PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No.

961

, Approved and Ordered

DEC 1 1 2008

Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that section 29 of the Electoral Reform Referendum 2009 Act Regulation, B.C. Reg. 266/2008, is repealed and the section 29 set out in the attached Schedule is substituted.

Attorney General and

Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism

Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section:-

Electoral Reform Referendum 2009 Act, SBC 2008, c. 9, s. 8

Other (specify):-

OIC 725/2008

December 5, 2008 R/1296/2008/3

SCHEDULE

Referendum advertising

- (1) Subject to subsections (2), (3) and (6), Part 11 [Election Communications] of the Election Act is adopted and applies in relation to the referendum as if it were an election for a candidate in the general election and, without limiting this, that Part is adopted and applies to referendum advertising as if it were election advertising in relation to an election for a candidate in the general election.
 - (2) The following provisions of Part 11 of the *Election Act* do not apply in relation to the referendum:
 - (a) section 228 as it relates to the definition of "election advertising";
 - (b) section 232 [restriction on rates charged for election advertising];
 - (c) Division 2 [Election Advertising Limits];
 - (d) section 239 (2) [registration exception for candidates, parties and constit-uency associations];
 - (e) section 243 [reregistration];
 - (f) section 244 (3) [report filing exception for candidates, parties and constituency associations];
 - (g) section 245 (1) (b) [contributions to be disclosed].
 - (3) Divisions 3 [Registration of Sponsors] and 4 [Disclosure of Independent Election Advertising] of Part 11 of the Election Act do not apply to the opponent group or proponent group.
 - (4) Referendum advertising must not, directly or indirectly,
 - (a) promote or oppose a registered political party or the election of a candidate, or
 - (b) form part of election advertising.
 - (5) In place of section 245 (1) (b) [contributions to be disclosed] of the Election Act, a report under that section in relation to referendum advertising must include the amount of referendum contributions accepted by the sponsor during the referendum campaign period, reported in accordance with subsections (2) to (4) of that section.
 - (6) Despite subsection (4), candidates and registered political parties may engage in referendum advertising and, for this purpose, the referendum advertising is deemed to be election advertising under the *Election Act*.