

From: s.22

Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 11:48 AM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: International Yoga day, June 21st

May 15, 2015

Dear Premier Christy Clark,

With the recent declaration by the UN of the "International day of Yoga" I think the Province should help do something special and Big to celebrate this. Vancouver has over the past decade evolved into the Yoga Capitol of Canada. Its the home of Lulu Lemon, Yyoga, Semperviva and many other Yoga and Wellness related companies who bring economic wealth and wellbeing to our city and province.

I think its time we let the world know just how special this community is.

warm regards

s.22

Jun. 11. 2015 12:28PM

No. 0333 P. 1

**Legislative Office:**  
Room 201, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4  
Phone: 250 387-3855  
Fax: 250 387-4660

**Community Office:**  
2909 West Broadway  
Vancouver, BC V6K 2G6  
Phone: 604 660-1297  
Fax: 604 660-0862  
e-mail: David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca  
www.daviddebymla.ca



**Province of  
British Columbia  
Legislative Assembly**



David Eby, MLA  
(Vancouver-Point Grey)

June 11, 2015

Premier Christy Clark  
Office of the Premier  
Victoria BC  
V8W 9E1

VIA FAX: 250-387-0087

Dear Premier Clark:

**Re: Burrard Street Bridge event, June 20, 2015**

A number of constituents have contacted me to raise concerns about your planned event on June 20, 2015 on the Burrard Street Bridge.

In particular, they are unhappy with the use of public money for this event which is clearly linked to promoting the interests of two BC Liberal Party major donors. Further, they are concerned that you are spending \$150,000 to hold this event on the bridge instead of supporting the free, public events endorsed by the consulate of India being held in public areas in the Lower Mainland, events that could be supported by the province at no cost, or a much lower cost. Finally, they are concerned that you are promoting this event on National Aboriginal Day and, in doing so, failing to give the day the priority it deserves.

I understand that the City of Vancouver encouraged you to hold this event in any number of other public spaces: beaches, parks, green space. All of these would have been available at a lower cost. Media reports indicate that you insisted on holding this event on the Burrard Bridge despite the city's requests and despite the additional cost.

You may not feel \$150,000 is a lot of money. However, for many communities it could make a real difference. For example, as we both know, Surrey has been grappling with a wave of shootings linked to gang violence. Their anti-gang program for kids in high schools in Surrey has a waiting list. The \$150,000 you plan to spend to close the Burrard Street bridge for this event that duplicates events already being held elsewhere in the Lower Mainland could certainly be better spent reducing or eliminating that waiting list.

bcgeu.

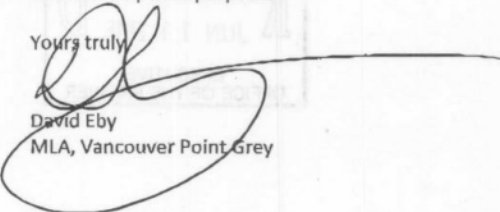


Jun. 11. 2015 12:28PM

No. 0333 P. 2

I hope you reconsider this event to recognize the concerns of many residents of Vancouver Point Grey and the Lower Mainland. I would fully support your reallocating the money you intended to spend on this event to reducing gang violence in Surrey by eliminating the wait list, or achieving some other worthwhile public purpose.

Yours truly,

  
David Eby  
MLA, Vancouver Point Grey

