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Vancouver Public Library Office of the Chair

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Mayor and Council City of Vancouver 453 W 12th Ave Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor Robertson and City Council:

The Vancouver Public Library Board would like to express its deep appreciation for Council's ongoing and new investments in the Library for 2017. We greatly appreciated the opportunity to share our priorities with Council throughout the year and Council's responsiveness to these discussions.

Library staff have worked hard over the past years to review all areas of operations and services, find efficiencies, sustain core services, and develop new services that support the resiliency, livability, and inclusivity of this great city. The work of improvement and innovation is a constant endeavour at VPL and we deeply appreciate that Council recognizes these efforts.

Your support for the Library and your understanding that the Library's services and approaches will evolve with the world around us, even if the fundamental role remains the same, has been critical to the Board and staff over the past years. Likewise, your interest in and openness to how the library contributes to the broader sustainability and economic and social development of Vancouver has inspired us on the Board as well as the staff.

Thank you again so very much for your support of the Library. 2017 promises to be an exciting year and we look forward to the opportunity to present our 2017-2020 Strategic Plan to Council early this year.

Respectfully,

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Mary Lynn Baum Chair, VPL Board