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BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

## **How can I meet with my MLA**

Make your voice heard, you can choose questions that you'd like to ask, and use the MLA finder to locate your MLA's phone number, email and constituency address.

► MLA finder: <http://www.leg.bc.ca/Mla/3-1-1.htm>

You can also contact us at [public\\_issues@bc.cancer.ca](mailto:public_issues@bc.cancer.ca) if you would like assistance with preparing for your meeting, and to share your story.

## **Questions to ask your MLA**

### **To further reduce exposure to second-hand smoke and increase tobacco control:**

- 1) What will your government do to support smokers to quit?
- 2) What will your government do to stop the sale of cigarettes in pharmacies?
- 3) What will your government do to further protect workers and the public from second-hand smoke?

### **To reduce cosmetic (non-essential) pesticide use and exposure to cancer-causing agents in the environment:**

- 4) What will your government do to ensure British Columbians know at the point of sale, if they are being exposed to products that contain cancer-causing substances? Do you support implementing Right to Know (product labeling) Legislation?
- 5) What will your government do to reduce the environmental and health impacts of pesticides? Do you support implementing strong province-wide legislation banning the retail display, sale and use of pesticides for non-essential (cosmetic) purposes?

### **To decrease exposure to harmful UV rays:**

- 6) What will your government do to protect youth from excessive exposure to UV rays at tanning salons?
- 7) What will your government do to protect children from harmful UV rays? Do you support improving shade policies in schools and childcare facilities?

### **To address poverty and reduce the differences between most and least healthy:**

- 8) What will your government do to ensure that those on income assistance have access to nutritious and safe food at all times?
- 9) What action will you take to support British Columbians to eat five or more vegetables and fruit a day and to achieve a healthy body weight?
- 10) What will your government do to minimize homelessness, a determinant of health in BC?
- 11) What will your government do to minimize poverty, a determinant of health in BC?