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Greetings Mayor and Council,

Please find attached a Memo from Gil Kelley which seeks to provide an overview of the recently published 2016 Census income data. A short summary is as follows –

- In the City of Vancouver, median household income increased from \$47,299 in 2005, to \$65,327 in 2015 for a 38% gain over 10 years.
- In 2015, there was a \$7,000 median individual income gap between males (\$36,884) compared to females (\$29,835). Across Canada, the gap widens as males earn a median income of \$40,782 while females earn \$28,860 making for an annual income gap of nearly \$12,000.
- Prevalence of low income based on the Low-income measure (LIM-AT) in the City of Vancouver decreased from 21% of the population in 2010 to 19% in 2015.

Best, Sadhu

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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: City of Vancouver 2016 Census - Income Data Release

Dear Mayor and Council,

Below are highlights of the 2016 Census Income Data released September 13, 2017. Income data, for the first time in Census history, was collected from Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) tax and benefits records. In the past, income data was collected directly through the census questionnaire. The income data used in this 2016 Census release represents year end income data for 2015.

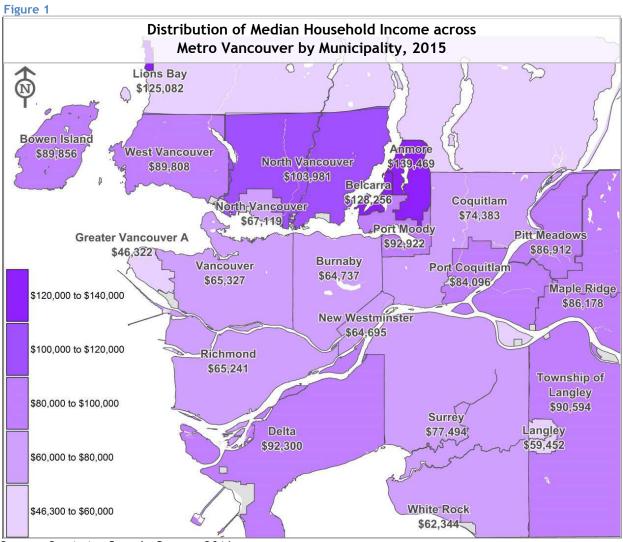
Household Income

Household income is the sum of the total incomes of all members of a household. In the City of Vancouver, median household income increased from \$47,299 in 2005, to \$65,327 in 2015 for a 38% gain. This is compared to a median household income of \$72,662 across Metro Vancouver region and \$70,336 for all Canadian households. In 2015, median income for one-person households was \$38,449 in the City of Vancouver, and only slightly lower at \$38,164 for Metro Vancouver. Two or more person households had a significantly higher median income at \$89,207 in the city, and \$92,067 across the region.

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In the City of Vancouver, one-person households make up 39% of all households, this is compared to 29% across the region. In 2015, one-person households earned \$50,000 less than two-person or more households in the city, this suggests that the higher proportion of one-person households could be the causality for a lower median household income in the city when compared to the region. This narrative will become clearer as more data is released near the end of October. The map below illustrates the distribution of median household income across Metro Vancouver municipalities.



Source: Statistics Canada Census, 2016

Across Metro Vancouver, municipal median household income ranged from \$46,322 in the Greater Vancouver Electoral District A (UBC), to \$139,469 in the Village of Anmore. Of the 22 municipalities (including UBC), six had a lower median household income than the City of Vancouver in 2015; while the remaining 15 were higher.

| Median Household Incomes for Metro Vancouver Municipalities | | | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Rank | Municipality | Median Household Income | Rank | Municipality | Median Household Income | |
| 1 | Anmore | \$139,469 | 12 | Port Coquitlam | \$84,096 | |
| 2 | 2 Belcarra \$128,256 13 | | 13 | Surrey | \$77,494 | |
| 3 | Lions Bay | \$125,082 | 14 | Coquitlam | \$74,383 | |
| 4 | District of North Vancouver | \$103,981 | 15 | City of North Vancouver | \$67,119 | |
| 5 | 5 Port Moody \$92,922 16 City of Vancouver | | City of Vancouver | \$65,327 | | |
| 6 | Delta \$92,300 17 Richmond | | \$65,241 | | | |
| 7 | Township of Langley | \$90,594 | 18 | Burnaby | \$64,737 | |
| 8 | 8 Bowen Island \$89,856 | | 19 | New Westminster | \$64,695 | |
| 9 | West Vancouver | \$89,808 | 20 | White Rock | \$62,344 | |
| 10 | Pitt Meadows | \$86,912 | 21 | Langley | \$59,452 | |
| 11 | Maple Ridge | \$86,178 | 22 | Greater Vancouver A (UBC) | \$46,322 | |

