

Subject: RE: stop violence on the streets of our beautiful city

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Dear Mr.

As you can well appreciate I cannot comment on the crimes of violence committed during an event which took place in Vancouver as you have described since this is outside our North Vancouver District jurisdiction. I can well believe however that what you witnessed is true.

From news reports it appears that crime is increasing daily. I can tell you, however, that in the District we still have one of the lowest crime rates in BC. There are several reasons for that including having a very effective crime prevention program. The additional manpower to accomplish this was certainly warranted. In the final analysis our police can do its job only if actively supported by the public at large.

This is another way of saying we all have to support the police to the best of our ability. In the District we are constantly reviewing existing policies with the intention of improving the situation to make it more effective still. As an elected representative, I certainly agree that crime is public enemy number one and that we ought to have zero tolerance.

Having said this, I think most Canadians agree that our Judicial system is a joke more or less and may well be a contributing factor for the increased crime rates throughout Canada. Demonstrating gratuitous violence on TV because corporations profit from it is not exactly an inhibiting factor either. Unfortunately the public is silent regarding this crime being perpetrated on Canadians in the name of freedom, especially on Canada's Youth.

Many people would also agree that the same is true for the Liberal policies when it comes to Canada's immigration. What country in its right mind, for example, would allow criminals into the country because they can demonstrate they have money as is often the case. There may well be other factors which have to do with a general breakdown of a society which sees its moral pillars crumbling as a result of a system which has become moribund and is beset by irreconcilable contradictions.

But all this as you can well appreciate is a matter of speculation. It has to do with social and economic factors and, as such, is well outside the matter at hand. Notwithstanding, I urge you to defend anti violence in all its forms including gratuitous violence on TV for by so doing you are defending democracy itself.

It may be of interest to you to know also that the struggle for democracy and against corruption is played out on many stages including, not the least, in the Council Chambers of the District of North Vancouver.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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Dear neighbors and government representatives,

I attached a letter to this mail, which was written by my son Marko. I herd this story, and I was outraged. All the time I hear such stories on TV, but now it was directly witnessed by my son.

Please, do your duty and stop this violence on the streets of our beautiful city.

When I came to Canada as refugee twelve years ago, I felt that I brought my family to a civilized country, not what we had over there in the Balkan or what is on the Teheran streets, now.

I also heard before about Persian gangs at Ambleside area, enough is enough.

I apologize for my sarcasm, but our police is much more prompt for car parking on parking meters, then on this criminal activity. Are we going to hire private security guards and private local police to protect our families?

I have seen this in LA area (USA), if this is solution, then go to this solution ASAP and stop financing this ineffective police system.

Regards

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