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Trusted Leadership **for all Albertans**

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Dear Friends,

Trust.

The Alberta Liberal Party has proudly stood side-by-side with Albertans since the province was founded in 1905. This election, we are asking you to trust us – and to stand with us.

Why trust the Alberta Liberal Party?

Alberta Liberals are the only trusted, credible and moderate alternative. Alberta Liberals proudly take the lead on progressive issues. Our policies focus on urban Alberta, home to more than 80 per cent of the population. Only Alberta Liberals can provide trusted leadership for all Albertans.

Alberta has changed. The average Albertan comes from everywhere in Canada and the world and from a variety of cultural, religious and political backgrounds. Today, the average Alberta family is building our great province. Liberal priorities align with this new generation.

We believe in helping those who need help. We believe in public health care, excellence in education, fiscal and environmental responsibility. We believe in the entrepreneurial spirit of Albertans to diversify our economy.

Alberta Liberals have always been there for you, and we always will be.

Thank you,

David

**Dr. David Swann
*Leader of the Alberta Liberal Party***

RESPECT FOR ALL ALBERTANS

In 2014, Alberta Liberals proposed that all schools be required to allow students to form 'gay-straight alliances', which are proven to provide a safer environment for the entire student population. The PC government flip-flopped. This issue has shown Alberta that Mr. Prentice dithers.

This policy is an example of the progressive, forward thinking policies brought forward by Alberta Liberal MLAs. You can trust the Alberta Liberal Party to lead on progressive, forward thinking issues.



Equal pay for work of equal value

- Women working full-time in Alberta earn only 68 per cent of what men make, compared to 80 per cent in Saskatchewan. Alberta Liberals will ensure better enforcement of the Human Rights Act, as well as enact proactive equal pay for work of equal value legislation.

Improve vaccination rates

- Vaccines save lives, but Alberta's vaccination rates are at an all-time low. Alberta Liberals will make it mandatory for all children to be vaccinated, unless their parents or legal guardians are willing to sign a document acknowledging the risks. Our policy will protect every Alberta child.

RESPECT FOR ALL ALBERTANS

Teaching consent

- Include age-appropriate teaching of consent in all sexual health education.

Infertility funding

- Ensure families who require in vitro fertilization have reasonable and fair access to treatment.

Legal aid

- Ensure justice is there for those who cannot afford it.

Protections for paid farm workers

- Institute stronger occupational health and safety standards – and ensure farm workers are covered by workers' compensation.



INVEST IN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

More than 80 per cent of Albertans live in urban areas. Alberta Liberals recognize the unique needs of cities big and small and believe that thriving, properly financed municipalities benefit all Albertans.

Municipalities

- Fully fund the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) and implement a process for fair and equitable distribution of industrial and linear tax revenue.
- Support Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) policies on sustainable, predictable, and adequate funding to build and maintain Alberta cities and towns.
- Invest in CTrain and LRT expansion, as well as create Big City Charters for Calgary and Edmonton.

Improve health care access

- Lower surgery and emergency room wait times and improve access to primary care by investing in collaborative multidisciplinary teams.
- Invest in mental health and addictions with early intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation.



- Reduce medical administrative costs and prioritize resources where they are needed most – on the front lines.

Dignity for seniors

- Double funding for senior supports so that they can stay in their homes.
- Change the current property tax rebate loan back into a tax grant, which means more money in their pockets.
- Create more long-term care beds to free up hospital bed space.



INVEST IN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Alberta's current fiscal situation is grounded in volatile oil prices, but our future lies in a knowledge-based economy, too. An effectively funded public education system is the greatest investment society can make to ensure a strong, prosperous future for all Albertans.



Excellence in education

- Every school on the priority list will be built.
- An average family currently pays up to \$1,000 a year in school fees, including transportation costs. With an Alberta Liberal government, school fees will be phased out.
- We will hire more teachers, reduce class size and build schools as community hubs.

Post-secondary investment

- We will reduce tuition fees.
- Ensure program choice in our post-secondary institutions.
- Ease student debt by providing more grants and bursaries.

Child care spaces

- Move toward all-day kindergarten and universal child care, which will help spur early childhood development and keep parents working.

Arts and culture

- For every dollar invested in the arts, an estimated \$12 of economic activity is created.
- We will move toward doubling funding to the arts, new media and cultural industries.

Support of charities and voluntary sector

- We will reverse the recent \$90 million cut to the Charitable Donation Tax Credit.
- Increase Family and Community Support Services by 25 per cent or \$19 million.

LEADERSHIP YOU CAN TRUST

The Alberta Liberal Party proudly occupies the moderate and sensible centre. While the other parties are beholden to special interest groups – and have a hidden agenda – we represent all hard-working Albertan families.

Support for entrepreneurs

- Prioritize small business – 95 per cent of corporations in Alberta are small businesses.
- Eliminate taxes on small corporations, which are often family owned.
- We will invest in a small business start-up fund and provide support for entrepreneurs.

Environmental leadership

The Enbridge and Keystone XL pipeline debates have taught us that pipelines will not get built until we clean up our environmental reputation.

