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To: The Residents of Anmore,

I would like to officially announce my candidacy for the upcoming bi-election for Mayor of the Village of Anmore.

I am a long time Anmore resident and have been active in our community for many years. In September 1969, my family moved to Anmore. I grew up in this community, attended Anmore Elementary and then Port Moody Junior and Secondary Schools. I completed my first undergraduate degree at SFU and then after working at Douglas College for several years, I completed my B. Ed at UBC. Currently I am a part-time teacher in Coquitlam at Dr. Charles Best Secondary School in the Social Studies Department where I primarily teach Psychology 12 and Law 12.

With the exception of the first year and a half that my husband Mark and I were married, Anmore has been my home since I was three years old. In 1989 Mark and I moved into a two bedroom cottage we built, and although it was small, it didn't matter because I was just happy to be back in Anmore. Over the past 20 years we have added on to and renovated our home, and it has evolved to reflect our family's life. Today our son Kaden attends Anmore Elementary and our daughter Kiara attends Friendly Forest Preschool. I feel so privileged to have our children to grow up in the same wonderful environment that I experienced as a child.

Once I was back living in Anmore, I wanted to give back to the community that meant so much to me since my childhood. My dad, Harry Anderson, was active in the 1970's and 1980's on the Farmer's Institute, the Advisory Planning Commission and then he served as Councillor from 1987 to 1993. In 1990 I started volunteering in Anmore; I helped out with the community social events, I was a member of the Advisory Planning Commission and I attended every Council Meeting and wrote the Council summary for the Anmore Times for three years. When my dad decided not to run for re-election in 1993, I ran and was elected and subsequently I was re-elected in 1996, 1999, 2002 and 2005. I decided not to run in 2008 because I felt that a break would be good, although I did intend to run again in 2011. As a result of this upcoming by-election, I am looking forward to the opportunity to again work on behalf of the residents of Anmore.

During the 15 years I was on Council I served our Village in many capacities. I chaired the Parks, Environment, Emergency Preparedness, Community Protection, Youth, and Daycare Committees. I also was the Council Liaison to the Advisory Planning Commission and I represented Anmore as a Trustee for the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department for 12 years. During my years on Council I have had the privilege of working with many Anmore residents who generously volunteer their time, effort and talent in so many ways to make our Village a wonderful place to live. Recently I have been volunteering at Anmore Elementary and Friendly Forest Preschool and have been part of the many wonderful efforts that occur in our community to improve the lives of our children. If elected Mayor, one of my primary focuses will be to continue Anmore's tradition of community and volunteer spirit that contributes so much to our Village. During my work on Council from 1993 to 2008, I have shown that I am honest, direct, compassionate, capable of making tough decisions, and most importantly, a good listener. I have the experience, knowledge and energy to lead our community into the future.

I hope I can count on your support in the upcoming Mayor by-election and if you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me.

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