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Dear Neighbours and Friends,

My name is Leslie Roosa and I am running to represent you as a Coquitlam City Councillor on October 15th. I am writing this letter to provide you with the opportunity to get to know me with the consideration of voting for me on election day.

Coquitlam has been my home for over 30 years. A lot has changed in Coquitlam over the years. However, it continues to be a wonderful community to live, raise a family, or start a business.

Professionally, I am an educator with the Vancouver Board of Education (VSB). I have been employed in this capacity as a Teacher, English Language Learner Specialist, and a Case Manager. I am truly fortunate to work in a field that allows me to work with families that come from diverse cultures and backgrounds. This has strengthened and broadened my professional development and has prepared me to work with Coquitlam's diverse and multicultural population.

My formal educational background is from *The University of British Columbia*. This includes a Masters Degree in Education (Leadership and Administration), a Bachelor Degree in Education (Problem Based Learning), and a Bachelor of Arts Degree (History).

I have also been fortunate to have served on several significant boards. This includes being a Trustee for the BC Teachers Pension Plan, the 10th largest pension plan in Canada with assets over 34 billion dollars, a Director for Community Savings Credit Union, with assets totalling over 800 million dollars, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Vancouver Elementary School Teachers Association, one of the largest teacher associations in British Columbia. These boards have provided me with an opportunity to develop financial expertise, understand the complexity of organizational structures, and experience the role of governance within large complex institutions.

I would like to bring the experience and skills that I have developed over the years to serve you on Coquitlam City Council. Particularly in these key areas: services for seniors (seniors' centres and safety initiatives), infrastructure as urban density expands (firefighting services, roads, sewage and water), and parks and recreation services to keep pace with population growth (expansion of recreation centres, playgrounds, and green spaces). I would also like to address the issue of affordable housing by advocating for housing projects that will enable families, single people, and seniors to call Coquitlam their home.

The election is on October 15th. I would be honoured to receive your vote. You can e-mail me at LeslieRoosaCoquitlam@gmail.com or call me at 778-245-1928.

With Warm Regards,

Leslie

Leslie Roosa
A Valuable Addition to Coquitlam City Council