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**Subject:** INVITATION - Year of the Queer 2018 Official Launch - May 23, 2018

Greetings Mayor and Council,

Please find below an invitation to the launch of the *Year of the Queer 2018* at Vancouver City Hall on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 from 11 am – 1 pm. The *Year of the Queer* is a special celebration of *local* LGBTQ2+ community organizations that have collectively served Vancouver's queer community for over 330 years.

The event will begin with a panel discussion in the Council Chamber, 3rd floor, Vancouver City Hall at 11 am. Doors will open for seating at 10:45 am. The panel discussion will be followed by an outdoor celebration at NOON on the Helena Gutteridge Plaza, 2675 Yukon Street (north side of City Hall). The outdoor event will feature the reading of the *Year of the Queer* Proclamation, the raising of the Pride and Trans Flags, community information booths, entertainment and food trucks to purchase lunch.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to: [protocolevents@vancouver.ca](mailto:protocolevents@vancouver.ca)

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Best,  
Sadhu

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# Year of the **QUEER** 2018

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

Mayor Gregor Robertson and  
Vancouver City Council are pleased to  
invite you to celebrate this official launch!

**Community Panel Discussion: 11 am – 12 noon**

Vancouver City Hall, 453 West 12th Avenue  
Third Floor, Council Chamber.

Limited seating available. Doors open at 10:45 am.

RSVP to: [procolevents@vancouver.ca](mailto:procolevents@vancouver.ca)

**Proclamation and Launch: Starts at 12 noon**

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