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ENDORSEMENT STATEMENT ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION, ANTI-RACISM, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING

The purpose of The City of Calgary is to make life better every day. To fully realize our purpose, we are committed to addressing racism and other forms of discrimination within our programs, policies, and services and eliminating barriers that impact the lives of Indigenous, Racialized, and other marginalized people. It is expected that participants will behave respectfully and treat every-one with dignity and respect to allow for conversations free from bias and prejudice.

First name [required]	Gayle
Last name [required]	McKenzie
How do you wish to attend?	
You may bring a support person should you require language or translator services. Do you plan on bringing a support person?	
What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required]	Council
Date of meeting [required]	Jul 15, 2025
What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published here .)	
[required] - max 75 characters	Proposed Land Use Change: Lot 6 (8th Street SW)...
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required]	In opposition

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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Oki (Hello, in Blackfoot), tansi (hello in Cree),
Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. I really appreciate it.
I have been a resident in this area for over 30 years. During this time, there has been respect for residents and wildlife who live in this area.
For the last two years, living in this neighborhood has become noisier and congested, increasing stress. There are at least 5,000 residential units nearby. For example, festivals have been negatively impacting the residents, wildlife, and our furry friends. As I learned from a 311 operator, this noise has resulted in many calls to them to address the problem. Bylaw Officers were present on site and did not lower the noise. This happened at ALL of the festivals for hours on end. The noise got so loud that it literally bounced off of buildings, and it made our walls vibrate.

Some of the garbage from these festivals ended up blowing outside of their parameters, posing a risk to animals and ending up in our beautiful Bow River. This is very irresponsible, putting "fun" ahead of environmental responsibility.
What is disappointing about installing commercial, recreation, and a restaurant on this land is that residents were never consulted.
There also is no explanation as to what each of these proposed developments means. I am 100% against pickleball if that is part of recreation as it is extremely noisy and only will make many residents even more frazzled. Having said that, I am not totally against these proposed changes.

For example, having a skating rink last winter was ok. I say that because migratory birds were away down South. When they returned, birds, like the geese, were eating grass on the same land where the skating rink sat.
I do worry that these proposed developments also will very negatively affect different wildlife as this is THEIR habitat. In early July, 2025, I witnessed a poor rabbit trying his best to cope with an unexpected crowd and noise. I felt awful for him. Imagine how he and other wildlife are going to feel about even more noise and even more people encroaching on THEIR habitat.
FYI, just so you know, construction is blocking the sign that asks residents especially for feedback. I managed to read it when they opened it this morning very briefly. When I walked back there, it was closed again. Just so you know...
I will be at the hearing. Please be fair when you make your decision. Thank you and take care.

Sincerely,

Gayle McKenzie