

SELINA ROBINSON, MLA

COQUITLAM-MAILLARDVILLE

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Fall

It's hard to believe Fall has arrived. I've been very busy since my last report in February 2016 so I would like to update you on some of my activities in the Legislature and in the community.

During the Spring session of the legislature, we debated a number of bills and I also re-introduced my Private Members' Bill, the 'Distressed Animal Act 2016'. This bill would permit local by-law enforcement officials to rescue dogs left in hot cars. Currently, by-law enforcement can only issue a ticket – they cannot legally rescue an animal in distress. Unfortunately, I have introduced this bill twice and each time the government has refused to put it on the agenda for debate. However, I will continue to gather signatures on my petition and push this government to make these very simple legislative changes to better protect animals in distress.

As the Opposition Spokesperson for Seniors, I have been touring the province and hosting Seniors Forums in an effort to hear directly from seniors about their concerns. I have been hearing about affordability, lack of housing choices and long wait lists for health care. I have also been hearing very distressing stories of grandparents raising their grandchildren and not being able to get help and stories about couples who have been together for over half a century, but are ripped apart because the residential care system we have set up doesn't have a way to accommodate these couples.

I have written to the Minister of Health on this last issue and I have spoken up in the media on the importance of recognizing that mental health and wellbeing is a crucial part of health care and when we have a system that can't accommodate aging couples, then we have failed. I have yet to hear back from the Minister of Health but I will keep you posted on this issue.

I have been hearing from constituents for well over two years that housing affordability is a major concern. It was disappointing that after months of denying that housing affordability was an issue the government came forward this summer with a small piece of legislation that will barely make a dent in the issue.

On the local front I have been on the doorstep and in the community talking with people about their concerns and their expectations of their MLA and government. I have been hearing consistently about affordability (housing, increased costs of MSP, ICBC, school fees, hydro rates) and concerns about the underfunding of schools.

So far this fall I have had the opportunity to support and encourage local events from the 55+ Seniors Games that were hosted here in Coquitlam, to supporting the Coquitlam Farmers Market as one of the Three Divas, to participating in the 3rd Annual Walk for Shin Noh.



I continue to host events in the community like a Seniors' Forum at Dogwood Pavilion and I co-hosted a Housing Affordability event with Jodie Wickens where we heard from MLA David Eby, Tri-Cities Homelessness and Housing Task Group Chair, Sandy Burpee and Coquitlam City Councillor Chris Wilson.

I invite you to stay connected by signing up for my monthly electronic newsletter at selina.robinson.mla@leg.bc.ca. If you need assistance accessing any government services, please don't hesitate to contact my community office. My office is open Monday - Friday, 10 am - 4:30 pm, so feel free to drop in 102 - 1108 Austin Avenue (parking behind building accessed off Marmont), give me a call 604.933.2001 or drop me a line at selina.robinson.mla@leg.bc.ca.

All the best,

Selina



Working for you in Coquitlam-Maillardville

SELINA ROBINSON IN THE LEGISLATURE



Selina speaks to Bill 27- Human Rights Amendment Code Act, 2016. This bill made amendments to the BC Human Rights Code to include gender identity and gender expression.



Master Potter "Clay" Jung-Honk Kim, his partner Sylvia Kim with their students and the president of the Korean Pottery Club.



Outside the Legislature with MLAs Maurine Karagianis, Michelle Mungall, Mike Farnworth and Carole James after the introduction of the Distressed Animals Act, 2016.



With the lovely Mae Irving who spoke at the Columbia Institute Briefing on Seniors about the role seniors centres play in her life.



At the Legislature with MLA Mable Elmore trying the IBC Shake Zone earthquake simulator.



At the Coquitlam Public Library booth during the Mid-Autumn Festival at Henderson Place Mall.



As the Opposition Spokesperson for Sport I joined with the Minister and the UBC Thunderbirds to present the Vanier Cup to the House.

You're Invited!
Selina's Christmas Open House
 Thursday, December 8
 4:30 pm - 7 pm

Location:
 Selina Robinson, MLA
 Constituency Office
 102 - 1108 Austin Ave.
 Coquitlam, BC



I want to strengthen animal protection laws in BC and make it legal for by-law officers and first responders to take action when an animal is in distress.

Please show your support by dropping by my office to sign my petition.

AND IN THE COMMUNITY



Selina joins Kiyo Breiting as she celebrates her medal (tennis) at the 55+ BC Games hosted by the City of Coquitlam.



Community Volunteer Connections AGM with Executive Director Stacy Ashton.



Enjoying the Abbotsford Pride Parade with Dave Davey Decarlo.



Selina and MLA Jodie Wickens' Coquitlam Housing Forum with MLA and Housing spokesperson David Eby, Councillor Chris Wilson and Sandy Burpee.



At the Coquitlam Crunch Challenge with Coquitlam Search and Rescue.



At the Tri-Cities 'Refugee Welcome Wagon' Fundraiser with Coquitlam City Councillors Bonita Zarrillo and Chris Wilson.



Press conference addressing housing affordability and availability for seniors with MLA Raj Chouhan and Linda, a senior who had become homeless. (Left)

At the Coquitlam Express game with the Leader of the Official Opposition, John Horgan selling Frisbees for a fundraiser to benefit New View Society. (Right)



The Leader of the Official Opposition, John Horgan joined Selina and MLA Jodie Wickens at the BC Coalition of Motorcyclists' Annual Christmas Toy Run at Coquitlam Centre Mall. (Left)

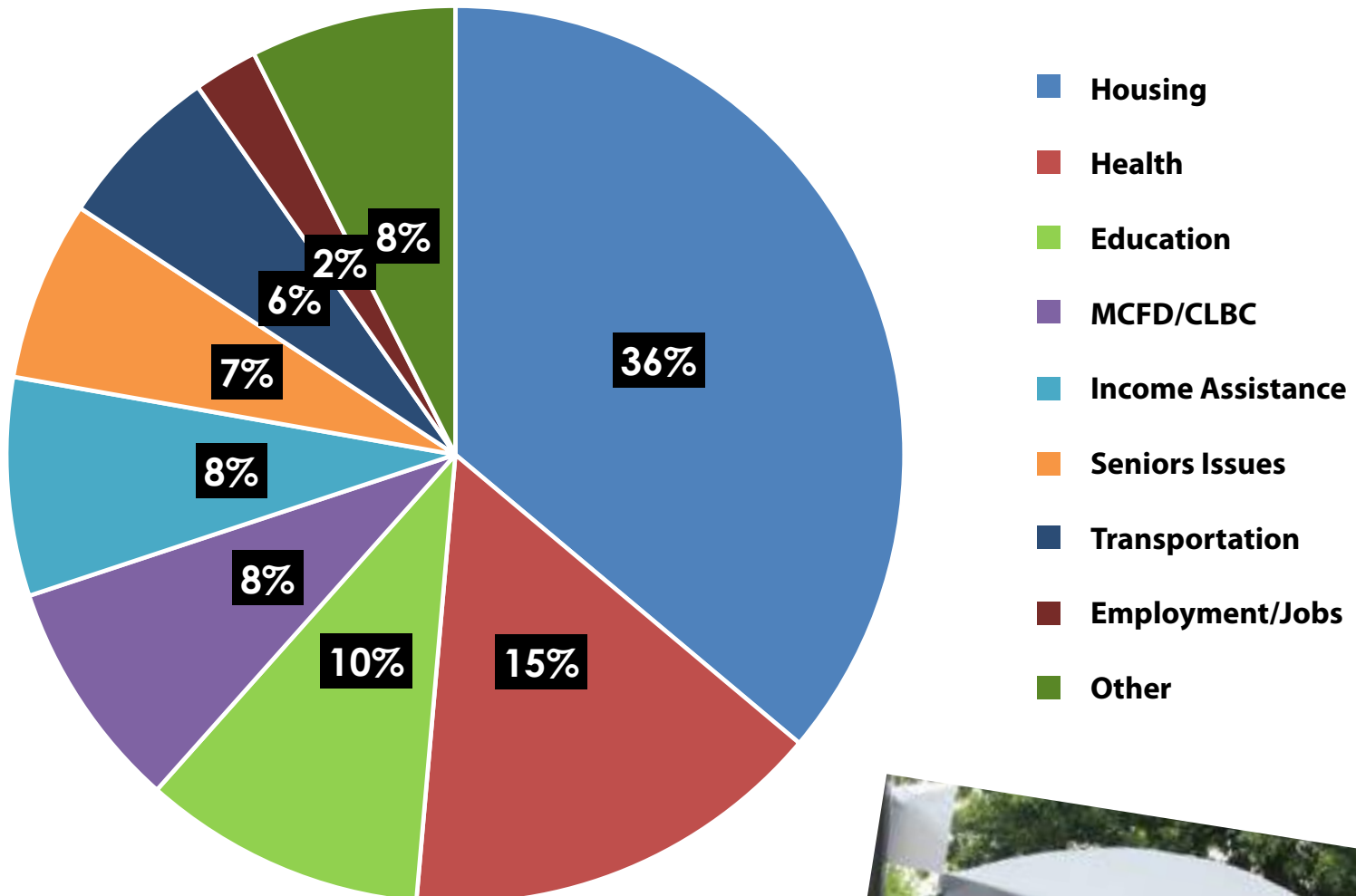
Celebrating Mr. Ja Hyung Lee's 106th birthday at the Amenida Care Home in Surrey. (Right)



HOW OUR OFFICE HELPS IN THE COMMUNITY

TOP CONCERNS RAISED IN COQUITLAM-MAILLARDVILLE CONSTITUENCY OFFICE

JANUARY 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 2016



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 [coquitlam maillardville](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcoquitlammaillardville)

Canada Day Celebrations at
Coquitlam's Town Centre Park.



Laura

Linda



DROP BY OUR OFFICE

Our constituency office is here to serve you and the community and can assist you in a variety of ways. Some of the services we provide include:

- Provide assistance on a variety of issues including landlord, tenant and other housing issues, ICBC, MSP, etc.
- Assist in understanding government policies and services,
- Resolve issues you may have with provincial government agencies and assist in navigating through government red tape,
- Attend community events,
- Offer congratulatory and greeting messages,
- Provide government documents, legislation, discussion papers and other web-based forms if you don't have internet access.

Our doors are open Monday through Friday from 10 am until 4:30 pm so please drop by and speak with Laura or Linda to determine how we can help.