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From: Smith, George AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 8:21 AM
To: 'Cameron, Maxwell'
Subject: RE: introduction

Hi Max,

Very nice to meet you and thank you for your email.

As you (clearly) know, we are in the process of putting together all the tools and materials for the engagement period of the referendum on proportional representation.

I will pass on this proposal to the team responsible and get back to you with any follow-up.

All the best,

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Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 10:07 PM

To: Oreck, Mira PREM:EX; Smith, George AG:EX

Subject: Re: introduction

Dear Mira and George,

Thank you, Mira, for the introduction.

George, I direct a centre at UBC called the Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions and in that capacity I work with a group of political scientists with expertise in electoral systems and electoral reform. We're excited by the announcement of a referendum on electoral reform and keen to participate in the process of public engagement in the months leading up to the vote.

We would like to propose a specific suggestion for public engagement—a deliberative poll. The idea behind deliberative polling is not to measure what members of the public think about an issue but what they would think if they had the time and opportunity to study the issue in a well-structured deliberative process. We can provide that process, and analyze the results. The outcome is a more mature and robust idea of what the public actually wants. You can see a one page description of the process here:

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My colleagues and I would like to propose this idea to Attorney General Eby in the hope that it provides a solution to a problem currently facing the government: how to engage and educate the public on the issue prior to the vote.

If you think the idea holds promise, could we arrange a meeting with Mr. Eby?

We would be grateful for any advice and guidance you might have.

Cheers, Max

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Max, George –

I am writing to introduce the two of you to one another.

Max, George is the Senior Ministerial Assistant to Attorney General David Eby.

George, Max is the Director of the Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions at the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs. He has a PR related idea that I suggested he connect with you about.

Enjoy connecting.

All the best,
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Government takes action to modernize democracy

VICTORIA – The Government of British Columbia is taking action to modernize democratic institutions and make government work for people. Two pieces of legislation were introduced today, including a bill to allow a referendum on electoral reform before the end of November 2018. The referendum is a prominent component of the agreement with the Green Party caucus.

“Our government has committed to asking British Columbians if they want a change from the current voting system,” said Attorney General David Eby. “We are taking steps to modernize our democracy today, while giving people the power to decide the future of our most fundamental democratic institution.”

The Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act sets out the terms for a provincewide referendum on proportional representation. Government will promote active debate and discussion by providing information about electoral systems to voters through public engagement in the months ahead. All British Columbians will be encouraged to engage in this process, including political parties, organizations and individuals. The legislation allows voters in the referendum to submit their ballot by mail to the chief electoral officer. If the referendum passes, the new system would be enacted before the next provincial election, scheduled for 2021.

Government has also introduced legislation to amend the Constitution Act to reduce the number of seats required for recognized political party status from four to two; to change the fixed date election to a Saturday in October; and to strengthen the institutional stability of government in the event, for example, of a natural disaster.

“These changes are aimed to bring B.C.’s democratic institutions into the 21st Century, and to lay the groundwork for a referendum, where British Columbians will decide whether to change our electoral system,” said Eby.

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