



**BC MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND INTEGRATED SERVICES
TO SPEAK AT SAVE OUR STREETS FORUM (JAN. 23)**

Former VPD officer and MLA for Vancouver-Yaletown Terry Yung added to livestreamed SOS Forum

VANCOUVER, B.C (Jan. 17, 2025) – With one week until the Save Our Streets (SOS) **Communities Driving Change Forum** takes place on January 23rd, The Honourable Terry Yung, Minister of State for Community Safety and Integrated Services and a former senior officer with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD), has been added to the program to speak on behalf of the provincial government.

During his policing career with the VPD, Yung held leadership roles in diversity, community & indigenous relations, operations and administration, as well as on national and provincial advisory committees tackling issues like hate crimes, resulting in better coordination between law enforcement agencies and better outcomes for victims. An active community volunteer, he has also sat on the boards of Covenant House Vancouver, Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver, the Vancouver Classical Chinese Garden, JIBC and SUCCESS, where he was the organization’s longest-serving Board Chair. During his tenure with SUCCESS, he helped to grow the organization’s affordable housing portfolio to more than 1,000 units

“As a non-partisan organization, we’re pleased to have senior representatives from both sides of the political aisle speaking,” says Jess Ketchum, Co-founder, SOS. “With crime, violence and public disorder reaching crisis levels, we have to develop collaborative, evidence-based approaches that can serve as a new model for addressing these issues in B.C. and beyond. Minister Yung has a background that uniquely qualifies him to contributing to these discussions.”

Held at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver, the Forum will speakers and professionally moderated, future-focused panel discussions (See full agenda [online](#)). While registration for the Forum is now full, people wishing to attend are invited to register to get on the waiting list for available spaces. Registration for the Forum livestream is available [here](#), or at the following link: <https://bit.ly/40eO8OY>

The SOS Communities Driving Change Forum is made possible through the support of London Drugs, Anthem Properties, Purdys Chocolatier, Pattison Food Group, National Police Federation, Independent Contractors and Business Association, CGI Digital, 7-Eleven, Gourmet Warehouse, Destination Vancouver, Downtown Van and J. Gordon Enterprises. For more information about SOS and the Forum, or to subscribe to Save Our Streets news releases and the *Street Scene* newsletter, please visit SaveOurStreets.ca.

About Save Our Streets

Save Our Streets is a coalition of 120-plus community and business organizations representing every corner of British Columbia. SOS members are committed to seeing governments bring order and public safety back to communities across British Columbia. Concerned citizen groups, and B.C. businesses interested in joining or supporting SOS are invited to submit online at SaveOurStreets.ca or contact info@saveourstreets.ca.

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