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The Honourable Mitzi Dean, M.L.A.
Minister of Children and Family Development
Room 134 Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4
Via email: MCF.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Dean:

RE: PACIFIC CENTRE FAMILY SERVICES ASSOCIATION - MOBILE YOUTH SERVICES TEAM

At the January 11, 2023, Capital Regional District (CRD) Board meeting a motion was passed to encourage the province to renew its support for the Pacific Centre Family Services Association's (PCFSA) Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) and its Crime Reduction and Exploitation Diversion (CRED) program.

The MYST program provides vital support to at-risk youth in our region, particularly those who are experiencing homelessness, poverty, and involvement in the criminal justice system. The program's focus on providing outreach, counseling, and support services has been shown to be effective in reducing crime and exploitation among youth in our communities.

The CRED program has been instrumental in addressing the issues of exploitation and trafficking among youth in our region. It has helped to provide support, education, and services to at-risk youth, while also working with law enforcement and other organizations to address the root causes of exploitation and trafficking.

The CRD Board urges the province to continue to support the PCFSA and its programs, including MYST and CRED, to ensure that at-risk youth in our region continue to receive the support they need to lead safe, healthy, and productive lives. Investing in programs like MYST and CRED is not only the right thing to do for the youth in our communities, but it also makes sense from a crime reduction and public safety perspective.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you further and provide any additional information you may require.

Sincerely,

Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD