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Ms. Alice Wong Member of Parliament for Richmond Unit 360 – 5951 No. 3 Road Richmond, BC, V6X 2E3

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RE: Joint Town Hall

Dear Ms. Wong,

I would like to extend an invitation to you to a joint town hall to discuss the recent comments made by CSIS Director Richard Fadden, Member of Parliament for Calgary West Rob Anders, and Public Safety Minister Vic Toews.

As you know, Fadden made allegations in a highly publicized interview with CBC where he alleged that foreign governments are influencing politicians in at least two provincial cabinets, infiltrating university campuses, and the private and public sectors in general in order to create "agents of influence." Mr. Fadden specifically segregates Canadians who are "first and second generation" from those who are "third and fourth generation"; those that are "long-standing Canadians" to those that are not "long-standing Canadians."

"Here in Richmond, regardless of our ethnic background, we are proud of being Canadian Citizens. Our multiculturalism brings us together. It should not divide us along ethnic lines" said Peschisolido. "Richard Fadden's comments undermine that unity and question the loyalty of a vast number of Canadians merely because of their ethnic background. This is unacceptable."

Given the serious nature of these allegations, I believe that we should have a town hall to discuss the impact these comments have on the multicultural community which is Richmond. The location and date can be arranged to fit both our schedules.

Let us stand together to advance the interests and values of Richmond by holding a joint town hall meeting on Richard Fadden's comments and the response to them by Rob Anders and Vic Toews.

I look forward to further discussing this matter with you.

Yours Truly,

Joe Peschisolido

Richmond Liberal Candidate

Former Member of Parliament for Richmond