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Re: British Columbia 2017 General Election Questionnaire

Dear Ms. Hope,

Thank you for your 2017 provincial election questionnaire.

Please accept the detailed survey response below on behalf of all BC New Democrat candidates in the 2017 provincial election.

For more information on our platform, please visit [www.bcndp.ca/platform](http://www.bcndp.ca/platform).

Thank you.

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**What are your party's plans to support and grow the creative economy in British Columbia?**

The best way to build a creative economy is to support artists. That's why a John Horgan BC NDP government will double funding for the BC Arts Council over our first term, and increase support for Creative BC.

We will also encourage film producers to use BC based writers, including in their development work, by expanding BC's film and television labour tax credit. And we will ensure BC's domestic film and TV industry to gets their fair share of federal investments from Telefilm, and other federal government programs.

**What are your party's plans to help new British Columbians participate in the creative economy?**

Increasing support for the arts will create more opportunities for new British Columbians to participate in the industry. Our commitment to freeze tuition on BC student loans and offer all graduates \$1,000 of loan relief will also help new British Columbians access training opportunities that will help them succeed in BC's creative industries.



**Can you provide specific examples of how your party will support the creative economy through infrastructure?**

A John Horgan BC NDP government will create an arts infrastructure fund that will help local communities and artist-run groups access the provincial funding needed to unlock federal infrastructure dollars for the arts. Currently federal dollars are being left on the table because of the lack of provincial partnerships. Our plan will create new art spaces across the province.

**Can you provide specific examples of how your party will ensure open and clear communication with BC's creative economy stakeholders?**

A John Horgan BC NDP government will provide opportunities for creative economy stakeholders to work directly with decision-makers about moving our creative economy forward. We recognize the importance and tremendous potential of our creative industries and your expertise about how to help these industries thrive. If we form government we would be pleased to meet with you to discuss and map out a process to keep stakeholders engaged and informed.