

Re. Hungerford Development LOC-0194

Good morning/afternoon your Worship and members of council, and thank you for allowing me to speak today.

I bought my house 13 years ago and live on the west end of 11th Ave. It may very well be a contender for one of the loudest properties in Calgary between the train, the planes, the motorcycles through the 12th Street tunnel and the pedal pubs riding by. Its not for everyone, but I love my house and have embraced the noise and the change that makes this community a destination for so many.

There is no doubt in my mind that these 3 towers would negatively impact me and my yard, and light and traffic around my property, and yes, I am concerned about all of these things on a personal level, but I am more concerned about the impact on Inglewood as a historic community and a destination. I'm sure people would still come to get a sausage and pick up a plant, but I believe the charm and character that brings in film crews and impromptu neighbourhood gatherings will be negatively impacted. I placed a balloon in my backyard at the end of 61m of twine and the result was a bit shocking, the visual of how high and how imposing 61m is was visceral.

I understand that the existing ARP is the current law and that today we are here to make (yet another) one-off agreement to amend what was approved long ago. This is required because we have not yet finalized and agreed on a new vision for the future. Burning draft ARPs could heat a house for a winter. The limited engagement on the ARP and these particular land-use amendments have been a check in the box exercise and not a collaborative effort in planning for our future. Councilor Carra spoke to us about creating a space for the next 50 years, but I feel like we are trying to redecorate a house and have sent 3 people out to each paint a different room and will figure out how it will all fit together later. I am not opposed to development and understand the importance of the green line and TOD. I would ask that we look at the stepped approach, keep with the existing heights in the community (4 to 6 stories) and look towards the development of 12th Street to continue to add in density to support the green line, just not 20 stories adjacent to one and two story homes. I am also asking council that we slow down on approving this land use amendment so we can do thoughtful planning and community engagement to get a broad vision that continues to develop a vibrant Inglewood that continues to be a great community to live in and a destination.

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