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RE: LOC2020-0079 LAND USE AMENDMENT – SILVERA EAST RIVERSIDE

Dear Mr. Leung,

Forward Housing is a charitable organization that is dedicated to creating affordable homes where everyone can thrive. Throughout our portfolio, we operate 9 independent living buildings across the city, housing over 700 low income Calgarians. Our organization has a large presence in East-Riverside and has been a prominent member of the community for almost 30 years. We've been engaged in Silvera's vision for the future of this site, through continuous communications and meetings with the applicant and other East Riverside stakeholders. As a neighbour to Silvera and the future development on this site, we are in support of the proposed land use amendment and outline plan.

The residents of our properties enjoy living in this community for a variety of reasons including the proximity to the city centre and the river pathways, easy access to transit, as well as the overall community engagement throughout East Riverside. The future development of this site will positively contribute to the neighbourhood and atmosphere of East Riverside. The development of an accessible public park, a green east-west connection and the possibility of proximate services will benefit our tenants and the community at large. The wider sidewalks and improved streetscape proposed as part of this land use amendment will also be of great benefit to our residents.

Forward Housing recognizes the importance of adding density to the inner city, while also ensuring access to green spaces and improving accessibility to LRT. After review of the outline plan provided, we would like to express our support of the land use redesignation application for 15 – 11A St Ne to Mixed Use – General (MU1-f4.oh50).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at gmcnamara@forwardhousing.ca or 403-452-0624.

Sincerely,

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