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Greetings Mayor and Council,

The inaugural Vancouver Showcase is set to take place later this month. Four men's and eight women's NCAA Division 1 teams descend on Vancouver for a top-flight basketball tournament at the Vancouver Convention Centre. The Vancouver Showcase is the first ever NCAA basketball tournament to take place in Canada.

Running from November 18-24, 2018, this event will showcase our diverse hosting capabilities as we create a purpose-built arena within the Vancouver Convention Centre under the sails at Canada Place.

#### *Women's Tournament*

Defending NCAA Champion Notre Dame will tip-off the inaugural Vancouver Showcase women's tournament against two-time defending West Coast Conference champion Gonzaga on Thursday, Nov. 22 at noon PT. The loaded field also includes 2017 National Champion South Carolina and Pac-12 power Oregon State.

#### *Men's Tournament*

Action in the Men's Bracket commences on Sunday, Nov. 18 with Washington vs. Santa Clara at 5 p.m. PT followed by Texas A&M vs. Minnesota on 7:30 p.m. PT. Both games will be broadcast on ESPN Networks. Santa Clara is the alma mater of Canadian Basketball superstar and Vancouver Whitecaps FC part owner, Steve Nash.

**Event: Vancouver Showcase**  
**Dates: Nov 18-24, 2018**  
**Location: Vancouver Convention Centre East**  
**Website: [vanshowcase.com](http://vanshowcase.com)**

As [Sport Hosting Vancouver](#) is an event partner, we are able to offer the opportunity for you to attend the event.

We have outlined the dates and times of the games below for selection. We would be pleased to accommodate 2 tickets (for you and guest) to attend.

#### Schedule of Games

Date	Tip-Off Time	Opponents (Men or Women)	RSVP
Sunday November 18	5:00 PM	Washington v Santa Clara (M)	
	7:30 PM	Texas A&M v Minnesota (M)	
Tuesday November 20	6:00 PM	Santa Clara v Minnesota (M)	
	8:30 PM	Washington v Texas A&M (M)	
Wednesday November 21	3:30 PM	Minnesota v Washington (M)	
Thursday November 22	12:00 PM	Notre Dame v Gonzaga (W)	
	2:30 PM	Rutgers v Drake (W)	
	6:00 PM	South Carolina v ETSU (W)	
	8:30 PM	Oregon State v Western Kentucky (W)	
Friday November 23	12:00 PM	TBD (W)	
	2:30 PM	TBD (W)	
	6:00 PM	TBD (W)	
	8:30 PM	TBD (W)	
Saturday November 24	11:00 AM	TBD (W) *Seventh Place	
	1:30 PM	TBD (W) *Fifth Place	
	5:00 PM	TBD (W) *Final/Third Place	
	7:30 PM	TBD (W) *Final/Third Place	

Please select your game(s) of choice and RSVP directly to Taunya Geelhoed ([Taunya.geelhoed@vancouver.ca](mailto:Taunya.geelhoed@vancouver.ca)).

Best,  
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