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CRAIG CHANDLER INTRODUCTION LETTER

Dear Calgary Shaw Residents & Business Owners,

Craig Chandler is seeking the constituency nomination for the *Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta (PCAA)* in your area (*Somerset, Shawnessy, Millrise, Shawnee Slopes, Midnapore and Lake Sundance*). *Craig Chandler* is a name you might be familiar with because of his track record helping to get solid conservatives elected such as, but not limited to: *MLA Ric McIver, Jon Lord (Former MLA & City Councillor), Art Johnson (Former MLA), MLA Rick Fraser, MLA Jonathan Denis, Councillor Shane Keating, Councillor Joe Magliocca, Councillor Peter Demong, Premier Ralph Klien, Premier Mike Harris and Prime Minister Stephen Harper just to name a few*. In addition, *Craig Chandler* received the *Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal* for his "Contributions to Canada."

Moreover, *Craig Chandler* is well known for his creation of the *Progressive Group for Independent Business (PGIB)* which under his leadership has become the largest business and taxpayer organization in Calgary and area. With over 5,000 supporters and growing, *PGIB* out numbers the *Calgary Chamber of Commerce* and even the *Better Business Bureau*. Under *Craig's* leadership *PGIB* has been instrumental in influencing changes at all levels of government.

The main reason for this letter is to introduce you to *Craig Chandler* and to show our deep respect and encourage you to support him, not only in the upcoming nomination, but in the upcoming *Alberta General Election* as well.

As you will see from the endorsements in this letter we represent a wide cross section of Albertan society. Many feel quite strongly that *Craig Chandler* is the most qualified candidate for the position of *MLA in Calgary Shaw* and one that will put not only Calgary Shaw first, but, Alberta First as well.

There Are Many Reasons To Support Craig Chandler, But, We Have Chosen To Focus On Four.

Firstly, we need to elect people with a strong fiscal foundation and we know that *Craig Chandler* has this qualification. *Craig Chandler* has owned and operated various businesses for the past 22 years. His successful track record speaks strongly of his ability to manage budgets, and support people to give and do their best. *Craig* has an in-depth understanding of government at work. He believes that a government which governs best, governs least. If we sent more business owners to *Edmonton* our money would be managed more effectively and efficiently. *Craig Chandler* has signed the front of a cheque and not just the back of one. His business track record as a business owner, participation on many boards and his *Executive Directorship* of *PGIB* is evidence *Craig* has a solid **business foundation**.

Secondly, the constituency of *Calgary Shaw* needs to be represented in *Edmonton* by an individual who is a strong supporter of family values and has the respect for the rights of others. *Craig Chandler* is that person. *Craig* has been married to *Julie* for 16 years, he is the father of two children and is a supporter of organizations such as *Concerned Christians Canada, Calgary Dream Centre, Gain Canada and Canadian Artists for the Poor among others*.

Thirdly, we need to send someone to *Edmonton* that can effectively be your voice. *Craig* has demonstrated that he

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can not only support, but articulate your views and articulate them well. It is one thing to have great ideas, but sending someone inexperienced in legislative procedures to *Edmonton* would prove to be a nightmare for our party. *Craig Chandler* not only has a *Political Science* degree, but also has been an active lobbyist on behalf of small business owners and individual taxpayers alike. *Craig Chandler* has had extensive media relations experience and has learned to deal with the labyrinth of red tape that can be applied by bureaucrats and politicians. In fact, *Mayor Nenshi* (like him or not) ensured that *Craig Chandler* and the *PGIB* were on the *Cut Red Tape Commission* at *City Hall* and *Craig's* contributions have ensured a much more balanced tax structure for business in this city.

Lastly, *Craig* has some iron in his spine. He has served on several boards for the *Reform Party*, *Canadian Alliance*, *Wildrose Party* and the *Alberta Progressive Conservative Party*. He is strong on policy, well known in political circles, experienced in debate and has helped draft policy which has made it to the convention floors of provincial and federal parties.

As one of the founding members of the opposition (*Wildrose Party*), *Craig Chandler* signed up almost 4,000 members and managed *Dr. Mark Dyrholm's* campaign against *Jeff Willerton* and *Danielle Smith* in the party's first ever leadership race. Although, *Craig* was a major contributor to the membership base, policies and platforms of the *Wildrose Party*, *Craig* has since been invited and has gone back to the *Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta (PCAA)*. *Craig* witnessed first hand the tactics and serious intolerance of the *Wildrose Party* and those the leader has chosen to surround herself with.

