



Sylvia Bishop and Team Delta introduce 9-point 'Code of Ethical Conduct'

July 5, 2018 - Delta, B.C. – Mayoral candidate Sylvia Bishop and her four-member Team Delta slate today unveiled a comprehensive, nine-point Code designed to promote ethical conduct and practices during the period leading up to municipal elections which will be held across B.C. on October 20.

“Politics and elections continually are changing and improving, often in response to the latest concerns expressed by voters,” said Bishop. “My belief is that the public increasingly wants to see their elected representatives and candidates for public office focus on and debate important issues, instead of engaging in personal attacks or objectionable behaviour.”

Bishop and the Team Delta Slate – which includes veteran Delta councillor Robert Campbell, plus newcomers Joan Hansen, Kim Kendall and Simran Walia – held a news conference today at the Delta Town and Country Inn. All members of Bishop’s slate participated in the event and signed the 9-point Code of Ethical Conduct.

The Code features a brief guide under the following headings: (1) Honesty, (2) Integrity, (3) Openness, (4) Respect for the Law, (5) Cooperation, (6) Selflessness, (7) Objectivity, (8) Accountability, and (9) Leadership.

“Our campaign team is now preparing for an intense effort leading up to the election on October 20,” said Bishop. “And we thought it important to lay down guidelines – our Code of Ethical Conduct – for each Team Delta candidate, as well as every individual

working on our behalf, over the next many weeks and months.”

She added: “By taking this step early in the campaign season, I believe we are demonstrating leadership on an issue that is important to Delta residents – and, indeed, to all British Columbians.

“How we conduct ourselves through the period leading up to the election should illustrate how we intend to lead, work hard and respect Delta residents in the event we are selected by voters to serve for the next four years.”

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BACKGROUND

Code of Ethical Conduct for Team Delta Candidates

1. Honesty

Honesty is the quality of being fair and truthful. Team Delta candidates, representatives, campaign workers and others affiliated with Team Delta at all times shall be honest, fair, truthful and trustworthy in their conduct. This includes interactions with members of the public, with the news media, with financial donors, and all others.

2. Integrity

Team Delta candidates, representatives, campaign workers and others shall avoid placing themselves, or giving the appearance of placing themselves, under any obligation to those – other people or organizations – who might try inappropriately to

influence them during, before or after a local election.

3. Openness

Team Delta candidates, representatives, campaign workers and others shall act in an open and transparent manner, with no “hidden agenda” or ulterior motives.

4. Respect for the Law

Team Delta candidates, representatives, campaign workers and others shall maintain and promote respect for British Columbia’s local election laws, complying with both the letter and spirit of the provisions of all election laws and regulations. Team Delta shall maintain and assist in maintaining the fair and proper administration of the vote, and the secrecy of the vote.

5. Co-operation

Team Delta candidates, representatives, campaign workers and others shall at all times co-operate with City of Delta election officials who are responsible for conducting elections and administering campaign finance laws, and shall not interfere with election officials in the performance of their duties.

6. Selflessness

Team Delta candidates, representatives, campaign workers and others shall at all times act solely in terms of the “public interest,” and not their own personal interest, or that of their family, friends, colleagues or associates.

7. Objectivity

Team Delta candidates, representatives, campaign workers and others affiliated with Team Delta, in the course of the 2018 local-election campaign, shall act impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

8. Accountability

Team Delta candidates, representatives, campaign workers and others shall be accountable to the public for decisions and actions during, before and after the 2018 local election.

9. Leadership

Team Delta candidates, representatives, campaign workers and others shall exhibit the foregoing principles in their own behaviour, and shall actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge objectionable behaviour whenever and wherever it occurs.