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Member of Parliament for Richmond Centre  
Opposition Critic for Small Business

**Fall Newsletter 2016**



Dear Constituents,

Now that summer has come to an end and we are now looking forward to a new year, I hope you have all had time to rejuvenate and enjoy time with your families and loved ones.



On May 31, 2016, I was pleased to participate in TELUS' Days of Giving on Parliament Hill event.

The first spring session of the 42nd Parliament ended in June, and we now have a clearer picture of what this new government has in store for Canadians. We are very concerned about their out-of-control spending, raising taxes, their plan to legalize marijuana, and changing the way MPs are elected without holding a referendum. As a member of the Official Opposition, I have been able to help hold the government accountable on many of these issues, and will continue to do so on your behalf.

Over the summer, I have had the opportunity to meet with a number of community leaders, business owners, and young people. Over and over, I continue to hear the message that the growing debt and resulting increased taxes are their biggest concerns. These changes mean difficulty for new graduates to pay off debt, higher payroll taxes for small businesses, and less money in the pockets of Canadians. **The net result: Liberal government policies will decrease your standard of living.** The Official Opposition has stood beside small businesses and students and will continue to advocate on their behalf as this government refuses to address their concerns.

Thank you to all of you who have reached out to my office during this first session. I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to serve as your Member of Parliament and I look forward to another productive session of Parliament this fall. As always, please feel free to reach out to my office at the contact numbers and emails below with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

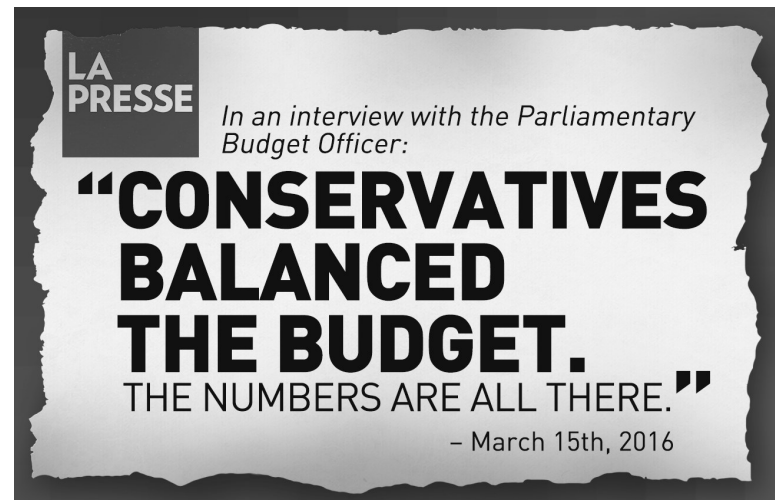
*Alice Wong*



My husband Enoch and I preparing for the Canada Day Parade at the Salmon Festival in Steveston



**CONSERVATIVES** worked hard to balance the budget and lower taxes. We are **AGAINST** the **LIBERAL'S** out of control spending, which is increasing public debt at an alarming rate and, as a result, raising your taxes. We think this is unfair to hardworking Canadians like you!



**LIBERAL SPENDING BAD NEWS FOR CANADIANS**

Our Conservative government left the country's finances in a state of surplus - we had balanced the budget and were finally starting to pay off the debt that resulted from the 2008-2009 global economic crisis. Instead of continuing this, the Liberals have not only squandered the surplus, but they have plunged the country into deeper debt, even more so than what they promised during the election. Another election promise the Liberals broke was to only go into a \$10 billion deficit, but instead they will be borrowing \$29 billion this fiscal year. This is over \$800 for every man, woman and child in this country and there is only one way these deficits can be paid for - with your tax dollars. Make no mistake, the Liberal budget will be putting a larger dent in your paycheque when it comes time to pay the bill.

**CPP TAX HIKE UNFAIR TO CANADIANS**

As the Official Opposition Critic for Small Business, I am deeply concerned that the Liberal government's CPP tax-hike will make it harder for small businesses to hire new employees. Small businesses understand that a CPP tax-hike would have a negative effect on the Canadian economy.

I am also concerned with the disproportionate effect for Canadian youth. Under the current CPP system, Canadians pay a 9.9% tax on earnings between \$3,500 and \$54,700. In the past, Prime Minister Trudeau said he favoured an approach that would increase CPP taxes by as much as \$3,300 per year. The Liberals, who promised openness and transparency during the last election, instead brokered this backroom deal with provincial finance ministers without asking a single member of the public what they thought.

Unfortunately, the Liberals have refused to tell us the exact cost of this CPP tax hike. Whether by raising taxes on young people, decreasing their ability to save tax-free, or shrinking their paychecks through a CPP tax-hike, this Liberal government is making life unaffordable for you.



