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Dear members,

RE: Congratulations to Kamala Harris

The South Asian Bar Association of British Columbia ("**SABABC**") would like to congratulate and recognize United States Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris.

SABABC is proud of Kamala Harris's accomplishments, which are numerous, but notably, she will be the first:

- a. female Vice-President of the United States of America; and
- b. person of Indian or Afro-Jamaican descent to be Vice-President of the United States.

SABABC is overjoyed that Kamala Harris, a visible minority and a person with diverse roots, will be the second-in-command to President-elect Joe Biden. We are confident that her experiences and background will bring a necessary perspective to all matters for which she will be responsible at the White House. SABABC believes that Kamala Harris will undoubtedly continue to be a champion of diversity through all endeavours.

SABABC would like to share some inspirational quotes from Kamala Harris that are important for all South Asians, and women and people of colour generally, to hear:

"While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last"

"Because every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities, and to the children of our country, regardless of your gender, our country has sent you a clear message: Dream with ambition, lead with conviction and see yourselves in a way that others may not, simply because they've never seen it before. But know that we will applaud you every step of the way"

Kamala Harris' election serves as a beacon of hope for all people of diverse backgrounds and demonstrates that election to the highest offices is possible and should be pursued in the US, Canada and beyond by all people without fear or self-doubt. SABABC encourages its members to pursue public office if they desire, to support diverse candidates for public office, and to make your voice heard on a local, provincial, and federal level. SABABC supports its members in any such endeavours.

Once again, SABABC congratulates Kamala Harris on her achievements and looks forward to her next four years in office.

Sincerely,

SABABC Board of Directors