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Kit Krieger, Registrar British Columbia College of Teachers 400-2025 West Broadway Vancouver, BC V6J 1Z6 Canada

Dear Mr. Krieger

Re: Notice of Resignation

As you are aware, the Government—appointed fact-finder, Don Avison, has prepared a report which concludes that the College does not serve the public interest. This disturbing conclusion was based predominantly upon examples of specific decisions made by the College. In particular, Mr. Avison referenced the following three cases in which he believes that the College failed to protect the public interest:

- A former teacher convicted on charges involving sexual assault who was later awarded a teaching certificate by the College;
- A person who had previously served a six year term for narcotics trafficking was deemed fit to be credentialed by the College; and
- A person who had resigned from the Law Society after findings against him on multiple complaints including forgery of documents who was deemed fit to be a teacher.

You stated in your December 8th, 2010 letter to all College members, that these three cases are "true". This suggests that you are aware of the particulars of the above-noted cases and have this information at your disposal. Presuming these cases have been properly characterized, they are cause for serious concern for anyone concerned about public protection. It is apparent from Mr. Avison's conclusions that change is imperative. It is incumbent on the College to learn from past experience in determining what specific changes must be made to the College's practices, bylaws, policies, or governing legislation in order to remedy the problem and ensure that the College fulfills its mandate of public protection. To that end, I have asked for the particulars of the cases cited.

Notwithstanding the fact that the particulars of these cases were made available to the Government-appointed fact-finder and the Registrar, my attempts to obtain this same information have been consistently thwarted by staff and Council. Most recently, at the public meeting on February 3rd, 2011, I moved that the College direct the Registrar to provide Council with particulars of the above-noted cases.

The majority of Council voted to sustain the Chair's decision disallowing this motion. As a result, the particulars of the College's decisions remain concealed from the present College Councillors.

Like all College Councillors, I am bound by an Oath of Office in which I affirmed that I would uphold the objects of the College. The primary purpose of the College is to protect the public interest. Mr. Avison's conclusions have serious implications for our ability to protect the public, particularly our most vulnerable citizens — children. I cannot conscientiously continue to serve as a College Councillor where the College has denied Councillors access to the very information it needs to make the changes necessary to serve the public interest, frustrating my ability to carry out my statutory oath. The actions (or inactions) of the College have placed Councillors in a fundamentally untenable position. As a result, I have no choice but to tender my immediate resignation from the office of College Councillor for Zone 8.

Charley King

Sincerely