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To: BC Nonprofits, Community Organizations and Regional Networks

There are over 20,000 organizations in BC's nonprofit sector that contribute significantly to the quality of life and economic health of our province. Close to 150,000 British Columbians are employed in the sector and on average those who volunteer in every constituency in this province are involved in 3 nonprofit organizations.

As we move forward into a new political phase, VOCBC would like you to consider the impacts these organizations have in our communities. Below are suggested questions you may wish to ask any candidates for office, elected officials, and public servants.

VOCBC encourages you to initiate discussions on these topics, and would appreciate your feedback on these questions. We believe they are important to you and the voluntary sector.

Sample Questions

Context

1.5 million British Columbians volunteer in the over 20,000 nonprofit organizations in this province. 150,000 people are employed in the nonprofit sector, which in 2003 raised \$11 billion in revenues.

Questions

How do you see the nonprofit sector and its relationship with government being important to the province?

How do you see the provincial government working more cohesively with the nonprofit sector as a whole?

Context

Organizations in the nonprofit sector provide a wide range of products and services to people and organizations throughout BC (in areas such as arts and culture, development and support, education, environment, sports and recreation and health and social services). The provincial government recognizes and relies on the nonprofit sector to deliver many of the services needed by citizens of BC.

Question

How do you see government investing in and strengthening the long-term viability of the nonprofit sector in BC?

Context

Nonprofit organizations play a vital role in our communities. On average people who volunteer in your constituency are involved in 3 nonprofits.

Question

How do you see nonprofits as being important in your community?