

**From:** Drina Read  
**To:** President  
**Sent:** Wed May 06 23:44:51 2009  
**Subject:** Re: Message from the President of the Canadian Bar Association BC Branch

Dear Miriam,

Thank you for writing to me. The Green Party of BC does not have a position on this particular question, but we would study it in our overall review of the application of sales taxes. We would redesign the sales tax system to shift more taxes onto goods and services which are not healthy for humans and the environment, and less tax on those that promote healthy living and a sustainable environment. While we support in general, the concept that businesses, including law offices, should have a competitive tax environment in BC, we also are aware that it is important to maintain government revenues and that it is all too easy to make promises that cost a lot to deliver. Personally, I tend to support withdrawing the PST from all legal services and I will work with other party members to support this point of view when we finalize our policy on the issue.

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*Green Party of BC, Vancouver-West End Candidate Vote Yes for BC-STV*  
*Vice Chair and Administration Chair, Green Party of BC, Provincial Council*  
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*Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.*  
*George Jean Nathan, 1882–1958, American editor and drama critic*

*Nothing else in the world...not all the armies...is so powerful as an idea whose time has come.*  
*Victor Hugo*

*I think, therefore I am.*  
*Rene Descartes*

*Never bolt your door with a boiled carrot.*  
*Irish Proverb*