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I am a research scientist and geologist by trade, holding a PhD in geology and registered as a Professional Geoscientist with the Engineers and Geoscientists of BC. I was a research scientist with the Geological Survey of Canada for almost 20 years and was appointed the inaugural President and CEO of Geoscience BC, a non-profit geoscience research organization based in Vancouver, in 2006. As a resident of Lonsdale for the last 20 years, I have fallen in love with the diverse network of businesses and families that make up our community's unique identity. I want to do everything I can to help support our community and believe the BC Liberal vision of cutting taxes and reducing red tape while providing the supports our businesses need to get back on track is the best vision to lead us through our economic recovery.

QUESTION 1. *Impacts of COVID.* The availability of rapid COVID testing is a critical issue for local business as they work to ensure a safe work environment for their staff and customers. Staff/kids are back...Businesses need their staff back at work, staff need to get back to work. Given the economic impact of uncertainty around COVID in the workplace, what would you do to address the ongoing availability of rapid COVID testing?

LA Response: When John Horgan called the election, B.C. had one of the highest per-capita concentrations of active cases, and yet today we have the lowest per-capita testing numbers out of every province except for Newfoundland & New Brunswick. Despite the NDP's promise of 20,000 new tests, as of Oct 5th, only 8,200 have taken place. We are going to be in this pandemic for the foreseeable future, and access to COVID testing is as important a health and safety factor to British Columbians as any other precaution we are taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19. A BC Liberal government would work closely with the recommendations of our Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, and regional health authorities to ensure that no British Columbian ever needs to feel that they do not have access to COVID testing should they need it.

QUESTION 2. *Costs on Business.* Many small businesses are desperately trying to get their customers back. They are struggling to find ways to get the revenue they need to survive through COVID. We see the increasing burden on business related to costs that government can control such as Property Tax Assessments and the Employee Health Tax. What would you do to help keep the costs for business down so they can maintain the jobs they provide and survive this tremendous downturn?

LA Response: COVID-19 has created unprecedented economic challenges for our small businesses, which is why the BC Liberals were quick to bring forward proposed policy solutions all throughout the Spring and Summer — including a 90 day tax break for businesses as well as utilizing the budget surplus from Worksafe BC to help provide businesses with PPE and health and safety measures (unfortunately it was discovered that the NDP had depleted the Worksafe BC surplus). The NDP never enacted any of these suggestions and have now stalled vital supports like the Economic Recovery Fund to utilize them as campaign platform promises. This shows that the NDP have chosen political

opportunity over the well-being and interests of our families. I want to do everything in my power to help the businesses of Lonsdale and believe the BC Liberal vision of cutting taxes while maintaining supports is the best way to do so. By removing the 2% tax on small businesses, eliminating the PST for 1 year and cutting in half for the subsequent two years, we would save businesses and families thousands of dollars that they can put back into investing in themselves and getting back on their feet. As the BC Liberals continue to unveil their election platform, I can guarantee you that there will be more supports and incentives coming to help restart our economy and help preserve the businesses that make up so much of Lonsdale's unique identity.

QUESTION 3. *Transportation & Housing.* Employees working in North Vancouver are not able to find reasonable transportation or affordable local housing options. Businesses are suffering, choosing to move, or simply closing as a result. What would you do to ensure transportation and affordable housing investments are made to support the needs of the community and the future of our local small businesses?

LA Response: The BC Liberals made record investments in public transit on the North Shore, initiating the project that upgraded the Seabus station, widened the sidewalks on the 2nd Narrows bridge and created the Lynn Valley interchange. As the North Shore continues to grow and families are seeking public transit to commute in order to reduce congestion and help our environment, a BC Liberal government would continue to promote investments in infrastructure and public transit that will allow the North Shore to meet its growing demand. The BC Liberals will also take action to relieve the rapid increases in strata insurance premiums that families across North Vancouver and B.C. are experiencing by enacting on some of the proposed amendments brought forward in Todd Stone's Private Member's Bill, the **Strata Property Amendment Act 2020**, a bill that would resolve many of the issues driving up strata insurance premiums, like ensuring water damage prevention and maintenance is mandatory in stratas. Above all, our greatest solution to curb the growing costs in housing is supply. Unlike the NDP, who have delivered on less than 4,000 of the promised 114,000 new housing units, the BC Liberals will create tax incentives to promote construction projects that will create jobs and bring greater housing investments to North Vancouver.

QUESTION 4. *Climate Change.* The issues of climate change remains a concern for the business community. What is your position and your party's position on the most important steps that need to be taken in the next year to address this issue?

LA Response: In December 2018, the NDP announced their climate change plan – CleanBC. This was largely the BC Liberal climate change plan re-packaged with the same dates and targets and containing many of the elements that would be expected in a climate change plan. The NDP's current plan only has 75% of emissions reductions accounted for what is needed to hit those targets and no plan on how to achieve the missing 25% of emissions targets. The NDP haven't met the targets they already have in place – emissions have gone up under Horgan. All they've done today is shift the goalposts and not provide any detail on how that would happen. The BC Liberals believe that environmental efforts must be led through science-based approaches and community consultation. A BC Liberal government would meet new and progressive climate action goals by enacting policy that promotes sustainable resource development, reduces carbon emissions, and invests in clean energy alternatives.

QUESTION 5. *Retraining Underemployed Workforce to Meet Opportunities in the BC Tech Sector.* The NV Chamber has championed a provincial call for the funding of retraining and skill enrichment that will help more fully employ new Canadians and other individuals with technical aptitude to support the growing needs of our growing local and provincial technology sector. What is your position on this and what steps would you take to tap into this talent and economic potential in our community?

LA Response: The NV Chamber has championed a provincial call for the funding of retraining and skill enrichment that will help more fully employ new Canadians and other individuals with technical aptitude to support the growing needs of our growing local and provincial technology sector. (see resolution) What is your position on this and what steps would you take to tap into this talent and economic potential in our community? *** The BC Tech sector continues to be one of the most significant contributors to the BC provincial GDP at \$17.2B in 2016 GDP grew 13.7% over the last two years. Since 2011, more than 14,000 jobs have been added to the BC tech sector, growing its workforce to more than 106,000 people as of 2016. The tech sector is currently responsible for 7% of the BC industrial economy.*** British Columbia’s vibrant and growing tech sector is one of our greatest examples of how diversifying B.C.’s industries while promoting immigration and the training of skilled labour bring unprecedented economic benefits to our province. Under the BC Liberals, our tech sector grew to be a major cornerstone of our economy and one of the most innovative and competitive markets around the globe. Our tech industry is also in constant demand of skilled labour. With COVID-19, it is uncertain when we will be able to rely on bringing in foreign skilled workers for our industries, but the next B.C. government has to think about how to promote the training of skilled labour to meet the growing job demand in our tech sector and other industries, both throughout COVID-19 and beyond. This will be essential to our province’s economic recovery. By supporting policy resolutions such as the one brought forward by the North Vancouver Chamber and ensuring we provide funding and opportunities through our skills training and post-secondary institutions, we will ensure that new immigrants seeking to develop the skills to meet our specialized jobs in our tech sector and beyond have the opportunity to do so.

