



Meet the Candidates

North Vancouver Chamber Questions for Candidates
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Bio:

Mauro Francis is the Conservative candidate for Burnaby North-Seymour and Executive Director of the South Vancouver Community Policing Centre, a non-profit focused on proactive, local crime prevention solutions. Mauro has worked closely alongside law enforcement and local community-based organizations to develop real solutions to crime and public safety concerns. His leadership has led to meaningful initiatives that have helped reduce crime and improve the well-being of neighbourhoods across the lower mainland. His local roots and commitment to public safety drive his work. Mauro has been a years-long advocate for stricter crime, safety and common-sense drug policies.

1. GOVERNMENT COSTS

High taxes and the threat and uncertainty of US Tariffs are the number one issue for the business community in North Vancouver.

Q: How would you reduce government costs to businesses?

A: Small businesses are being crushed by red tape, and after a decade of Liberal government, it's only gotten worse. The Canadian Federation of Independent Business recently gave the Liberals their lowest-ever grade for failing to cut red tape — a burden that now costs entrepreneurs nearly \$18 billion every year. The impact hits small businesses the hardest, tying them up in paperwork instead of letting them focus on growth and hiring. A Pierre Poilievre-led Conservative government will act. Within two years, we'll reduce federal red tape by 25%, saving businesses \$4.5 billion annually. We'll introduce a Plain Language Law to make regulations clearer, standardize professional credentials across provinces, and implement a "Two-for-One" law that demands \$2 in red tape be cut for every \$1 added.

2. GOVERNMENT REGULATORY BARRIER

Q: How would you cut government imposed regulatory and trade barriers, such as reducing interprovincial trade barriers and regulatory reform (reducing red tape), while also protecting Canadian sovereignty?

A: A strong economy is the foundation of national sovereignty, and under this Liberal government, we've seen ten years of growing red tape, higher taxes, and continued failure to address barriers to trade within our own borders. That has to change.

A Conservative government led by Pierre Poilievre will take immediate action to eliminate all federal barriers to interprovincial trade. We'll also work with provinces to remove outdated and protectionist rules that hold back Canadian workers, entrepreneurs, and consumers.

To restore confidence and drive investment, we'll streamline regulatory approvals through a single coordinating agency. No more endless hoops and duplicate reviews. Projects will go through one clear application process, with a firm goal of a decision within six months, and never longer than a year. Environmental standards will still be met, but without the bureaucratic gridlock. This is about unlocking Canada's economic potential, respecting our Constitution's vision of open trade between provinces, and ensuring we are competitive and united in the face of global pressures.

3. FUNDAMENTAL REGIONAL ISSUES IMPACTING ECONOMY

Many regional issues are severely impacting our local North Vancouver economy.

Q: What would be your specific local response to tackle the following interrelated challenges for employers in North Vancouver:

- Affordable housing – the housing shortage
- Skilled staff - difficulty attracting and retaining
- Public Transit - the need for significant capital and operating
- Innovation - Investment in Research & Development.

A: Local employers on the North Shore are facing real challenges, from housing shortages and transit gaps to difficulty attracting skilled workers. These problems are deeply connected, and it's going to take focused leadership to tackle them. On the North Shore, many employees commute long distances from Burnaby, Surrey, and beyond, only to face packed buses, bridge bottlenecks, and high housing costs. It's no wonder businesses struggle to retain talent. As your Member of Parliament, I'll be a strong voice for North Vancouver. I'll push for major federal investment in public transit on and to the North Shore — including rapid transit solutions that reduce commute times and improve access to jobs. I'll also advocate for housing reforms that speed up construction and lower costs, so workers can afford to live closer to where they work.

To support innovation and attract talent, a Conservative government will reduce regulatory barriers and incentivize investment because growing local businesses should be easier, not harder. Burnaby North-Seymour needs an MP who understands how these issues intersect and is committed to delivering results that help our community thrive.