

# Social Mavrik Federation

Since 2019

## We initiate legislative petitions

- For each petition we write the legislation in the form that makes it ready for debate in the Legislative Assembly.
- In 2019 we petitioned for the voluntary formation of 20 charter public schools in British Columbia.
  - o Charter public schools can also be described as Parent-Run schools.
  - o Legislators should enable 20 Parent-Run schools alongside BC's 1,571 Trustee-Run schools.
- In 2020 we petitioned to eliminate, for in-town voters, vote-by-mail and early voting in favour of almost everyone voting on Voting Day.
  - o Experience since 1983 shows the vote-by-mail and early voting reactions to low voter turnout are solutions that are too good to be true.

## We push back against teacher federation strikes

- In 2019 and 2020 we distributed 16 news releases about the instability in Ontario K-12 public schools.
  - o Of the 4 teacher federations 3,800 members voted against labour disruptions.
    - AEFO 315 Franco-Ontarian school teachers against (3% of 10,500 AEFO members)
    - ETFO 830 Elementary school teachers against (2% of teacher half of 83,000 ETFO members)
    - OECTA 1,305 English Catholic school teachers against (2.9% of 45,000 OECTA members)
    - OSSTF 1,350 High School teachers against (4.5% of teacher half of 60,000 OSSTF members)
  - o Compulsory monthly dues create a formidable war chest for striking members.
  - o Legislators should enable 40 Parent-Run schools alongside Ontario's 4,833 Trustee-Run schools.

## We endorse candidates in political campaigns

- In 2020 in British Columbia: 51 MLA candidates were named in our Charter School Voter Guide.
- In 2022 in British Columbia: 74 common sense Trustee candidates earned 152,712 common sense votes.
- In 2022 in Ontario: 82 common sense Trustee candidates earned 160,726 common sense votes.

## Our strategy:

- Collect email addresses of like-minded citizens and ethical journalists.
- Distribute news releases to email recipients as often as weekly during an active campaign.
- Create an original Facebook post and a Twitter post to accompany each news release.
- Maintain an historical record of these documents on our website: [socialmavrikbc.ca](https://socialmavrikbc.ca)

## Our structure:

- A registered society in British Columbia that is member-funded (no fund raising from the public).
- Dues are \$30 for Quarterly Members or \$10 monthly for Ongoing Members.
- New members require approval by a current member (often through an interview with our President)
- Each member chooses his or her Social Freedom Local or is attached to a geographic one.
- Positions are taken based on 80% support of all members or 80% of Local members on specific issues.
- Locals may be of three types:
  - o Geographic – for example Campbell River, Nanaimo, Port Hardy, Vancouver
  - o Organization – for example a group of adults concerned about one school
  - o Issue – for example a group that believes “Medical Privacy for Each Person” is important
- When controversy arises, a Local provides anonymity for members and a shield for the spokesperson.
  - o A Social Freedom Local is a setting for development of trust between adults.
  - o Trust is essential during controversy about divisive issues.

# What's in our name? **Social Mavrik Federation Society**

## a) Why "Social"?

**The "Social" part of our name points to the fundamental core of our political beliefs.**

- (a) It distinguishes us from left wing thought, as described by William D Gairdner in his 2015 book "The Great Divide *Why Liberals and Conservatives Will Never, Ever Agree*" - from the chapter on Democracy, this excerpt based on page 107:

<b>Political Unit and Social Unit</b>	<b>Modern Liberal View</b>	<b>Conservative View</b>
	The individual is the primary political unit. Individual is also the primary social unit.	The individual is the primary political unit. Family is the primary social unit.

- (b) It offers an alternative to the term "social justice" used so favorably by modern liberals, many of whom think of themselves as "social justice warriors" as they work to impose equity and diminish freedom. A person who prefers more voluntary action and less government regulation in our culture could think of herself or himself as a "social freedom warrior" or a "social freedom defender".

## b) Why "Mavrik"?

- (a) a shortened and two-syllable spelling of the word "maverick"  
- "maverick" meaning #1 "an unorthodox or independent-minded person"  
- "maverick" meaning #2 "an unbranded calf or yearling" from the name of Samuel A. Maverick (1803-70), a Texas rancher who did not brand his cattle
- (b) to use each letter to remind ourselves about some of our fundamental values

M o t h e r h o o d  
M a r r i A g e  
V o l u n t a r y  
R e s p o n s i b i l i t y  
S u b s i d I a r i t y  
K n o w l e d g e

## c) Why "Federation"?

- (a) Wikipedia meaning: "A federation is a union of a number of self-governing states or regions, which are joined together under a central government. The central government is not able to do a lot of things that central government in more centralized states can. These things are done by the states (or regions) in a federalized state."
- (b) our meaning: Our federation is a union of a number of self-governing locals who are joined together by common geography or common purpose into our member-funded society. The society is not able to do a lot of things on its own. These things get done by individuals and couples in their Social Freedom Locals.
- (c) our strategy: We may find that our actions receive push back from federations of Social Justice locals. If so, the adults in Social Freedom Locals will be able to say, "It's our federation debating your federation!"

