

For Immediate Release**9 November 2018****Seniors Advocate reminds residents of care homes to ensure Elections BC has current address if they wish to receive a ballot for the current referendum**

VICTORIA- Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie has sent a letter to all publicly funded residential care homes asking them to ensure residents are aware of the process to obtain a ballot for the current provincial referendum on electoral reform.

"There will be somewhere in the neighbourhood of 10,000 seniors who have moved into their care home since May 2017 when the current voters list was established," said Mackenzie. "If Elections BC has not been notified of the address change and people are not having their mail forwarded, seniors who have moved into a care home are not likely receive a ballot.

"A simple phone call or web based communication with Elections BC will allow the senior to obtain a ballot and participate in the current referendum," continued Mackenzie.

The deadline to request a voting package is November 23, 2018 at midnight. The number to call is 1-800-661-8683. Ballots may also be requested online at elections.bc.ca and click on "Voting Package Request."

Elections BC also reminds people this is an opportunity to update their address for future elections.

-30-

Media Contact: Shelley Browne, Director of Communications, 250. 250-812-1679

shelley.browne@gov.bc.ca

