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Subject: United Way Chili Cook-off Wednesday, October 3 at City Hall's Helena Gutteridge Plaza

Greetings Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the City of Vancouver Employees' United Way Committee, we would like to invite you to the 19th Annual City of Vancouver United Way Chili Cook-off **Wednesday, October 3 at City Hall's Helena Gutteridge Plaza.**

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!

There are several ways you can get involved:

- Form a team to compete for the best chili, costumes or booth.
- Be a judge (please note that although there will be vegetarian chili options for tasting, judges are required to taste all of the chili - even those containing meat).
- Taste the chili, mingle with staff, and admire the booths and costumes between 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm.

If you would like to enter a team or take on the role of judge, please contact kate.lekas@vancouver.ca

If you prefer to just come and taste, then an RSVP is not required – just drop by and enjoy!

Last year, employees from across the organization came together to raise over \$231,000 for the United Way of the Lower Mainland. This year we are focusing on building our number of Leadership donors (those that give \$1,200 /year), engaging new City employees and increasing our total contribution from last year. The campaign will launch on Sept 14 and will continue to Oct 19. There will be United Way events at many of our City of Vancouver worksites over the 5-week campaign and you are welcome to participate in them, as well as donate to [the United Way.](#)

<http://citywire.city.vancouver.bc.ca/programs/unitedway/>

We hope you will participate in our 2018 campaign, and become involved with the Chili Cook-off.

Thank you from your CoV UWLM leadership team.

Best,

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