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Honourable Carole James, MLA  
Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier  
Room 153, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Sent by email: [FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister,

**Re: New Real Estate Council Chair**

The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) welcomes your appointment of Elain Duvall as the new Chair of the Real Estate Council of British Columbia. We appreciate Ms. Duvall's experience in the world of real estate and her past involvement with the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia.

With so many Council terms set to expire at the end of October, we hope this is the start of a new direction. Experience in real estate is important, and the voice of licensees under the *Real Estate Services Act* is absolutely essential to sound, sustainable decisions from the regulator. With the latest intake of applications for Council members, BCREA was very glad to see an appeal specifically to licensees, and we worked with our real estate boards to identify strong candidates.

I look forward to our next meeting this fall, and my staff will connect with yours to schedule. In the meantime, if BCREA can assist in any way please contact me directly ([dhyde@bcrea.bc.ca](mailto:dhyde@bcrea.bc.ca); 604.742.2787).

As you know, BCREA is the professional association for about 23,000 REALTORS® in BC, focusing on provincial issues that impact real estate. Working with the province's 11 real estate boards, BCREA provides continuing professional education, advocacy, economic research and standard forms to help REALTORS® provide value for their clients.

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To demonstrate the profession's commitment to improving Quality of Life in BC communities, BCREA supports policies that encourage economic vitality, provide housing opportunities, respect the environment and build communities with good schools and safe neighbourhoods.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darlene K Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darlene Hyde  
Chief Executive Officer

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