

**TO:**

Dear MLA candidate,

Congratulations on your candidacy in the upcoming election of MLAs in British Columbia. Please allow me to introduce **SmartVoteBC2024**.

**SmartVoteBC2024** is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization, whose aim is to assist British Columbians to become aware of the risks and benefits of legislation as it pertains to their constitutional rights and freedoms, property, families, and persons. We support the idea that all public officeholders are both servants of the public and stewards of public resources and, in that role, they should govern themselves by the widely accepted *Nolan Principles of Public Life.*

**SmartVoteBC2024** is organizing election-readiness Town Halls across the province beginning in September. These Town Halls are recorded and also live-streamed to help voters get ready for the Oct 19 election.

To give voters a clearer picture of where you stand on important issues, we have created a **Questionnaire for Candidates**, which is attached. This questionnaire is being distributed to all parties and independents and will help us to create political scorecards. These scorecards will be influenced by the response to this questionnaire, past voting history of MLAs, and verified public statements. Your scorecard can be viewed by the public at [www.politicalscorecards.ca](http://www.politicalscorecards.ca) .

We also ask that you consider signing the attached **Politician’s Pledge**. This will also play a part in the scorecard evaluations.

With the Questionnaire and the Pledge, incumbent MLA candidates will have the opportunity to change their historically based scorecards, while new candidates can have their voices heard for the first time. This is an opportunity for you to get your viewpoints in front of British Columbian voters and tell them how you envision addressing the critical issues we are facing in our province.

If you believe that elected representatives should lead with integrity and govern with transparency and accountability, then please complete the Questionnaire and sign the Pledge to allow BC voters the opportunity to know what you think. **SmartVoteBC2024** will strive to get your message out to constituents in your riding.

We encourage you, as a candidate, to help the public cast their votes with confidence. Please answer and return the Pledge and Questionnaire before Oct 1 to **SmartVoteBC2024, P.O. Box 3940, Smithers, BC V0J 2N0** or complete both online at [www.politicalscorecards.ca](http://www.politicalscorecards.ca) (click *Politicians Home Page* tab). For further information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



R.S. Murray,

**SmartVoteBC2024**

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**The Politician’s Pledge for Good Governance**

***““I will stand against any existing or proposed action or law initiated inside or outside Canada that will compromise the fundamental rights and inherent freedoms of Canadians. My actions will be based on knowledge, integrity, transparency and accountability.”***

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Riding: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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*Signed* *Date*

***Note:*** *The Pledge can be signed digitally at* [*https://politicalscorecards.ca/7-politicians-profile-update/*](https://politicalscorecards.ca/7-politicians-profile-update/) *and the questionnaire can be completed online at**https://politicalscorecards.ca/bc-mla-questionnaire/*

We, at **SmartVoteBC2024**, support the concept that good governance is based on knowledge, integrity, transparency, and accountability, as set forth in the *Nolan Principles of Public Life*:

• *Selflessness*: Acting solely in the public interest and not using public office for personal gain.

• *Integrity*: Acting with honesty, upholding high ethical standards, and being open and truthful.

• *Objectivity*: Making decisions fairly, without bias or favouritism.

• *Accountability*: Taking responsibility for actions and decisions and being transparent about them.

• *Openness*: Being open and accessible to the public and willing to explain decisions.

• *Honesty*: Acting truthfully and with sincerity.

• *Leadership*: Showing leadership and promoting good behavior in public life.

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 **Questionnaire for MLA Candidates**

*Candidate’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Riding: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**Or complete online at: https://politicalscorecards.ca/bc-mla-questionnaire/**

**HEALTH CARE:**

**RE: Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA, previously Bill 36)**

1. Should the BC government have access to a patient’s confidential medical record?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

2. Should healthcare practitioners be required by law to follow government-determined guidelines when providing care to patients?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

3. Should a healthcare practitioner’s license be dependent upon their vaccination status?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

4. Are fines and imprisonment appropriate measures to ensure healthcare practitioners comply with the Health Professions and Occupations Act (previously Bill 36)?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

5. Should the HPOA be repealed?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

**RE: Bill 31**

6. Do you think that amending the Emergency Act to include climate change was necessary?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

7. Should a predetermined criteria for a clear and substantial body of evidence be required in order for a Minister to declare and make use of Emergency powers invested in him/her by Bill 31?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

8. Should a government agent be legally enabled to enter, seize, alter and destroy property based solely on a Minister being satisfied that an Emergency exists or may occur in the future?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

9. Are the measures taken during a declared Emergency (up to $1 million fine and one year imprisonment) appropriate for people defending their property during an Emergency?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

**EMERGENCY POWERS:**

**Bill 19 (Covid-19 Related Measures Act)**

10. Should the government have enduring powers that supersede any laws during a declared pandemic (such as Covid-19), without oversight by the legislature or public?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

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**HOUSING:**

**RE: Bills 44 and 47**

11. Do you think that densification of single-family dwelling neighbourhoods will relieve the housing crisis?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

12. Should the provincial government have the authority to override Official Community Plans by issuing building permits?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

13. Should building permits for high-rise housing be determined by proximity to transit hubs (e.g. train stations, rapid transit stations, bus stops) without concern for the requirements of car owners or city development plans?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

**LAND AND TITLE:**

**RE: Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA, previously Bill 41)**

14. Are you aware that individual property rights have been replaced by indigenous peoples’ ownership for all BC land and associated resources (e.g. oil, gas, minerals, lumber) under DRIPA?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

15. Are you aware that DRIPA originated as UNDRIP, an initiative of the United Nations, not Canada, and that BC is the only province to have passed this initiative into law?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

16. Does DRIPA address reconciliation appropriately, either partially or in full?

17. Should DRIPA be repealed?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

**CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS:**

**RE: Motion 3**

18. Was it justified for the Federal government to declare a national emergency and make use of law enforcement officers to assist in disbanding the Truckers Convoy Protest in Ottawa in Feb 2022?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

19. Do you believe every citizen has the right to choose what they put into their bodies without fear of persecution or penalty?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

20. During a declared Public Health Emergency, should the provincial government have the authority to mandate vaccination?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

 **21.** Are you in favour of Federal Bill C-293, now before the Senate, that will impact the lives of every British Columbian?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

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**TAXATION:**

**RE: Bill 37 (2008 Carbon Tax)**

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

22. Should the Carbon Tax be repealed?

23. Should CO2 emissions be a consideration in creating government policies, such as taxation?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

**PARENTAL AUTHORITY:**

24. Do you support a parent’s right to be fully involved and informed of gender issues while that child is in school?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

25. Do you support the current policy that promotes books illustrating graphic sex to be made available in schools and libraries, so that children can readily access information about gender or sexual intercourse?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

26. Do you support SOGI123 in schools?

**SAFE SUPPLY NARCOTICS PROGRAMME:**

27. Has the provision of free narcotics reduced the number of drug addicts in British Columbia?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

28. Has the Safe Supply programme contributed to an increase in drug overdoses in the province?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

29. Are drug addicts selling the hydromorphone (*Dilaudid*) or morphine tablets that they acquire from free prescriptions in order to buy more potent drugs, like Fentanyl?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

30. Does enabling the use of street narcotics by patients in hospitals create a safety issue for nurses and other patients?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

31. Are you in favour of the supplying free drugs to addicts in the Safe Supply programme?

**[Yes] [No]** **[Uncertain]**

**IN YOUR RIDING, WHAT IS THE TOP PRIORITY THAT YOU INTEND TO CHAMPION IF ELECTED?**

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