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Subject: Invitation to Attend Public Forum on the Fentanyl Overdose Crisis
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Greetings Mayor and Council

As I mentioned at the council meeting last week, the City of Vancouver is hosting a public forum on the fentanyl overdose crisis, in partnership with the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users and the Western Aboriginal Harm Reduction Society. The forum takes place from 7-9pm this evening at Vancouver City Hall and is open to the public. I hope you can attend.

Thanks

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From: Robertson, Gregor
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Sincerely,

Mayor Gregor Robertson

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PUBLIC FORUM ON THE

FENTANYL OVERDOSE CRISIS

In partnership with the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU), and the Western Aboriginal Harm Reduction Society (WAHRS), Mayor Gregor Robertson invites the public and key stakeholders to join a discussion about the ongoing overdose crisis.

People will have a chance to hear directly from those who have been personally affected by overdoses as well as representatives who are working towards putting an end to this crisis.

**Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7 pm (6:30 sign in)
Vancouver City Hall, Ground Floor, Town Hall Meeting Room**

Panel Speakers include:

- Patricia Daly, Chief Medical Health Officer and Vice President, Vancouver Coastal Health
- Al Fowler, President, British Columbia Association for People on Methadone (BCAPCOM)
- Adam Palmer, Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department
- Sarah Heneghan, Administrator, Vancouver Coastal Health and Urban Native Youth Association
- Patrick Smith, Director Aboriginal Health, PHS Community Services Society
- Leslie McBain, family member of an overdose death victim, member of Moms United and Mandated to Saving the Lives of Drug Users

Over 622 people across BC have died from drug overdoses this year alone – the highest annual death toll in over 30 years. This alarming number of drug overdose deaths has prompted BC's Chief Health Officer to declare a public health emergency. The forum will focus on documenting cooperative strategies that ~~have~~ ^{are} ~~are~~ ^{can} happen to put an end to this crisis.