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CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

March 26, 2015

# **Attention Members of Calgary City Council**

I write this letter to communicate my strong support of the development slated for the corner of 10th Street NW and Kensington RD NW. I have followed this development application with curiosity for some time and am informed on what is being proposed and requested by the owner.

I for one think that the property is a very important site for the community. It is the gateway to Kensington. I have seen the concept plans and the proposal for a public / private open space. The proposal is very interesting and very appealing to me. It offers a lovely area for sitting and watching passersby amongst flora. I also like the proposal to incorporate a patio within this area. I find it appealing to enjoy a glass of wine seated outdoors at a distance from the bustling street of Kensington while enjoying a summer's day without feeling like you are in the center of a city. The concept is also appealing of having a restaurant occupy the main floor preferably if it remains the current restaurant.

On the matter of bonusing to grant extra height and density in exchange for the open space, I am of the opinion that the extra height sought for a 3,000 square foot open space located on the corner of prime commercial land is a good trade. The alternative would be no public space and the building developed to the property line with a meager 1.8 meter set back. The latter just seems far less appealing knowing that there is an opportunity to entice the owner to create the plaza.

As the former Vice President of District Energy of ENMAX, and the developer of the District Energy project now serving the East Village and surrounding areas, I understand the need for density to make projects work technically and commercially. This is what happens in major European and North American cities and quite successfully and needs to happen in Calgary to offset the urban sprawl this City has been experiencing for years that bankrupts our future.

As regards the relaxation for parking for the planned restaurant on the main floor of the development that I understand requires more or less the same parking relaxation that is currently in place, since living in this area, I find myself using my vehicle far less. Although, I do see some traffic congestion during peak weekday rush hours, I do not have an issue with finding parking in the area during nonpeak rush hours. Furthermore, the subject site is part and parcel of a Transit

Oriented Development that is embraced by this community and others. Therefore, I support a parking relaxation to allow for a restaurant.

The Kensington area is in transition with large developments underway and I can understand how some residents are apprehensive to change. However, there is a difference between good developments and bad ones.

This development is one that I strongly support because it is on a key site that requires something more, the development concept is well founded, the owners have been good standing residents of this community for decades, they have operated a well-known and reputable business in it for decades and I understand they plan to live in the condos that they develop.

In my opinion, this has all the ingredients for a great development to come and I am confident that the owners will develop a beautiful building.

Yours Truly,

Kim Pfeifer

# The City of Calgary

Office of the Councilors 800 Macleod Trail Calgary Alberta T2G 2M3

Honorable Mayor & City Council:

We are proud residents of the Hillhurst Sunnyside community. For years, we have watched this community become stagnant while other areas of the City have grown such as 17<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, 4<sup>th</sup> ST SW, and Inglewood. These communities have new initiatives, developments and exciting new businesses. We have been supportive of the developments in our community because we hope that they will bring new life to the area. Bring new businesses and new amenities for the entire community to enjoy as has happened in the other communities referenced above.

The development to be built by the Terrigno family at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> ST and Kensington RD NW is positioned to be quiet significant for our community. It is one that has many residents interested and looking forward to. Especially if the development is approved to allow for a 3,000 sq.foot public space and the same size restaurant to operate from the ground floor of the new building. The developer is asking for 36 metre height to encompass 10 floors of buildable area for exchange of retail commercial space that it is going to be used for the public-private space.

I strongly encourage support for their requests. The owners can currently build what the local Area Redevelopment Plan allows which would bring the building structure almost sidewalk to sidewalk. The area allowing for a nice public space that the owners want to provide is a far better benefit to the community.

Best regards

Morley Flood

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Office of the Clerks

The City of Calgary 700 Macleod Trail SE P.O. Box 2100 Postal Station "M" Calgary Alberta T2P 2M5

Dear Honorable Mayor and Councillors,

May 4, 2015

Re: Land Use Application for 201-10th ST NW Calgary.

The Kensington area is an old community of which I am a proud resident. I understand that some people in our community are hesitant to the changing sky-scape of this area by the developments on 10 ST NW and other nearby streets such as 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. However, the area needs revitalization and I support development for this reason. Large-scale development projects will bring much needed investment into the community, improve the aesthetics as well as provide better amenities and commercial opportunities. This community is capable of becoming a world-class community but in order to achieve that, development must be encouraged.

The development that is proposed at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> street and Kensington road has great potential to benefit this community. It is an important site and an anchor of Kensington. I agree with the commentary by the Honorable Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra and believe the property deserves special consideration. Even at 10 stories, I believe this property is under developed. The suggested public area at the base of the building would be a wonderful addition to the area. I do not believe that a relaxation in the parking requirements would be detrimental to the community as Kensington is primarily a pedestrian community and I do not believe that parking limitations should be a major concern for city planning. I have many friends and family in the Kensington area and I know that walking and cycling are primary modes of transportation in this neighbourhood and I would like to see it remain as such. Furthermore, as Calgary becomes more dense and green, a shift towards these two modes of transportation is inevitable.