- We will put a price on actual carbon emissions and phase out coal fired power plants by 2025.
- Ensure independent environmental

It's time for our government to support families and small business, diversify our economy and expand our markets worldwide.

monitoring and stiffer penalties for rule breakers.

- Provide incentives for energy conservation and renewable energy.
- Phase out fresh water use for deep well injections.
- Protect the watershed as a public good, as well as protect our surface and groundwater, endangered species and their natural habitats.

New Canadians

- An Alberta Liberal government will provide more settlement funding for families new to Canada.
- Provide appropriate levels of ESL funding and services.
- Improve the foreign credential review process.



ALBERTA LIBERAL NOW

Why should I vote for you?

Our plan is specifically designed for hard-working Alberta families. You can trust us to promote progressive issues, invest in municipalities, and provide leadership for all Albertans. Alberta Liberals are not beholden to any special interest – just your interest.

How are you different than the other parties?

The Alberta Liberal Party proudly occupies the moderate, sensible centre. While the other parties are on the fringes, the Liberals stand with hard-working Albertans.

I've heard the Liberals are often called a 'tax and spend' party. Is this true?

No! Alberta Liberals believe in tax fairness. We don't believe in keeping taxes so low that the government can't afford to provide essential services, like health care.

I'm thinking about voting for a non-PC Party, but I'm not sure which one. Why vote Alberta Liberal?

Alberta Liberals are the only trusted moderate and centrist alternative capable of providing leadership for all Albertans.

If you're an Opposition MLA, can you get anything actually done?

Yes! Liberal MLAs have a great deal of influence. Recently, Liberal MLAs pushed the government to enact the gay-straight alliance legislation. PC backbencher MLAs stayed silent.

Here are recent Liberal MLA wins:

- ***Standing up for front line workers by opposing Bills 45 and 46.***
- ***Protecting Albertans' pensions from planned PC cuts.***
- ***Reversal of one-bath-a-week policy for seniors and the disabled.***
- ***Bringing in a ban on smoking in vehicles with minors.***
- ***Rallying to help keep Michener Centre open.***
- ***Highlighting the true cost of health care mismanagement.***
- ***Publicly releasing AHS performance benchmarks after they were hidden.***
- ***Compiling documents detailing billions of dollars in deferred infrastructure maintenance.***
- ***Exposing hundreds of millions of sole-sourced contracts to PC insiders for public relations services.***
- ***Raising awareness about physician intimidation in our health care system.***
- ***Support for gay-straight alliances in all schools.***

COSTING



Total Revenue* (millions of dollars)	PC Party	Alberta Liberal
	2015-2016 Estimate	2015-2016 Estimate
Revenue	43,397	45,819
Expense	48,388	49,388
Surplus (deficit)	(4,991)	(3,569)

See Alberta Government Fiscal Plan 2015-20 p. 107

REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS

Eliminate wasteful spending and fix the broken revenue structure. The Alberta Liberal Fair Tax Plan will quickly return us to balanced budgets and will:

1. Introduce a progressive personal income tax system

- 9.5 per cent on the first \$50,000 of taxable income,
- 10 per cent on the next \$50,000,
- 10.5 per cent on the next 50,000,
- 12.5 per cent on the next \$100,000,
- 15 per cent on the amount over \$250,000

Those earning below \$50,000 will see a 0.5 per cent reduction in their income tax rate. According to Statistics Canada*, this income tax structure will generate approximately \$11.3 billion in total revenue, and \$871 million in additional revenue.

2. Corporate tax adjustment (small business tax elimination)

- \$805.2 million raise by adjusting the corporate tax rate by 2 per cent
- (\$503 million) reduction due to elimination of small business taxes
- \$302.2 million net revenue from corporate tax adjustments

Alberta Liberals will eliminate the taxes paid by small businesses earning under \$500,000 and increase government revenue through a 2 per cent adjustment in the amount of tax paid by large corporations. The total increase is \$302.2 million in corporate tax revenue, including the elimination of small business tax.

3. Enhance corporate tax collection

- \$885 million in uncollected revenue

Alberta Liberals will return the responsibility for corporate tax collection to the Canada Revenue Agency in order to address concerns raised by the Auditor General (October 2014, p. 47-49). This will ensure Albertans receive the total amount of revenues owed to them.

4. Reinvest Carbon Capture and Storage funds

- \$2 billion in total funding for CCS
- (\$1.24 billion) in previously allocated funds
- \$760 million remaining

Carbon Capture and Storage funding is essentially corporate welfare that even Mr. Prentice called a "science experiment." Alberta Liberals believe the remaining money allocated is better used on front line government services.

**This analysis is based on Statistics Canada's Social Policy Simulation Database and Model.*

ALBERTA LIBERAL NOW!

Trust.

Elections are about choices. The choice shouldn't be just parties on the far left or the far right.

The choice shouldn't be a governing party that has become cynical, complacent, and (too often) corrupt.

The choice is about trust.

The choice is the Alberta Liberals – the party hard-working Alberta families can trust.



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