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Come out and support Occupy Vancouver

Dear members,

I'm writing to let you know that the BCGEU will be participating in the Occupy Vancouver protests.

The BCGEU stands in solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street movement's call for good jobs, fair taxes and strong public services.

I'm writing to encourage our members to join the Occupy Vancouver protest this **Saturday**, **October 15 at noon** at the Vancouver Art Gallery in downtown Vancouver.

Union members belong to the 99 percent who are not benefiting from the current political and economic system. That message needs to be seen and heard.

Please bring flags, signs, banners and show your creativity!

BC Federation of Labour President Jim Sinclair said it well: "The Occupy Wall Street movement expresses an underlying desire for fairness, equality and opportunity in the economy and our society. The BC Federation of Labour stands in solidarity with that desire, as part of the 99 percent, and calls on the governments of British Columbia and Canada to act swiftly and decisively to narrow the gap."

The mass protest movement that began on Wall Street nearly a month ago is spreading across Canada. On Saturday, protesters are expected in several Canadian cities including Montreal, Toronto and Edmonton.

Occupy Vancouver has been explicit in its commitment to non-violent protest and creating a safe space for everyone's voices to be heard.

I'm pleased that the labour movement is adding its powerful voice to this

powerful, peaceful protest.

I hope you can join us with your families. Let us be seen and be heard.

In solidarity,

Darryl Walker

BCGEU President

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- BC Federation of Labour statement
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