

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT						
*Note: survey responses will be updated as candidate results are submitted. Check back regularly!						
Electoral area director						
Name	Q1) Dogs & companion animals	Q2) Animal entertainment	Q3) Factory farming	Q4) Plant-based foods	Q5) Meatless Monday	Q6) Pet care & housing
	Wild and exotic animals (including those who are captive-bred) have unique biological and behavioural needs that cannot be met when kept in captivity. These animals can suffer greatly when confined in unnatural environments. If elected, will you support ending the keeping of wild and exotic animals in permanent captivity, in favour of genuine rescue, rehab and release programs and wildlife conservation efforts?	Public sentiment surrounding the use of animals for entertainment (e.g. circuses, dog-sledding, rodeo events like calf-roping, steer-wrestling and team-roping, use of wild or exotic animals for tv/film) has shifted in recent years, due to increased awareness surrounding animal welfare concerns. If elected, will you support ending the use of animals for entertainment purposes in favour of animal and family-friendly events?	More than 100 million animals are raised and slaughtered for food every year in British Columbia. The vast majority are confined in unnatural and intensive conditions and a number of undercover investigations in recent years have revealed widespread issues of animal cruelty. Growing public concern for animal welfare has resulted in calls for stronger on-farm regulations, as well as on-farm government oversight and enforcement, as opposed to leaving the animal agriculture industry to self-regulate. If elected, will you support government regulation and oversight of the animal farming industry?	There is growing consensus among experts that significantly reducing or eliminating our consumption of animal products is a necessary step in mitigating climate change, addressing factory farming and protecting public health. If elected, will you support efforts at the municipal level to increase availability of plant-based foods?	Meatless Monday is an international movement that aims to help protect animal welfare, the environment and public health by encouraging people to skip meat one day a week. This initiative to reduce our collective overconsumption of animal products has seen significant growth in Metro Vancouver in recent years. If elected, will you support the local Meatless Monday movement?	Amidst an unprecedented affordable housing crisis and historically low vacancy rates across British Columbia, affordable pet-friendly housing is in dramatically short supply. If elected, will you support ending the 'no pets' rental policies?
Justin LeBlanc						Municipalities have the ability to regulate concerns related to animals. If elected will you ensure that standards of care are outlined in your animal-related bylaws, ensuring that nuisance and welfare issues are addressed together?