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ATTENTION: Ward 6 Councillor Jeff Davison

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RE: LOC2019-0162 - Updated Comments from the Springbank Hill Community Association

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an updated response to LOC2019-0162. Over the past 18 months we have had the opportunity to meet with Planning, the developer and their representatives, as well as Ward 6 Councillor Davison.

While the latest "vision" and cover letter from the developer had addressed the majority of the community's concerns, we felt that the submitted land use application contained a great deal of ambiguity as to the actual proposed design.

In review with Planning, affected residents, and Ward 6 Councillor Davison, it is our understanding that an amendment agreed to by Planning, and the developer will be submitted after public comments. We are very appreciating of the time and effort given by all parties to provide assurances to the community.

Based on this proposed amendment we withdraw our opposition to this development and provide our support. But we would also like to call on the City of Calgary Planning Dept, Urban Development, and the developer at further stages of development to work where possible to preserve portions of the aspen forest on this site.

As noted in the cities Branching out Tree Program:

Trees are an intrinsic part to the quality of life in Calgary. They provide a myriad of environmental benefits. They also contribute to positive mental wellbeing. Trees help us connect with our communities. Calgary's tree canopy coverage is currently at 8.25%, this includes trees planted on both public and private property. They City is working to grow and expand our tree canopy coverage to 16%.

We hope that a Green Space buffer could be created with existing aspens, or if not possible to preserve the existing trees, planting mature trees along shared boundaries with existing residences to create an additional privacy buffer.

Sincerely,

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