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CITIZENS ASSEMBLY
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Dear Members of the Assembly,

It is patently obvious that the first-past-the-post electoral system presently operating in B.C. is totally undemocratic, when decisions can be made by Order-in-Council without public knowledge or even without debate in the legislature, change must take place.

Having studied a number of the fact sheets on electoral systems, I have reached several conclusions and wish to have you consider the following proposals:

- That the Assembly propose a public referendum be held on the recommendation to change the electoral system to a Mixed Member Proportional System. This referendum must be preceded by an educational program leading to public understanding of the proposed system, how it works and its implications.

- That the total number of party seats in the legislature should be equal to the proportion of the total provincial vote.

- That the voter should have two votes - one for the party of choice and one for the local representative.

- That voters can indicate on the ballot which candidate(s) they prefer from an Open List. Voters should determine who gets elected, not the parties.

In summary, I urge you to propose a type of mixed member system of proportional representation and an open list system.

Thank you for your consideration and for your important contribution of your time, energy, and thought to the future of this Province.

Respectfully and gratefully yours,

Billy N. Daniel