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Dear Mayor & Council,

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, you are invited to attend the ***Vancouver Youth Voice: Violence Prevention Forum*** from approximately 9:00 am to noon.

Hosted in partnership with the Vancouver Public Library Teen Services, and in collaboration with VSB and VPB, youth from across the city will be invited to attend the *Vancouver Youth Voice: Violence Prevention Forum*.

At the event, you will have the opportunity to hear the perspectives and experiences directly from youth on issues related to community safety, including the nature of youth violence in the city and ideas for solutions for effective community-based violence prevention strategies.

Opening remarks will take place at 9:00 am, followed by youth dialogues.

In the afternoon, skill-building workshops led by community partners will focus on identifying and reflecting on different forms of violence and learning strategies to safely address violence.

#### **Agenda:**

8:30 am - Registration

9:00 – 10:15 am – Opening activities, welcome, opening remarks, and keynote speaker. The Mayor or the Deputy Mayor is invited to give up to 10 minutes in remarks highlighting the importance of youth voice, community safety, and a community-based approach for the prevention of violence.

10:30 – 12:00 pm: Participatory youth led-dialogues – questions to be explored include

- *Who are adults in your community you can turn to for help*
- *How are young people currently experiencing community?*
- *When and where do you feel safe?*
- *When and where do you feel you belong?*
- *What does a youth-friendly, inclusive, and violence-free city look like to you?*
- *What resources are needed to build a youth-friendly, inclusive, and safe city?*

Mayor and Council and city staff are invited to be active listeners of youth's perspectives on the issue.

Please RSVP to Natti Schmid at [Natti.Schmid@vancouver.ca](mailto:Natti.Schmid@vancouver.ca) before March 27, 2023.

All the best,

Karen

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