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Pardon my oversight: there are three parties which could plausibly form a government in this election. NDP tell us they will double the budget for mental health. But the question below is not answered with money. Throwing the mentally ill into the street to suffer death and destruction of their health is current administrative practice and it could continue with greater budgets or smaller budgets. The practice is FACT. It is recorded on daily logs. Nobody is disputing that this is done.

Will the Green Party continue to administer this practice if it is elected to govern BC?

EE

> Dear Gordon and Carole:

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> Yesterday mental health became an election issue when you, Gordon, said  
> that Carole had not "done her homework". I have a long career in mental  
> health advocacy including almost a decade of service at MHR-Woodlands. I  
> have done my homework and I can give a forthright answer to any question  
> about any procedure which I used in my practice and public service with  
> MHR. I would like both of you to now do the same with respect to my  
> question which is an important question pertaining to public  
> administration and mental health:

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> Could you please DESCRIBE the most extreme form of punishment which MHR  
> administers and/or funds in programming at Lookout Society?

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> I would like to be able to reapply for positions with MHR but I cannot do  
> so until this question is answered, nor can I cast an informed vote in the  
> present election until it is answered. My vote will be very much dependent  
> upon which of you gives the better answer.

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> All I want are the important FACTS of a procedure like that of MHR's  
> HR2863 in lock step with social housing for the mentally ill (plus  
> alcoholics/addicts) as provided by Lookout Society. The contractual  
> "one-two punch" I am asking about forces those with mental disabilities,  
> alcoholism and addiction to sleep on streets which are hazardous to their  
> health and imperil their lives. When MHR-Lookout make such a decision to  
> use this health and life destroying procedure in public practice, VPD will  
> then enforce the decision. Thus VPD officers are unfairly forced by VPD  
> policy to violate by-laws they are supposed to uphold. The procedure is  
> also unfair to MHR and Lookout Society personnel who would prefer to have  
> an unconflicted role helping those with mental disabilities, addictions  
> etc.

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> Please give me a one-page description with some detail of the effects  
> eviction onto the street are expected to have on health and life  
> expectancy.  
> Does this adverse treatment also constitute differential treatment as I am  
> asserting in my complaint to the BC Human Rights Tribunal? Does it have a  
> differential effect depending on age (and age-related health problems) and  
> gender (ie women forced to sleep on the street are more likely to become  
> rape victims) as well as mental and physical disability?

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> Finally, what is the difference between having Mr. Wiley, MHR District  
> Supervisor, throw a mental patient into the Burrard Inlet and having him  
> throw such a person into the street? The former is obviously criminal and  
> Chief Constable Graham would act if it were reported to him. Why should  
> VPD not act against a procedure which is just as dangerous to health and  
> life?

> Sincerely-EE

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> \*\*\*\*\* Activity I:COMMUNITY COMPUTING  
> <<http://www.geocities.com/Introductory Computing Science>>  
> Activity II:"A PUBLIC JUDICIAL EXAMINATION OF THE FACTS"  
> <<http://www.geocities.com/hrtcomplaint>> \*\*\*\*\*

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