

File No. 04-1000-20-2017-047

March 8, 2017

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Dear s.22(1)

Re: Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")

I am responding to your request of February 1, 2017 for:

**Copies of all documents, including e-mails, regarding the proposal, development and roll out of the Mayor's statement on welcoming refugees (<http://www.mayorofvancouver.ca/news/statement-mayor-gregor-robertson-welcoming-refugees>) and policies following from this, from October 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017.**

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.13(1) of the Act. You can read or download this section here: [http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00)

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, [info@oipc.bc.ca](mailto:info@oipc.bc.ca) or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2017-047); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at [foi@vancouver.ca](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Van Fraassen', written in a cursive style.

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To: "[Robb, Katie](mailto:Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca)" <[Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca](mailto:Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca)>

Date: 1/29/2017 8:45:36 AM

Subject: Re: For approval - statement on welcoming refugees

Looks great, nice work! Tweaked for a few minor bits and typos.  
Thanks, G

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On Jan 28, 2017, at 7:28 PM, Robb, Katie <[Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca](mailto:Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

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From: ["Quinlan, Kevin" <Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)

To: ["Robb, Katie" <Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca)

Date: 1/28/2017 8:03:17 PM

Subject: Re: For approval - statement on welcoming refugees

Some more context: Tory has a statement out and Trudeau tweeted

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 28, 2017, at 7:28 PM, Robb, Katie <[Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca](mailto:Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Hey G -

Here is the statement we put together in response to trump's immigration changes. We'll pop it out first thing tomorrow (8am) once you've signed off.

Any questions, let me know!

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Date: 1/28/2017 7:20:45 PM

Subject: Re: For feedback: statement on welcoming refugees

Roger I'll get it to G cc y'all

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On Jan 28, 2017, at 19:06, Quinlan, Kevin <[Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca](mailto:Kevin.Quinlan@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Nice work - Let's get it to G and see what he thinks. I'll go through in detail a bit later (out at a dinner)

Thanks team

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 28, 2017, at 7:02 PM, Girn, Naveen <[Naveen.Girn@vancouver.ca](mailto:Naveen.Girn@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

Hi Katie,

This looks great. I have one suggestion that highlights the Muslim community that is specifically targeted by Trump's ban.

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Thank you,  
Naveen

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 28, 2017, at 6:11 PM, Zaharia, Sarah <[Sarah.Zaharia@vancouver.ca](mailto:Sarah.Zaharia@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

I think this is great Katie, hits on all the key points. I'm thinking for social that I'll pull out that we are standing in solidarity with other cities unless folks feel strongly about other portions of the statement.

Please excuse brevity and any typos, sent from my iPhone

On Jan 28, 2017, at 6:03 PM, Robb, Katie <[Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca](mailto:Katie.Robb@vancouver.ca)> wrote:

All - for your feedback please. Naveen would appreciate any word smithing suggestions you have around inclusion particularly!

Looking to get this to G asap tonight.

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Date: 1/29/2017 9:52:34 AM

Subject: Statement from Mayor Robertson on Welcoming Refugees

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Office of the Mayor

### Statement from Mayor Gregor Robertson on Welcoming Refugees

**January 29, 2017 (Vancouver, BC)** - Vancouver is known throughout the world for our remarkable diversity. We have a longstanding commitment to welcoming refugees and their families in times of need. This proud history of helping refugees start new lives with hope, security, and freedom is at the heart of what makes Vancouver such an inclusive and compassionate city.

Recent immigration policy changes in the United States undermine the work Vancouver does for diversity, inclusivity and being a welcoming, multicultural city. Vancouver's Muslim community has a long history of helping those in need including opening a mosque to be an emergency winter shelter for the homeless during last month's brutal cold snap.

We're proud to be the first city in Canada to bring in an Access Without Fear policy to guarantee that all residents - regardless of immigration status - have access to City services. Crafted closely with the community, at its core it's about human safety and dignity. We stand in solidarity with US cities like Seattle, Boston, New York and Chicago, who are standing firm as sanctuary cities, welcoming newcomers with open arms.

Diversity is Vancouver - and Canada's - strength. I wholeheartedly support Prime Minister Trudeau's commitment to welcoming refugees fleeing persecution, terror and war to Canada regardless of their faith. As Mayor, I'm proud to welcome refugees and new Canadians to our city, and will continue to work with federal and provincial partners as well as local community groups to help give new residents a warm Vancouver welcome.

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