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Parkland Institute to release new report on budget options for the City of Calgary

As Calgarians prepare to go to the polls in October to elect a new mayor and council, questions of how the City will manage its budgetary issues into the future are top of mind. To address some of those questions, the Parkland Institute will release a new research report entitled *No Free Lunch: Financing the Priorities of Calgarians*.

Based on stated infrastructure and social priorities of Calgarians, the report considers the various options available to the City of Calgary for paying for those priorities in a just and sustainable way. The report also highlights the benefits of infrastructure and social spending, the costs of privatization and public private partnerships, and the problems with raising property taxes as a way of financing expenditures.

What: Release of a new report by the Parkland Institute:
No Free Lunch: Financing the Priorities of Calgarians

When: 11:00 am, Tuesday June 15, 2010

Where: Room Glen 204 (2nd floor, south building)
Telus Convention Centre
120 9th Ave SE
Calgary, AB

Who: David Thompson, the report's author
Ricardo Acuña, Executive Director, Parkland Institute

The press conference will be preceded by a technical briefing on the report for current councilors and candidates. Many will remain on hand and be available for comment immediately following the press conference.

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