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To encourage, support, and build projects and processes, which promote social and ethical responsibility, build healthy environments, and develop dynamic and balanced urban communities in which all community residents have the opportunity to participate and contribute.

December 1, 2016

Mayor Naheed Nenshi
Office of the Mayor City of Calgary

RE: Notice of Motion Councillor Carra

Your Worship:

I am writing to ask for your support of Councillor Carra's Notice of Motion at the December 5, meeting of City Council.

You may be aware of a similar motion presented by Councillor Carra and passed in April, 2016 for the sale 2255 - 15A Street SE. to the Jack Long Foundation (JLF) for Elderhouse, an affordable housing project. Following Council's approval a number of major issues, which did not surface during The City's general circulation process came to light. These are the presence of a main waterline, a major sewer line, and a power feeder line. In addition, the site falls under AVPA restrictions.

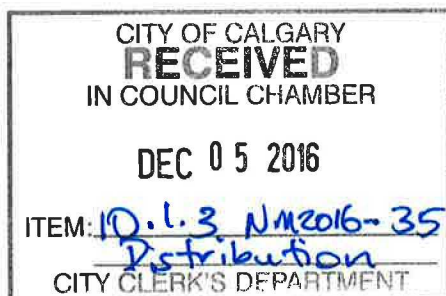
JLF has made every effort to try to make this site work, however these encumbrances and their required setbacks leave inadequate room for our affordable housing project on the site.

Since the April Council meeting, JLF has managed to enlist a development partner and has begun to apply for grants for the project, and started to contact possible donors, with some success; in short momentum has been building in the community and our partners; this momentum will likely be at risk, should we not acquire a site. We truly feel that we can build this project, provided we can acquire 2244 - 15A Street on the same terms as the previous site.

We are respectfully asking for your support of Councillor Carra's Notice of Motion for the 2244 - 15A Street SE, located directly across the street. Much time and effort, and some funds have been spent, due to these unknown challenges and we truly need to move forward or risk the considerable support from our partners and the community. However we remain optimistic in the hope of your support.

Sincerely,

Shirley-anne Reuben



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