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Dear Minister Kang:

Thank you for agreeing to serve as Minister of Municipal Affairs. I trust in your leadership at this critical time to deliver results for the people of British Columbia.

British Columbians continue to recover from and respond to the upheaval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and climate related natural disasters, while global inflation is driving up costs for more households and the world's economic outlook is concerning. Now more than ever, we need to focus on building a secure, low emission, sustainable economy, and a province where everyone can find a good home – whether you live in a rural area, in a city, or in an Indigenous community. We will continue working toward true and meaningful reconciliation by supporting opportunities for Indigenous Peoples to be full partners in the inclusive and sustainable province we are building together.

Our government is committed to delivering on the mandate British Columbians gave us in 2020. Together we can make life better for people in B.C., improve the services we all rely on, and ensure a sustainable province for future generations.

As we renew our work, my priority as Premier is to deliver results that people can see and feel in four key areas:

- **Attainable and affordable housing:** In the wake of soaring prices and record migration to B.C., we will take on the important work of building new homes that are actually attainable for the middle class, while continuing our work to address the housing crisis for those in distress on our streets.

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- **Safer communities:** To address concerns about public safety, both for the people struggling with mental health and addiction on our streets, as well as the feeling that downtown centres are not as safe as they were before the pandemic, we will work with our partners at all levels of government, the justice and health care systems, the non-profit sector, and community leaders to find solutions for this complex challenge facing our province, and work overtime to seize the assets of high-level criminals.
- **Improved health care:** Amid unprecedented pressures we will continue to work to strengthen our public health care system, from family doctors to new hospitals, so care is there for each of us when we need it.
- **A sustainable, clean, secure, and fair economy:** We will continue our work investing in British Columbians, fighting racism and promoting equity, and building a clean economy that addresses our obligations to combat climate change by driving down emissions, while creating good, family supporting jobs.

Municipalities and Regional Districts are vital partners for our government. As the front lines of service delivery, municipal and regional leaders see opportunities and challenges firsthand in their communities and can help our government ensure programs succeed on the ground. From housing, to healthcare, to public safety, to economic development, municipal and regional partners will help us deliver on the priorities of British Columbians.

Many local leaders are seeing fast growth in their cities and towns thanks to record high numbers of people moving to B.C. from other provinces and around the world. Rural and urban communities are facing challenges with delivering the amenities and infrastructure that this growth requires to ensure livability and efficient service delivery.

Our government will work with these local representatives to ensure that we are strong partners in the growth and development of a resilient and prosperous province. By working together, we can achieve our shared aim of building vibrant and healthy communities and a secure province where everyone can find a good home.

Since 2020, our government has made considerable progress on important initiatives including:

- Working with UBCM and local government elected leaders to support communities through the COVID-19 pandemic and to launch the new Strengthening Community Fund.
- Working to bring down the cost of housing for people by streamlining and modernizing development permitting and approvals.

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- Supporting economic recovery in B.C. communities through important infrastructure projects.

As you continue to make progress on items in the previous mandate letter, over the remaining period of this mandate I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- Support municipalities to partner with the federal government to maximize benefits for our province's communities from federal government programming, including through coordination with provincial programs.
- Explore options to support fast growing municipalities with funding for infrastructure and community amenities.
- Continue providing strong supports for newcomers to British Columbia with WelcomeBC programs, including the Provincial Nominee Program and settlement services.
- With support from the Minister of Education and Child Care, work with local governments to identify opportunities to increase child care spaces on municipal property.
- With support from the Minister of Finance, continue to work with UBCM to strengthen local government finance systems to ensure local governments and regional districts have the tools they need to remain resilient in the face of economic change.
- Continue working with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to build important infrastructure projects, including through StrongerBC and the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.
- Work with the Parliamentary Secretary for the Sustainable Economy and with local governments on district energy proposals, including work to seek federal Net Zero Accelerator Initiative funding.
- Support work led by the Minister of Housing to assist municipalities to accelerate development approvals and ensure sufficient housing for provincial growth through continued implementation of the Development Approvals Process Review and implementation of the Housing Supply Act.
- Support the work of the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness to co-develop and introduce modernized emergency management legislation.



