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Rotary International Board of Directors  
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Dear Board of Directors:

On behalf of my City Council colleagues and the citizens of Calgary, I would like to offer my wholehearted support to the Rotary International Bid Committee in their application to host the Rotary International Convention in 2023, 2024, or 2025.

In the 20 years since this convention was last hosted in Calgary, our city has grown and evolved tremendously. In addition to acting as an economic hub in Canada, Calgary also has a fantastic arts and culture scene that makes our city a more vibrant and dynamic place.

Calgary has a proud history of volunteerism. We are fortunate that our city is home to countless community-minded leaders — many of which are supporters of Rotary International. Calgary has 13 active local clubs, and these clubs show the value of community engagement every day, much like their counterparts around the world. Rotary International plays an incredible role in building great cities, and has certainly had contributed to Calgary's success.

For this reason, I would be proud to host the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, and I am confident that future City Councils will see the benefit of hosting a convention of this size and scope, particularly given Rotary International's outstanding reputation across the globe.

Other portions of this application will detail how well-suited our convention facilities and hospitality sector are to hosting an event of this magnitude. What I can speak to is how eager and prepared we as a city are to welcome the world to Calgary. We have fabulous hotels, restaurants and shopping, and even more than that, we have a citizenry that has embraced the mission of Rotary International — the commitment to service, integrity, and the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship.

Thank you for taking the time to consider Calgary as the host city for the Rotary International Convention, and we hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Naheed K. Nenshi  
MAYOR

*Can't wait to host you!*

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