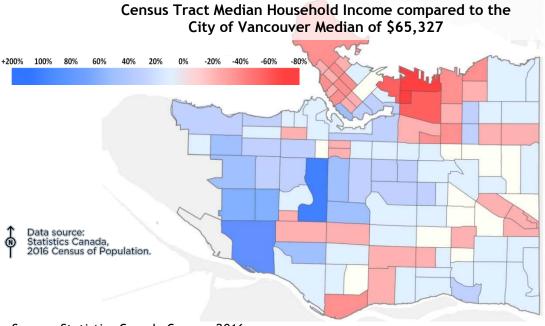
Figure 2

Source: Statistics Canada Census, 2016

Distribution of Median Household Income in the City of Vancouver

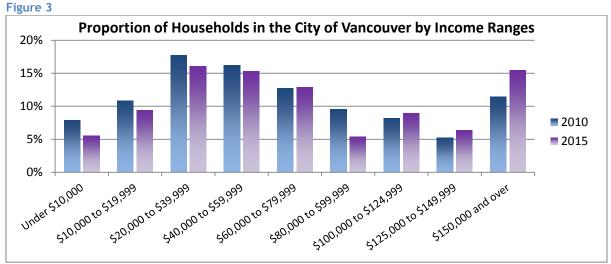
The map below illustrates the distribution of median household income by census tract compared to the City of Vancouver median income of \$65,327 for the year 2015. A census tract is a geographic area that consists of a population between 2,500 to 10,000. In the City, there are more census tracts with a median household income above the city's median household income. Additionally, we see higher density neighbourhoods, such as the West End, Joyce Collingwood, and South Marpole with a median household income below the City median; this may also be correlated with a higher proportion of one-person households.

Figure 6



Source: Statistics Canada Census, 2016

In the City of Vancouver, there was a lower proportion of households earning under \$40,000 in 2015 than in 2010, as the proportion decreased from 37% to 31%; meanwhile, there was a higher proportion of households earning over \$100,000, as the proportion grew from 25% of households in 2010, to 31% in 2015.



Source: Statistics Canada Census, 2011-2016

Individual Income

In the City of Vancouver, median individual income increased from \$23,682 in 2005, to \$32,964 in 2015. This is compared to a median individual income of \$32,612 across Metro Vancouver and \$34,204 for all Canadians. In 2015, there was a \$7,000 gap between median individual incomes of males (\$36,884) compared to females (\$29,835). Across Canada, the gap widens as males earn a median income of \$40,782 while females earn \$28,860 making for an annual income gap of nearly \$12,000.

Family Income

Family income is the sum of the total incomes of all family members who live in the same dwelling. In 2015, median income for families was \$90,754 in the city. Couples without children had a median income of \$89,248, while couples with children earned a medium income of over \$7,000 more at \$96,822. Lone parent families earned \$52,242, or 42% less than the median income of all families. The chart below highlights the 2015 median household, individual, and family incomes for the City of Vancouver and Metro Vancouver.

| Figure 4 | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| City of Vancouver Median Incomes, 2015 | | | | | |
| Median Income Categories | City of Vancouver | Metro Vancouver | | | |
| Total Households | \$65,327 | \$72,662 | | | |
| One-person households | \$38,449 | \$38,164 | | | |
| Two-or-more-person households | \$89,207 | \$92,067 | | | |
| Total Individuals | \$32,964 | \$32,612 | | | |
| Total Families | \$90,754 | \$92,273 | | | |
| Couple families without children | \$89,248 | \$85,383 | | | |
| Couple families with children | \$96,822 | \$96,888 | | | |
| Lone-parent families | \$52,242 | \$53,852 | | | |

Figure 4

Source: Statistics Canada Census, 2016

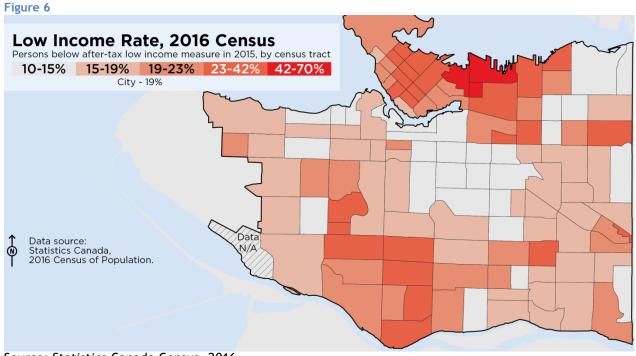
Low Income

The prevalence of low income based on the Low-income measure (LIM-AT) in the City of Vancouver decreased from 21% in 2010, to 19% of the population in 2015, while the proportion is slightly lower across the Metro region at 17%. As the population in Vancouver ages, the age group with the highest proportion experiencing low income is the 65 years and over cohort at 21%. This is up slightly from 20% in 2010; meanwhile the remaining ago cohorts have seen a decrease in the proportion experiencing low income by around 2%.

| Figure 5 | | | | |
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| Prevalence of low income (LIM-AT) in the City of Vancouver by age group, 2015 | | | | |
| Age | 2010 | 2015 | | |
| 0 to 5 | 19% | 17% | | |
| 0 to 17 | 22% | 20% | | |
| 18 to 64 | 20% | 18% | | |
| 65+ | 20% | 21% | | |

Source: Statistics Canada Census, 2016

The highest concentration of population below the LIM-AT in 2015 is found in the Downtown-Eastside, where up to 70% of the population is found to be below the low income measure.



Source: Statistics Canada Census, 2016

The table below is a summary of the remaining 2016 Census Program release dates. Please note that average income and income categories by tenure will not be available until after October.

12/5/2017

| Release date | Release topic |
|--------------|--|
| 8-Feb-17 | Population and dwelling counts |
| 3-May-17 | Age and sex |
| 5-may-17 | Type of dwelling |
| 10-May-17 | Census of Agriculture |
| 2-Aug-17 | Families, households and marital status |
| Z-Aug-17 | Language |
| 13-Sep-17 | Income |
| | Immigration and ethno-cultural diversity |
| 25-Oct-17 | Housing |
| | Aboriginal peoples |
| | Education |
| | Labour |
| 29-Nov-17 | Journey to work |
| | Language of work |
| | Mobility and migration |

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Chris Robertson, Acting Assistant Director, City-Wide & Regional Planning, at 604-873-7684 or <u>chris.robertson@vancouver.ca</u>.

Regards,

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