

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## RECALL AND INITIATIVE ACT

This Notice is published pursuant to section 4 of the *Recall and Initiative Act*. Approval in principle has been granted on an application for an initiative petition. The petition will be issued to proponent Bob Bray on August 19, 2019 and signature sheets must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer by November 18, 2019.

### The Title of the Initiative is:

Initiative to Allow Voluntary Formation of Twenty Charter Schools

### Summary of Initiative:

The draft Bill proposes legislation that would allow the voluntary formation of charter schools. The proposed Bill is titled "*Allow the Voluntary Formation of Up To Twenty Public Charter Schools Revision Of The School Act.*" If enacted, the proposed Bill would revise the *BC School Act* to allow the establishment of charter schools in BC. The draft Bill proposes that a person or society could apply to the Minister of Education to establish a charter school with a particular teaching philosophy, vision and purpose with goals and measurable outcomes. The legislation would allow the Minister to approve a charter which is not based on a religious faith, is operated by the society named in the charter, and is operated in accordance with the charter approved by the Minister. The charter must also include a number of other criteria. These include learning outcomes of students, the operating period of the school, the name of the society that will operate the school, and the grades of the students. A charter school will operate under a society incorporated under the *Societies Act*. The society would oversee the facilities and employ a principal who would supervise the teachers, other staff members, and students.

### Opponent Registration:

Individuals or organizations who intend to incur expenses as opponents must apply for registration with the Chief Electoral Officer by July 22, 2019. Registration applications for opponents are available from Elections BC.

### Initiative Advertising:

Individuals or organizations who sponsor initiative advertising, other than the proponent and registered opponents, must register with the Chief Electoral Officer before they conduct or publish initiative advertising. Registration applications are available from Elections BC.

### Who May Sign the Petition:

Registered voters as of August 19, 2019 may sign the initiative petition. Individuals may only sign the petition once, and must sign the petition sheet for the electoral district in which they are registered at the time of signing. Signed petitions are available for public inspection.

### For More Information:

The initiative application and draft Bill are available for public inspection on the Elections BC website and at the Elections BC office at the address below.

### Location:

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