memo to MC re Refugee Forum April 21 2016

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Mayor and Council will be invited to attend. The purpose of the forum is to raise awareness about refugees globally and locally, and to engage partners and civil society in increasing and sustaining the support for refugees arriving in Vancouver. Program highlights include speakers from refugee settlement organizations, cultural community organizations, primary health care, mental health support services, individuals with lived experience and an academic. Attendees are representatives from social service organizations, the Mayor's Working Group on Immigration, primary health care providers, youth organizations, business, and City of Vancouver Advisory Committees.

Background

The Mayor hosted a public forum on the Syrian refugee crisis on September 18th, 2015. Since then the Mayor's Working Group on Immigration and other community groups have voiced the need to have a broader conversation about the global refugee crisis and to consider the needs of all refugee communities currently living in Vancouver as well as refugees that we anticipate will arrive in the near future from not only Syria, but other parts of the globe.

The objectives of the forum are to:

1. Provide context and update on refugees and settlement globally, federally and locally;
2. Identify needs and opportunities for supporting community settlement and integration of refugees;
3. Build a movement to sustain the current level of interest generated by the Syrian refugee crisis that is a refugee crisis in general - by connecting key sectors (i.e. business groups, employers, key public institutions) with existing community initiatives targeted to vulnerable populations; and
4. Provide an opportunity for people who came to Canada as refugees to join the conversation to advance progressive policy, practice and programs to support refugees.

Event Details

Time: 5:30pm reception, 6 to 9pm program

Location: SFU Wosk Centre for Dialogue - 580 W Hastings Street

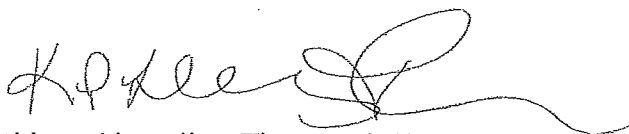
The Wosk Centre capacity is limited, so the event will be live streamed on the City website. This will give opportunity for residents to be informed through the discussion.

Program

1. First Nations Welcome (Elder Larry Grant confirmed)
2. Welcome (Mayor Gregor Robertson or Deputy Mayor)
3. Panel: What is happening today?
4. Panel: Ideas for tomorrow
5. Conclusion: What will you do next?

Panel participants will speak about mental health, settlement services, and the experiences of youth, support at schools, health services and the experiences of refugee claimants.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Clare Zak at maryclare.zak@vancouver.ca or Carol Ann Young at carol.ann.young@vancouver.ca



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