

The Broad Coalition

Grassroots Democracy at Work

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Coalition urges cooperation in election

Victoria — With the BC election less than four months away and parties forming their platforms, The Broad Coalition has restated its demand that progressive parties need to work together.

"This is the most important time for progressives to get together and put forward a positive alternative," said Broad Coalition spokesperson Betty Muller. "The people of British Columbia cannot afford another four years of Liberal cuts and privatization."

"The Green Party and the NDP need to work together to ensure a strong progressive voice in the next provincial government," said Broad Coalition spokesperson Susan Clarke. "From our research, it's clear that BC voters are ready for cooperation; let's go for it!"

The Broad Coalition surveyed more than 900 voters in a number of areas of the province during 2003 and 2004. The majority of voters favoured cooperation between the NDP and Green Party for the 2005 election.

Clarke says the Broad Coalition wants the provincial parties to pay attention to what progressive voters want. A public meeting is planned to focus on grassroots election strategies. The meeting will be held at Greater Victoria Public Library, Central Branch, on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 pm. For more information, call 478-6906 or 383-6471.

The coalition has launched a new Web site at www.broadcoalition.net.

The Broad Coalition, an organization of partisan and nonpartisan progressive women, has been exploring positive alternatives to vote splitting in the 2005 election.

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