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To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**

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Subject: Invitation: March 20 - Building Safer Communities Program: Empower Vancouver Youth Action Forum for Violence Prevention

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Approximately 100 youth between the ages of 13 and 18 will gather at VanDusen Garden later this month for the *Building Safer Communities Program (BSCP): Empower Vancouver Youth Action Forum for Violence Prevention*.

ACCS would like to invite you to participate in the Youth Presentations and Dialogue portion of the event on **March 20 from 2-3pm at VanDusen**. Your role, should you accept the invitation, would entail hearing from and engaging in dialogue with the young people.

Please note that a speaking request has been extended to the Mayor for the 11am opening remarks.

Event details are as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, March 20

**Location:** VanDusen Botanical Garden – Visitor Centre

5251 Oak St, Vancouver

**Itinerary:** 11 am – opening remarks (invitation extended to Mayor's Office)

2 pm – youth presentations / dialogue with community leaders

3pm – event end

**About the event:** Hosted in collaboration with the Vancouver Park Board, the [Building Safer Communities Program: Empower Vancouver Youth Action Forum for Violence Prevention](#) is a free event that will bring together over 100 youth (aged 13-18 years) from across the city to share their perspectives and ideas for effective community-based youth violence prevention. The day will include keynote speakers, followed by participatory activities led by youth. In the afternoon, youth presentations will form the basis of a dialogue with elected officials and community leaders focussing on identifying and reflecting on relevant strategies and actions to address youth violence in our local communities.

**M&C role:**

- Opening Remarks (11 am) - invite sent to the Mayor's Office.
- Youth Presentations and Dialogue (2-3pm): Mayor and Council are invited to participate in the youth presentations by listening, asking questions and engaging in dialogue.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Libby Lanny at [lanny.libby@vancouver.ca](mailto:lanny.libby@vancouver.ca) by March 15

If you have any questions about the event, please feel free to email Margaret Wittgens directly and she'll work with the team to prepare responses for all of Council.

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