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Mayor Gregor Robertson
City of Vancouver
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CANADA

Mayor Robertson,

RE: Campaign contributions to Vision Vancouver from Interdependent Investments Ltd.

As a member of the public, I am writing to express concern and to inquire about the origin of campaign contributions given to Vision Vancouver, your political party. This is an open letter. I will post this at my blog: www.fair-questions.com.

Vision Vancouver has reported a substantial amount of campaign finance from individuals and companies who appear to me to be affiliated in various ways with two non-profits: The Endswell Foundation and Tides Canada, a registered charity of which you are a former board member. As it appears to me, one of these contributions was from Interdependent Investments Ltd. which contributed \$6,000: \$5,000 in 2008 and \$1,000 in June of 2010.

A company search (attached) says that the president of Interdependent Investments Ltd. is Joel Solomon and the secretary is Martha Burton. The Vancouver SUN reports that Joel Solomon was the 2nd largest financial contributor to your 2008 mayoral campaign - 2nd only to British Columbia's largest labor union. According to Vision Vancouver, Martha Burton is the party's Treasurer.

Joel Solomon campaigned for you while involved with at least six Tides-affiliated charities: the U.S. Tides Foundation, Tides Canada Foundation (where he is Vice-Chair), Tides Canada Initiatives Society, Endswell, Salal and Nextwave.^{1,2,3,4,5,6} U.S. tax returns say that Joel Solomon is the president of the Endswell Foundation and that, according to my calculations (attached), he has been paid \$872,519 since 1997 (including payments to "JSCO").

For the 2008 contribution of \$5,000, the address given for Interdependent Investments Ltd. is Unit 610-220 Cambie Street in Vancouver. Referring to Renewal Partners, the Endswell Foundation and Tides Canada, Joel Solomon has said that "all called 220 Cambie home at some point."⁷

For the 2010 contribution of \$1,000, the address given is Unit 200 163 W Hastings Street. This is the same address that is given by both Martha Burton and Joel Solomon in the company search for Interdependent Investments Ltd. This address has also been given in some references to Endswell, Renewal², Hollyhock, and Tides Canada.^{8,9,10,11}

My calculations (attached) based on U.S. tax returns show that since 1997, the Endswell Foundation has paid \$1,200,948 to Interdependent Investments, including amounts paid to "IIL Ltd." For the reasons given in my e-mail to Martha Burton (attached), I believe that "IIL Ltd." is an abbreviation for Interdependent Investments Ltd.

My question is this: Did any of the campaign contributions that Vision Vancouver received from Interdependent Investments Ltd. or other sources, originate from a registered charity?

You may reach me at vivian.krause@mac.com or at 604.618.8110.

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause

ATTACHMENTS

c.c. Ms. Martha Burton, Mr. Joel Solomon

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1. Company Search for Interdependent Investments Ltd.
2. Excerpts of U.S. tax returns of the Endswell Foundation showing payments of \$US 872,519 to Joel Solomon, Joel Solomon Co. and "JSCO."
3. Excerpts of U.S. tax returns of the Endswell Foundation showing payments of \$US1,200,948 to Interdependent Investments Ltd, including payments to "IIL Ltd."
4. E-mails to Ms. Martha Burton, 15th, 20th and 22nd of September 2010.

SOURCES:

¹ Solomon, J. 23 April 2008. Gregor Robertson for Mayor!

<http://www.renewalpartners.com/blog/joel-solomon/gregor-robertson-mayor>

² <http://www.tides.org/about-us/board-of-directors/index.html>

³ <http://tidescanada.org/about/board>

⁴ <http://www.sagecentre.org/board.php>

⁵ The 2008 Canadian tax return for the Salal Foundation. <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca:80/ebci/haip/srch/t3010form19officers-eng.action?b=898470513RR0001&e=2008-12-31&n=SALAL+FOUNDATION&r=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cra-arc.gc.ca%3A80%2Febci%2Fhaip%2Fsrch%2Ft3010form19-eng.action%3Fb%3D898470513RR0001%26amp%3Be%3D2008-12-31%26amp%3Bn%3DSALAL%2BFOUNDATION%26amp%3Br%3Dhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.cra-arc.gc.ca%253A80%252Febci%252Fhaip%252Fsrch%252Fbasicsearchresult-eng.action%253Fs%253Dregistered%2526amp%253Bk%253Dsalal%252Bfoundation%2526amp%253Bp%253D1%2526amp%253Bb%253Dtrue>

⁶ The 2007 Canadian tax return for the Nextwave Foundation. <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca:80/ebci/haip/srch/t3010form19officers-eng.action?b=898471115RR0001&e=2007-12-31&n=NEXTWAVE+FOUNDATION&r=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cra-arc.gc.ca%3A80%2Febci%2Fhaip%2Fsrch%2Ft3010form19-eng.action%3Fb%3D898471115RR0001%26amp%3Be%3D2007-12-31%26amp%3Bn%3DNEXTWAVE%2BFOUNDATION%26amp%3Br%3Dhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.cra-arc.gc.ca%253A80%252Febci%252Fhaip%252Fsrch%252Fbasicsearchresult-eng.action%253Fs%253Dregistered%2526amp%253Bk%253Dnextwave%252Bfoundation%2526amp%253Bp%253D1%2526amp%253Bb%253Dtrue>

⁷ Solomon, J. 19 February 2009. The 220 Years. <http://www.renewalpartners.com/blog/joel-solomon/the-220-years>

⁸ <http://whois.domaintools.com/endswell.org>

⁹ <http://www.renewalpartners.com/blog/nicole-bradbury/renewal2-website-alive-kicking>

¹⁰ http://bullitt.org/grant-history/Tides_Canada_Initiatives_Society1256055778.81

¹¹ http://bullitt.org/grant-history/Tides_Canada_Foundation