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Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to inform you about a significant change to the implementation of affordable housing in Vancouver. Specifically, Mukhtar Latif, who has served as the Chief Housing Officer (CHO) and CEO of Vancouver Affordable Housing Agency (VAHA), is no longer with the City of Vancouver and no longer CEO of VAHA.

In his role as CHO, Mukhtar took on the responsibility of directing Housing Policy and Projects for several years, supporting the development of significant affordable housing policies, such as family housing and the development of an Aboriginal housing strategy. As CEO of VAHA he brought innovative building solutions to Vancouver, such as modular housing and got 1,000 units under development.

Our Housing teams have made much progress last year, including transitioning Housing Policy and Projects into Community Services and taking steps to address housing affordability through the Re:set of our Housing and Homelessness Strategy.

To ensure that housing is coordinated and is top of mind for senior leaders within City Government, we have established a Housing Leadership Table, which I Chair. Through this venue, all major housing initiatives are vetted and prioritized to ensure progress is made throughout the organization.

Despite these leadership changes, VAHA remains a major delivery agent to get affordable housing on the ground in the city. Effective immediately, Luke Harrison will serve as interim CEO of VAHA.

Having worked in the role of Senior Planner at VAHA, Luke led a team of Project Directors and Development Managers to develop market and affordable rental housing on City of Vancouver land. Luke brings extensive experience in business development and acquisition activities to generate affordable housing.

Please join me in thanking Mukhtar for his service to the City of Vancouver and wish him well in his career.

Best,  
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