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Dear Mayor, Councillors and Park Board Commissioners,

Our annual campaign in support of the United Way of the Lower Mainland kicked off on September 17 and will continue through to October 16. The campaign is run by an amazing group of City and Park Board employees and I am writing on their behalf to invite you to the 17th Annual United Way Chili Cook-off on **Thursday, October 6th at City Hall.**

This legendary competition is our mid-campaign energizer, giving employees a chance to donate, celebrate our success and look ahead at opportunities to give. It's an event that really puts the fun into fundraising!

We hope you are able to join us on October 6 to taste the excellent chili, mingle with staff, and admire the booths and costumes between 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm. If you are interested to be one of the judges for this fiercely contested event, please contact kate.lekas@vancouver.ca.

Last year employees from across the City and Park Board came together to raise over \$203,000 for United Way of the Lower Mainland. This year, our Campaign Committee is focusing on building our number of Leadership donors (those that give \$1,200/year), engaging new City employees and increasing our total contribution to \$215,000. There will be United Way events at many of our City of Vancouver worksites over the 5 week campaign and you are most welcome to participate in them, as well as donate to United Way. Additional detail regarding the campaign is available at <http://citywire.city.vancouver.bc.ca/programs/unitedway/index.htm>

We hope you can participate in the 2016 campaign and thank you for any support you may be able to provide.

Best regards,
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