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MEDIA RELEASE

Advisory: SFU Public Square holds debate on electoral reform in B.C.

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SFU Public Square will host a debate on electoral reform in British Columbia at the Goldcorp Centre for the Arts on Thursday, November 15. Following the Oxford-style debate format, the event will present two teams debating for or against the resolution “Proportional Representation Best Reflects the Will of the People.”

Stuart Parker, SFU international studies lecturer and former director of Fair Vote Canada and Fair Voting BC, and Chuka Ejeckam, a political science graduate student from UBC, will argue in favour of the resolution.

Adam Goldenberg, a lawyer with McCarthy Tetrault and adjunct professor of law at University of Toronto, and Aubin Calvert, a lawyer with Hunter Litigation Chambers with a Ph.D. from UBC in political science, will argue against the resolution.

WHAT:

British Columbia is having a referendum to decide between keeping the current First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) electoral system or reforming its electoral process and implementing one of three forms of proportional representation. From October 22 to November 30, citizens can mail-in a ballot asking two questions: the first determining a preference for either FPTP or a proportional voting system and the second ranking the preference between three systems of proportional representation.

WHEN:

- Thursday, November 15
- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE:

- Djavad Mowafaghian Cinema, Goldcorp Centre for the Arts
- 149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

WHY:

According to the [BC government's engagement report](#): 16 percent of respondents “feel like my vote doesn't count” and 12 percent of respondents “don't like the current voting system.”

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

Stuart Parker as well as other [SFU experts are available to speak](#) to proportional representation and electoral reform. Debaters will be available for interviews after the event.

For media passes to the event, contact Ian Bryce.

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