

WEST KOOTENAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations
Coordination of Agencies, Boards and Commissions Branch
#233 - 553 Superior Street
Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4

July 11, 1997

Re: Human Rights Advisory Council

Dear people:

In response to your request for nominations for appointments to HRAC, we are pleased to suggest an excellent candidate from our area with a long record of community involvement and concern for human rights issues.

Sam Simpson, currently employed as Executive Director of Nelson and District Hospice, has a well-deserved local reputation for hard work and sincere dedication in the pursuit of social justice. She was recently singled out in the newspaper serving her rural area as someone whose tireless work on behalf of her community was deserving of particular recognition. She has been involved in human rights activism for many years, and is currently actively involved with the Central American Support Group and is the Nelson distributor for Teardrop Crafts, selling goods made by persons fleeing from oppressive regimes.

She has always been a fearless and outspoken advocate for and with anyone, whether locally or internationally, who has experienced or is experiencing oppression in its many forms.

On a personal level, she has a very keen understanding of the everyday subtleties (and blatancies...) of racial issues, being the white mother of a mixed-race daughter.

She is a highly disciplined individual, and has the necessary stamina to deal well with both the paperwork and the interaction involved in the position for which we recommend her.

She has expressed a strong, longstanding desire to do more work in the human rights field, and we cannot overstate how delighted we are that she has agreed to let her name stand for this appointment.

Sincerely,

Louisa Robinson, Chair, WKWA



Ms. Sam Simpson
Site 15, Comp. 2, RR #1
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July 31, 1997

Dear Ms. Simpson:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your résumé for consideration in making appointments to the Human Rights Advisory Council.

Our office is responsible for maintaining an up-to-date record of candidates and appointees to all public agencies, boards and commissions in B.C. Your résumé was forwarded to our office by the West Kootenay Women's Association.

Appointments to public bodies are made either by the minister responsible, or by Cabinet upon the minister's recommendation. In the case of the Human Rights Advisory Council, appointments are made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Attorney General. Your résumé will be maintained in our database and forwarded to the office of the Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh for consideration in the appointment process.

Should you have any questions, our branch may be contacted at our return address at the bottom of our letterhead. We may also be reached toll-free through Enquiry B.C. at 1-800-663-7867 (or 660-2421 in Vancouver; ask to be connected with the Coordination of Agencies, Boards and Commissions Branch at 356-1144).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your public-spirited interest in serving the people of British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Ms. Charley Beresford,
A/Branch Manager

cc: The Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh, Attorney General & Minister Responsible for Human Rights
Louisa Robinson, Chair, West Kootenay Women's Association

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May 27, 1997

West Kootenay Women's Association
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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to invite your organization to submit nominations for consideration as appointments to the Human Rights Advisory Council.

The role of the Advisory Council is to inform the public about the work of the Human Rights Commission, to bring public concerns to the attention of the Commission, and to advise both the Commission and the Attorney General on administrative matters relevant to the Human Rights Code.

The candidates you nominate need not be members of your organization; rather, your organization is being approached because of its commitment to human rights. Candidates should be prepared to serve the community as a whole rather than any particular organization.

Please submit letters of nomination highlighting the candidates' involvement with human rights issues along with resumes by July 15, 1997, to the address below:

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Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4

Re: Human Rights Advisory Council

Thank you for continuing your important work in this area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ujjal Dosanjh".

Ujjal Dosanjh
Minister

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