Attended the Richmond Chinese Community Society Heritage Festival  
May 14, 2106



Attended the Women's Heart Engaging Network Tea  
May 21, 2016



Spoke at the Shon Yee Benevolent Association's 102nd Anniversary Dinner  
May 22, 2016



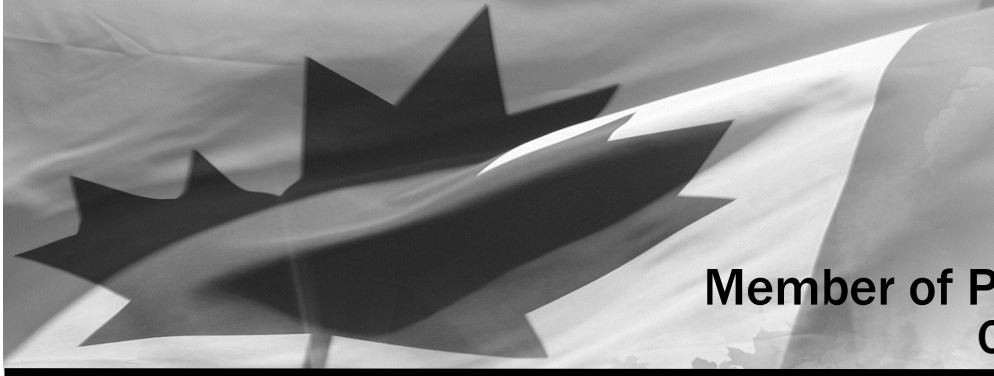
Stopped by the Philippine Independence Day Celebration  
In Vancouver  
June 4, 2016



Did you know it is illegal for Canadian citizens to carry alcohol across provincial borders? Did you also know that right now it is easier for a winery in BC to directly sell into Asia than it is to sell in Ontario? These outdated policies are absurd, and they need

to end. Our Party simply wants to 'Free The Beer' by opening up our internal economy for all Canadian producers of other products. Unfortunately, the Liberals voted against Conservative MP Dan Albas' bill to free the beer, and the bill is now defeated.





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When you change the rules of democracy,  
**Canadians deserve a say.**

# DEMAND A REFERENDUM.

The Liberals are forcing ahead with their plan to completely change how Canadians elect their MPs -- without consulting you.

Why would the Liberals refuse to ask Canadians for their opinion on this important matter? If their position is so strongly supported, that result should be reflected in a referendum! Please let me know if you agree that no matter the change, a referendum is crucial.



Met with representatives of the Canadian Dental Association in my Ottawa Office  
May 11, 2016



In my role as the Official Opposition Critic for Small Business and Member of Parliament for Richmond Centre, I hosted two roundtables to discuss entrepreneurship in our community. The first one, on August 16, was a roundtable for women entrepreneurs and the second one, on August 23, for youth entrepreneurs. It was a great pleasure to hear the participants' valued input and I am bringing their ideas and concerns to Ottawa.

## ENTREPRENEURS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Liberals have confirmed that they are raising taxes on job creating businesses. Businesses will not invest in the economy if they do not know the overall cost of doing business. There must be a clear plan to encourage the private sector to invest in the Canadian economy and create well-paying, high-quality jobs.



### Are you concerned with the Liberal's OUT OF CONTROL Spending and Tax Increases?

I want to know what you think.  
Please tell me why this concerns you.



Please let me know of any other concerns you may have about this or any other issue.

- Passing on a huge debt burden is unfair to future generations.
- Tax hikes and cancellation of tax reductions hurt small businesses.
- Cancelling tax credits for students is unfair.
- A CPP tax hike is a tax-grab.
- I do not like wasteful spending.
- I do not have any problem with this.
- Other

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Attended the Richmond Chinese Community Society Heritage Festival  
May 14, 2016



Participated in the Annual Canada Day Parade  
at the Steveston Salmon Festival  
July 1, 2016

Spoke with reporters at the He Jishan Calligraphy Exhibition  
May 14, 2016



## PETITION E-397 - BIRTH TOURISM

Members of Parliament are elected to voice their constituents' concerns regarding federal issues in Ottawa. One way of doing this is to act as a sponsor for petitions to the federal government. A Member of Parliament must sponsor a petition in order for the government to provide a response to the petitioners. Once the required number of signatures are collected, it must be presented in the House of Commons by the sponsoring member. Petition e-397 was created by Kerry Starchuk, a Richmond Centre constituent, who is calling on the Liberal government to end the practice of "Birth Tourism". This practice occurs when non-Canadians come to Canada for the sole purpose of giving birth to children, who, as a result, become Canadian citizens. This issue is gaining attention in our city and across the country, proving that people feel that it is important enough to generate discussion. While a sponsoring Member of Parliament does not necessarily have to agree with the opinions or request set out in the petition, this topic affects Canadians and the Liberal government has the responsibility of responding. The petition can be found at the following link: <https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-397>



**The deadline to sign the petition is October 14, 2016.**

It is always encouraging to see our community engaging in the parliamentary process and I am happy to assist in this process.

Please cut out the response, piece, fold, tape and send it **POSTAGE FREE**

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