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Councillor Teale Phelps Bondaroff
District of Saanich
770 Vernon Avenue
Victoria, BC V8X 2W7

Re: Why you're warming the 8th seat

Councillor Phelps Bondaroff,

Congratulations on your re-election. You should understand how it happened.

In 2026 you finished eighth of eight, with 12,735 votes. Mauricio Curbelo finished ninth with 12,631. You hold your seat by 104 votes.

In 2022 you also finished eighth, with 9,218 votes, and the District's own release records that you took the final seat by 11 votes. That year Zac de Vries ran for Council and finished third with 14,274 votes, 5,056 ahead of you. Karen Harper ran for Council and finished seventh with 10,436, 1,218 ahead of you.

In 2026 neither of them ran for Council. Both ran for Mayor. Mr. de Vries received 14,785 votes for Mayor, 2,050 more than you received for Council. Had he stood for Council again, both of his totals on the record put him above you, and you are ninth. The seat you occupy was vacated for you by two candidates who chose a different race. It was not won from them.

Twice now, your place on Council has turned on margins of 11 and 104 votes. That is not a mandate. It is a vacancy you were standing next to. On a ballot of 27 council candidates, at margins that thin, a name voters remember did more for you than your performance or your record.

With that seat you moved the section 57 notice against the title to my home on November 20, 2023, moved to defer its cancellation on June 23, 2025, and moved its confirmation on July 14, 2025. In 2025 you seconded the notices against 67 Cadillac Avenue, 1845 Fairburn Drive and 323 Conway Road. Each of those notices stays on a resident's title until Council or the Supreme Court takes it off.

A councillor who holds office by 104 votes might reflect on whose homes he has been prepared to encumber, and on how few residents it would take to remove him. The record of those votes is set out at SaanichBylawReform.com.

Govern yourself accordingly,

Christopher Caddell