## d) Why "Society"?

We are registered in British Columbia as a member-funded society which gives us legal standing. We are financed by members and do not appeal for financial support from the public nor give tax breaks. As registered society #S0071293, we hold annual general meetings, file annual reports, and comply with all other requirements of *The Societies Act* in British Columbia.



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Social Mavrik Federation	\$10	a month* for membership Quarterly or Ongoing
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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address, Street or PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

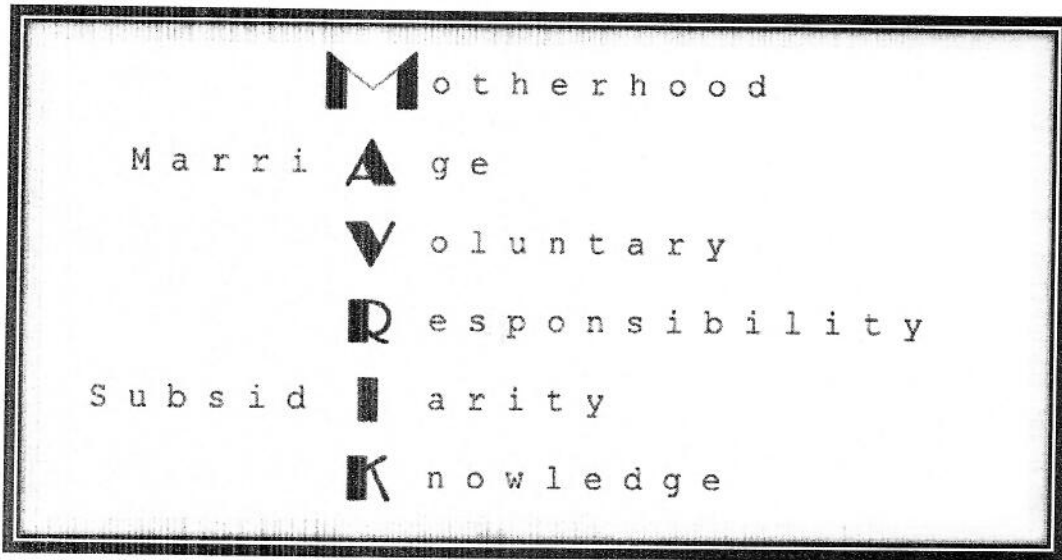
Mailing Address, Town or City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address:  as above or: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Freedom Local (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: _____	Recommending Member's Couple ID#: _____	Recommending Member's Signature: _____
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Marriage (sacred, civil, common law) Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children: Created: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ Fostered: \_\_\_\_\_ Blended: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle all that apply	Couple current role: <i>Not-Yet-Married Engaged Married Husband Wife Widowed Separated Divorced</i> Parent ongoing roles: <i>No-Kids Mother Father Grandmother Grandfather Great-Grandmother Great-Grandfather</i> Preferred Salutation: <i>Mr Ms Mrs Miss Dr Rev</i>
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Birth year: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of great-grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Payment by recurring direct debit as authorized on the other side of this form.  
 Payment by cheque for the remaining months in the current year plus a cheque for all of the following year,  
 post dated for January, payable to Social Mavrik Federation and mailed to address at top of form.  
 Payment for a \$30 Quarterly membership by cheque, direct debit or eTransfer to info@socialmavrikbc.ca password mavrik



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**Pre-Authorized Debit Agreement**

Copy of a VOID cheque to be included

Please debit funds from my bank or credit union account based on the following details

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ First Withdrawal Month: \_\_\_\_\_

Please withdraw funds on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each month. (10th, 15th, 20th or ?)

Frequency: Monthly

Number of Installments:  *Ongoing, until further notice*  
 *Three for quarterly membership*

These payments are made on behalf of Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Couple ID Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Social Freedom Local (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

I may revoke my authorization at any time, subject to providing 5 business days notice before the next scheduled transaction. I agree there are no retroactive refunds. I can obtain a sample cancellation form or more information on my rights to cancel a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) agreement at my financial institution or by visiting the [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca) website.

I have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAD agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I can contact my financial institution.

I understand that all pre-authorized debits are processed by Rotessa in Manitoba and will be identified on my bank statement as "SOCIAL MAVRIK MSP". The "MSP" means Merchant Service Payment.

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 Bank or Credit Union Account Holder Signature

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 Date