Currently, *Craig Chandler* has united supporters from various parties behind him in his bid to become your *MLA*. *Craig Chandler* will ensure that our views in *Calgary Shaw* are represented.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to share our support for *Craig Chandler* with you. A vote for *Craig Chandler* is a vote for a less government, lower taxes, family values, articulate, effective and an accountable conservative *MLA* that will **Put Alberta First!**

Craig Chandler must win the upcoming nomination that is expected to be called any day to represent the *Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta (PCAA)* in the upcoming election. For only \$10 **you can make a difference** in our community and ensure that we have a solid conservative choice. You can do so in **one of the 3 following ways**:

1. **FILL** out the form found on page 3 of this *Introductory Letter*.
2. **OR** call our campaign office at 403-726-2371 and we can sign you up over the phone.
3. **OR** you can call us at 403-726-2371 and we will drop by personally.

Joseph Zwick



Campaign Co-Chairman

Committee To Elect Craig Chandler

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT CRAIG CHANDLER

"By Command of Her Majesty The Queen, the Diamond Jubilee Medal is presented to you in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne and in recognition of your contributions to Canada." **David Johnston, Governor General of Canada**

"*Craig Chandler* is someone I can work with. *Craig* is someone I have worked with and like me, I know he will serve our area well."
Councillor Peter Demong – Ward 14 – City of Calgary

"I have developed a strong collaborative working relationship with *Craig*. He has always been accessible and embodies Conservative values. For these reasons and many others I believe he would be a strong addition to the Progressive Conservative party of Alberta."
Councillor Andre Chabot – Ward 10 – City of Calgary

"I first met *Craig Chandler* in the Spring of 2010 while campaigning. Since then I have developed a respect for his political knowledge and understanding of issues of public good. It is my opinion due to his experience he will make a great *MLA*. I support his candidacy."
Councillor Shane Keating – Ward 12 – City of Calgary

"*Craig Chandler* will make a great *MLA*. He has a solid work ethic, communicates effectively and would be someone many of us at *City Hall* in *Calgary* could work with. He has my full support." **Councillor Joe Magliocca – Ward 2 – City of Calgary**

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"I am supportive of Craig in his run for the Calgary-Shaw nomination." **Councillor Sean Chu – Ward 4 – City of Calgary**

"I have known Craig Chandler for over fifteen years and find he would make a terrific PC candidate in the next Provincial election and would represent his constituents well." **Councillor Ray Jones – Ward 5 – City of Calgary**

"Craig Chandler is a sincere consensus builder. He will make a spectacular MLA." **Bill Harvey, 2011 Alberta Liberal Leadership Candidate**

"The McMaster Students Union presents this Certificate of Appreciation to Craig Chandler and the Reform Party Club for: Outstanding Contribution To The Quality of Student Life At McMaster University." **Dylan Jones, President, April 1, 1992**

"He has been there for me and he will be there for you." **Don Leonardo, Founder & President Veterans Canada**

"Craig will push for less government, lower taxes, health care reform and respect for families." **Jim Blake, Concerned Christians Canada Inc.**

"If you want someone who is not afraid to speak up on the tough issues, who isn't afraid to roll up his sleeves and get into it - Craig Chandler is your man." **Jon Lord, former MLA, Alberta Progressive Conservative Party & former Councillor of the City of Calgary**

WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT CRAIG CHANDLER'S LEADERSHIP OF PGIB

"It pleases me to know that, since becoming aware of the PGIB, in the fall of 2010, a Canadian organization exists to champion an in-depth analysis of the issues that businesses face with respect to appropriate versus inappropriate taxes."

Alderman Shane Keating, Ward 12, Calgary, Alberta

"What I like most about the PGIB is that they don't just fight for big businesses, they also represent the little guys – the independent business owner."

Alderman Peter Demong, Ward 14, Calgary, Alberta

"If you want cocktails join the group downtown. If you want something done, join the PGIB."

Stephen Harper (Prime Minister of Canada)

"The PGIB has good core issues, including a Municipal Taxpayers Protection Act to prevent taxes without a referendum...term limits for Mayor and Alderman, a program for divestiture of non-core functions and accountability with the adoption of recorded debates and Council votes."

Danielle Smith (Leader of the Wildrose Party)

"The Progressive Group for Independent Business effectively supports the businesses they serve."

Ralph Klein (Former Premier of Alberta)

"PGIB offers real, unique solutions that will work. From a Municipal Taxpayer Protection Act to open accountable government PGIB has the answer."

Randy Thorsteinson (Former Social Credit Party Leader)

"I encourage you to join the PGIB if you have not already and demand a restructuring of the public sector to both cut costs and improve services. It is time to go forward with a common-sense plan to unleash the power of the marketplace."

Mike Harris (Former Premier of Ontario)

"...the Calgary-based Progressive Group for Independent Business, a group known as the brains behind Ontario Premier Mike Harris's Common-Sense Revolution"

The Globe & Mail

VOTE FOR THE NEXT PREMIER & SUPPORT CRAIG CHANDLER

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