



Green Candidate Says Calgarians Want a Provincial Sales Tax.

Calgary Mountain View Green Party Candidate Thana Boonlert will officially launch his election campaign emphasizing his plans for a sales tax, affordable housing and a clean energy boom in Alberta this Thursday, January 17 in Bridgeland.

“After nearly a year of campaigning in the riding of Calgary-Mountain View, it is clear that constituents are tired of the American-style divisive politics that is now found in Alberta. Calgarians want politicians who can focus on this issues at hand, and that have a vision that exceeds the 4-year election cycles.”

“The personal responses on the doorsteps of Mountain View have been strongly in favour of change, strengthening and diversifying the economy and protecting the future of hard working Albertans.”

“Voters are drawn by the Greens’ consistent message, and the courage that we have in addressing difficult topics such as implementing a provincial sales tax and diversifying the energy sector.”

As the Green wave sweeps through Canada with the provincial Green Parties winning in BC, Ontario, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, voters are finding Alberta Green Party and attractive leadership choice. Boonlert will address this growing trend and share his bold vision for a fair, innovative and economically sustainable Alberta, at his campaign launch on Thursday.

- Date:** Thursday January 17th; 6:00-7:00pm.
- Location:** Bridgeland Community Centre. [917 Centre Ave. NE, Calgary, AB.](#)
- Launch:** Thana Boonlert, Calgary Mountain View Candidate for MLA
Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes, Alberta Green Party Leader
- Music Performance:** Mayowa with Ben Laughland
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“Newly elected Greens across Canada in provincial politics have shown that they are able to work across party lines, bringing people together instead of forcing them apart. In doing so, the Greens have been a vehicle in presenting thoughtful and forward-thinking ideas and providing meaningful discussions in government.”

Boonlert has a Bachelors in Engineering and works in air quality with a specialty in greenhouse gas emissions. He supports evidence-based and non-partisan solutions, decreasing the provincial debt and ensuring no cuts are made to public services to ensure no Albertans are left behind.

Thana’s time at the doors has shown him that overwhelmingly voters in Calgary Mountain View are interested in how governments will be responding to the reality of climate change and of Alberta’s current economic situation.

“Albertans are tired of being dragged through boom and bust cycles and want more consistency and independence in the provincial economy. The Green Party’s vision employs the same workers from oil and gas into a new geothermal power and heat industry, stops the erosion of public services by the introduction of a sales tax, and gears up the province to be competitive in the rapidly growing clean energy economy.”

The Alberta Green Party made political history with the election of Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes to lead their Party. Chagnon-Greyeyes is the first Indigenous woman to head up a political party in Alberta.