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> **THE TASK OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR THE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH  
> VANCOUVER IN THE UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2002.**

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> *The Task of the residents of the District of North Vancouver in the  
> upcoming Civic election in November 2002 is to oust the present CCA  
> endorsed District Council. "CCA" stands for "Concerned Citizens  
> Association". The CCA, formed prior to the last election, represents the  
> special interests of a group of homeowners mainly residing in the Deep  
> Cove Area of the District. During the 1999 Civic election, the CCA  
> endorsed and elected every single member of the present District Council  
> except one.*

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> *During the 1999 election campaign, the CCA distributed large quantities of  
> misleading material. Its sole purpose was to prevent the implementation of  
> the recommendations of the North Vancouver District Waterfront Task Force  
> to restore public control and citizens' access to the District owned  
> foreshore.*

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> *The CCA is now preparing for the District municipal election this coming  
> Fall. In addition to having a full slate of Councillor candidates, there  
> may be more than just one Mayoralty candidate from its ranks. This  
> would be a case of "tweedledee and tweedledum". Either way the CCA would  
> retain control of District Council. Indeed this might be to the advantage  
> of the CCA since it might create competition as to who can serve the CCA  
> better.*

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> *The CCA entourage, currently in control of Council, has tried hard to  
> silence the one voice exposing their performance with every dirty trick  
> listed in the book. Should the CCA succeed in sweeping the next Council  
> in the upcoming Fall election completely, one of the first casualties will  
> be public participation in the planning process. Fonvca WHCIH STANDS FOR  
> FEDERATION OF NORTH VANCOUVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS will be relegated to  
> the sidelines. It will also mean goodbye to some of the more effective  
> Citizens Committees which have been a thorn in the side of Council and  
> the bureaucracy.*

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> *To meet the challenge of the heavily financed CCA in the municipal  
> election this coming November, the people of the District will have to  
> form their own civic organization. This is a task of the highest priority.  
> Such an organization must have a full slate of candidates and it must  
> include a Mayoralty candidate representing the genuine interests of the*

- > *community. Failure to do so will result not only in the re-election of the*
- > *present Council but will also result in risking all that which makes the*
- > *District of North Vancouver one of the most desirable places to live.*
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- > **THE CCA ENDORSED COUNCIL IS ESSENTIALLY A PRO DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL**
- > **INTEREST COUNCIL.**
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- > *1) After its 1999 election, the first act of the CCA Council was to*
- > **ENSURE THAT THE** *recommendations contained in the Waterfront Task Force*
- > *report would be scuttled. These recommendations called for the*
- > *construction of a public walkway over a period of 50 years extending FROM*
- > **MAPLEWOOD TO DEEP COVE MORE OR LESS.** *As part of this process it also*
- > *called for the gradual elimination of private encroachments on the*
- > **DISTRICT owned WATERFRONT BY ADJOINING PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS.**
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- > *In their election material. distributed to all District residents, the CCA*
- > *stated that implementation of the Waterfront Task Force recommendations*
- > *would result in a wall of high-rises along the waterfront similar to West*
- > *Vancouver. To mislead the public, the CCA, in its election material sent*
- > *to every household in the District, superimposed a photograph of West*
- > *Vancouver's waterfront high-rises on the Deep Cove waterfront with a*
- > *warning that, this is what the community must expect if it votes in favor*
- > *of this plan or fails to elect the CCA endorsed slate.*
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- > *This was a monstrous distortion of facts. In reality the exact opposite is*
- > *true. The recommendations of the Citizens' Task Force would not only*
- > *guarantee public access to foreshore lands belonging to the public but*
- > *would also prevent construction of A WALL of MONSTER HOMES on the*
- > *waterfront.*
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- > *2) Indeed, since the CCA victory in November of 1999, there has been a*
- > *lineup of waterfront property owners requesting variances to enlarge*
- > *their homes contrary to several existing District policies. The threat of*
- > *a "wall" on the foreshore is indeed coming true but not because of a*
- > *public walkway, as recommended by the Waterfront Task Force, but because*
- > *of the present CCA endorsed Council agreeing to any and all applications*
- > *from private property owners to enlarge their homes.*
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- > *The CCA also claimed that to restore public rights to the waterfront*
- > *would result in near bankruptcy for the District. This too was a monstrous*
- > *lie. Any possible acquisition of land coming on the market for a walkway*
- > *over a 50 year period would only be temporary as only a narrow strip would*
- > *be used for a public walkway. The rest of the property would be resold.*
- > *There would be, in fact, little or no expense to the taxpayers.*
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- > *3) During its campaign, the CCA promised fiscal responsibility but, in*
- > *reality, its Council has raised property taxes for homeowners higher and*
- > *faster than any previous Council. But this is not all. In addition to the*
- > *highest tax increases on record, the CCA endorsed Council also robbed*
- > *the Heritage Fund to the tune of millions of dollars annually. On top of*
- > *this, they used up a large portion of the District's reserve funds set*
- > *aside in previous years to rebuild the District's infrastructure. This is*

