

***Meiling Chia - BC MLA Candidate for Burnaby South-Metrotown
2024 Provincial General Election***

Policy Overview

Education

Education

- **Protecting special needs education from funding cuts and ensuring every child has the resources and support they deserve.**
- **Increasing funding for more StrongStart programs and educators to assist New Canadians and early childhood socialization for students with exceptionalities.**

Post Secondary

- **Expanding access to post-secondary education by increasing funding for scholarships and grants, reducing tuition fees, and investing in vocational training programs.**

Family Policies

Childcare

- **Streamlining daycare regulations to reduce costs for families to ensure quality childcare is more affordable and accessible.**

Seniors

- **Increasing access to affordable healthy food options for seniors including meal delivery programs and subsidies for low income seniors.**
- **Caregiver support for seniors who are taking care of their spouse or dependent, subsidized by the Provincial Government as an**

alternative to long-term care giving seniors the choice that is best for their family situation.

Housing and Affordability

Housing and Rentals Subsidies

- **Implementing measures to increase affordable housing options for young people, seniors and families, including rental subsidies and support for co-living spaces.**
- **Expand affordable housing initiatives to increase availability, giving more families a chance to live in secure, stable homes.**

Carbon Tax

- **Reducing the provincial carbon tax to alleviate financial strains for households and small businesses.**

Healthcare, Mental Health Supports and Rehabilitative Services

Healthcare

- **Improving access to healthcare services, ensuring timeline and equitable care for all individuals.**

Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions Support (LGBTQIA2S+/Indigenous)

- **Strengthening services for at-risk youth, including homelessness prevention, addiction support, and resources for Indigenous and LGBTQIA2S+ individuals.**

Indigenous

- **Building and maintaining positive and meaningful relationships with Indigenous Nations and the urban Indigenous population who live in**

Burnaby to advance Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Public Safety

- **Keeping our communities safe by re-criminalizing the possession and public use of hard drugs.**
- **Targeting repeat offenders with tougher measures to enhance public safety and ensure accountability to reduce crime in our community.**

Arts and Culture

- **Following through on the prior NDP promise to build a cultural museum that aims to highlight the histories, cultures and contributions to British Columbia by Canadians of diverse heritages, such as South Asian heritage and Indigenous culture.**

Infrastructure and Transit

- **Increased security and transit police presence on Translink/Skytrain/Buses to mitigate public safety threats. While advocating for free bus passes for children is great, parents and children need to feel safe and confident that their children are able to use this resource.**
- **Allocating the necessary funding to expand infrastructure to meet the growing needs of our Metropolitan city.**