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LETTER: Mayor's call not wanted

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Dear Editor:

An open letter to District of North Vancouver Mayor Richard Walton:

As a resident of West Vancouver I object most strongly to your call to me at 11:19 on Saturday, March 7 in support of the TransLink referendum and inviting me to participate in some form of teleconference whitewash. It appears that you probably phone spammed every number with a 926 prefix (and probably a bunch of others), in the full knowledge that all would be West Vancouver residents.

Like my own elected mayor, I will be voting against this measure. I don't appreciate the mayor of another municipality trying to influence my choice.

I am not an opponent of public transit. When I worked in the city of London I rode transit to work; when I worked in Calgary I rode transit to work. In those cities the systems were run by competent and cost-conscious executives. The reverse seems to be the situation here.

In my view the problem goes all the way back to the '80s when the Lower Mainland was saddled with SkyTrain, a solution costing five times as much as the LRT that Calgary and myriad other cities have chosen.

The motivation of the federal and provincial authorities behind this appeared to be to benefit Bombardier and the province of Quebec at the expense of the Lower Mainland. The current costs of those expenditures should be borne by those who benefited from them, not by us.

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