- > *the measure of their fiscal responsibility.*
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- > *4) While the CCA endorsed Council has created fiscal havoc, some CCA*
- > *endorsed members of Council were reimbursed by senior staff for expenses*
- > *not only contrary to Council policy but also without Council's*
- > *knowledge.*
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- > *5) Some members of senior staff too reimbursed themselves for expenses*
- > *that were contrary to policy. After an outside investigation was*
- > *conducted, a request by Councillor Crist to divulge the names of the*
- > *culprits was refused.*
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- > *6) After an investigation revealed that some District Staff had*
- > *committed theft of time and material, the CCA endorsed Mayor Bell accused*
- > *Councillor Crist, who had exposed this, of being anti staff. This was done*
- > *not only in camera but also in public.*
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- > *7) In what was clearly a violation of the basic tenets of civic democracy,*
- > *the CCA endorsed Council refused to allow Councillor Crist the only none*
- > *CCA endorsed member of Council to introduce and explain a motion unless*
- > *it was first seconded by a member of the CCA endorsed Council. They*
- > *routinely violated democratic principles in an attempt to gag the one*
- > *voice of opposition on Council. Manipulation of democratic procedure and*
- > *endless provocations against this Councillor have been the order of the*
- > *day.*
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- > *8) While funding for essential programs such as construction of sidewalks*
- > *and other infrastructure has been cut, Council has and continues to*
- > *subsidize the City of North Vancouver. This applies both to recreation and*
- > *playing fields. The amount is huge. The City is building the high-rises*
- > *and the District is building the playing fields. This at a time when*
- > *there is no money to keep District streets clean and tidy.*
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- > *9) Public information requests about the spending of taxpayers' money*
- > *such as the amount of money spent for the closure of the landfill, for*
- > *example, have been met by bureaucratic stonewalling, or have been ignored*
- > *altogether. .*
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- > *10) Costly and time consuming plans such as the Seymour and Lynn Valley*
- > *Community Plans, after a long public consultation process, were either*
- > *abandoned or changed in favor of pro development plans. This was done*
- > *despite public protests. The Lynn 'valley Community Plan, for instance,*
- > *instead of producing a pedestrian oriented Town Center as promised is in*
- > *reality, nothing more than a huge densification of the Lynn Valley Core*
- > *without any of the promised amenities. The only beneficiaries are the*
- > *developers.*
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- > *11) The true colors of the CCA endorsed Council have been revealed by*
- > *applying two different rules for those occupying publicly owned land with*
- > *structures like garages and carports. The District has a policy for such*
- > *occupations which stipulates that anyone leasing municipal land must pay*
- > *an annual fee based on a set formula. This policy, however, is being*

- > *selectively enforced in Deep Cove, where most of the CCA supporters*
- > *reside. The majority of the people occupying publicly -owned land in that*
- > *area have been paying either nothing or but a fraction of the value*
- > *specified in the policy. Adding insult to injury, the CCA endorsed*
- > *Council is proposing to "grandfather" these leases so that the current*
- > *owners will never pay the full rent.*
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- > *12) The bias for the use of District owned land is also true in other*
- > *areas. The CCA endorsed Council has defended the unequal application of*
- > *District Bylaws for measuring building footage on steep slopes. It*
- > *defended two different rules - one for the community at large and another*
- > *for the areas East of Seymour where most of the CCA supporters reside.*
- > *Only after enormous public pressure did Council eventually back down on*
- > *this discriminatory bylaw.*
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- > *For the sake of civic democracy, for the sake of fairness to all citizens*
- > *regardless of where they live in the District, for the sake of fiscal*
- > *prudence and standard business principles, for the sake of defending*
- > *neighborhood participation in community planning and for the sake of*
- > *defending District livability, the CCA endorsed Council must go.*
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- > *The people of North Van District need a new Council. This entails the*
- > *formation of a civic party to fight the CCA on equal terms. It requires a*
- > *complete slate of dedicated Councillors as well as a suitable Mayoralty*
- > *candidate with executive ability and integrity. The time to start this*
- > *process is now. The CCA is working hard at it already.*
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- > *If people can unite to accomplish evil purposes then so can people unite*
- > *to accomplish good purposes.*
- > *Leo Tolstoy.*
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- > *Ernie Crist.*
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