

Dear City Council Members:

My name is Pat Dubé, and I am a Tenant Liaison with Calgary Housing Company. I am writing this letter in support of the application for land use amendment in the Ogden area made by Jane Wachowich and Youth Centres of Calgary.

When I first met Jane a few years ago, we began to talk about the possibility of a youth centre in Ogden and the particular needs of the area, which I was familiar with through my work. It has been very exciting to see this project come to fruition and grow since its opening. I have observed evidence of the incredible work being done by the centre since then. This has come in the form of hearing favorable reviews from my tenants (both youth and adults) in the area, seeing the youth participating in activities there, or watching the buzz of activity coming from the centre as I drive by. I am starting to see fewer issues with area youth living in our housing, which I attribute to the example set by the staff and volunteers at the centre, and that the youth have some positive, structured activities to participate in. With food available at the centre, I know it helps families stretch their budget and alleviate any food security or financial concerns, which in turn often lessens household stress.

I continue to strongly support the work of Jane, her staff and her volunteers. I have no doubt that this centre will continue to enhance the well-being of all area youth, their families and the larger community. I sincerely hope that the land use amendment application will be approved so that the centre can continue to operate in the long term and help the youth and community thrive.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

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