I also wish to address the topic of our community association specifically its "planning committee". I am in the construction industry and provide services through my electrical contracting company. I know many of the developers in the neighbourhood and from my experience; this community needs to be more open to builders and more open to higher density as a whole. I purchased a home in this community and chose to reside in Kensington over other neighbourhoods as I realize the phenomenal opportunity that I believe is unique to Hillhurst Sunnyside. Through proper development, this area can become a flagship neighbourhood for the metropolitan area of Calgary. I believe that this can become a neighbourhood with national and international recognition, but only if we permit and encourage high-end development; we must encourage high end tenants and we must encourage developers to come to our community, to invest in our community and to help us make our community the best it possibly can be.

I strongly believe that allowing the proposed changes to this land use application is the correct next step for Kensington.

Respectfully.

Matthew McLean

Resident (owner) of 1110 3 Ave. NW

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March 26, 2015

City of Calgary Council

Dear Honourable Sir and Madam

Re: Development Project of Osteria De Medici LOC 2013-0097

I have been a resident of the Hillhurst area for 12 years and am well aware of the development at 201 -10th Street NW. I understand that the owners seek to construct a public area of approximately 3,000 square feet in exchange for two additional floors of salable condo units. I support this for various reason perhaps the main reason is that I feel that this area need revitalization. Since moving here, I find that the Kensington business area has become less appealing. For example, many store fronts are vacant and there are less people walking the street. This development, i am confident will help make this area look more appealing and welcoming. Thereby attracting more visitors and hopefully our shopping district and streets will bloom to life again. I believe that the tradeoff is fair and that the community is receiving a significant benefit.

I also support the parking relaxation and a request for a hotel.

This is a very important development in the area. Everyone that I have spoken to about it is excited and supportive of it. I am hopeful that this Honourable Council will see the value of this development to our area and vote to approve it.

Yours Truly,

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City of Calgary 700 Macleod Trail South Calgary, Alberta T2G 2M3

Attention to: The City of Calgary Council

RE: LOC 2013-0097 redesignation

April 21, 2015

I am an owner of Kensington Fitness Studio, and currently reside in the new Pixel condominiums. I have owned this business for several years, lived in the community over a decade, and am very involved in my community. I especially pay attention in regards to new residential developments in the area, as they benefit my business by bringing new people into the community.

I have personal knowledge of the redevelopment of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Kensington Road corner; I have reviewed the plans from the developer to add a large public plaza of approximately 3,000 square feet in replacement of the current restaurant's parking lot. In my opinion, there are not enough vibrant spaces in our area that encourage people to stay, and that are attractive in the heart of the Kensington. I would be very supportive of a beautiful space to sit outside, that is central to all the action with a nice view of downtown.

I have also read that the developers are asking for an additional 2 floors to their hotel/condo development, and I would think that adding a very well put-together plaza would be a more than fair trade. I feel that Kensington, in general, should welcome beautiful modern developments over the normal 8 storey to entice builders. Anything that brings more people to Kensington, either living or visiting, is very important for businesses like Kensington Fitness Studio to thrive, therefore I support this development. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deb Hobbs; Owner Kensington Fitness Studio kensington fitness

May 2 2015

The City of Calgary 800 Macleod Trail SE Calgary Alberta TSP 2M5

Attention: The Honorable Mayor and The Honorable Councillors

Live directly behind the property which is the subject of a development of 10 stories/36 metres. I have been a resident in the Hillhurst community for over 7 years and om very aware of the development. There are numerous buildings in the Kensington business area such as the Kensington Gate and the apartment complex directly adjacent to the Sateway on 10° stinwithat are beyond the 8 stories alleged limit that being entarced by the community association. Fam supportive of good developments such as the one expected on the Osteria De Medici property and support their application for more density, height and parking relaxation.

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Robert Ferguson

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April 29, 2015

City of Calgary 700 Macleod Trail South Calgary, Alberta T2G 2M3

Attention to: The City of Calgary Council

RE: LOC 2013-0097 redesignation

Dear Honorable Council:

As someone who has lived and owned a business in the Kensington area for several years, I am very interested in the redevelopment of the Osteria de Medici site. I have attended several events there over the years, and have no doubt that the proposed tower development will be not only a beautiful one, but a much needed change to the current landscape on Kensington Rd/10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Having seen the plans for a public plaza, it is very exciting to see something like this given to the community; currently, there are no public seating areas or attractive courtyards, and it will certainly attract people to stay longer in the shopping district, and hopefully spur additional business for everyone. My thoughts are that a public space, in exchange for an additional 2 floors they are requesting to build, is more than a sufficient exchange. In general, there should be allowances to build more than 8 stories to refresh the tired look of the existing older developments.

I hope you will review this letter of support. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lis and DJ Perez

Joel Dixon 1404 Memorial DR NW Calgary AB T2N 3E5 Tel:403 402 6862

201-10<sup>th</sup> ST NW Calgary Alberta Building Development

City of Calgary Municipal Hall

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# **Attention: Distinguished Councilors:**

Not only am I a resident of Kensington but also work, walk and shop everyday within a 5 block radius of my home.

The development proposal for 201 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW has drawn much attention and publicity, both recent and since its inception. This is an extremely central address in the community, is seen by likely thousands of people everyday who walk, run, bike, and drive past daily.

The current plans for a condo building is expected to have a large public area managed by the condo board to be open to the public that is partially boutique hotel with a restaurant on the main level is a very interesting concept and I think great for this area. No other development that I am aware of in the local area has these features. I for one am very supportive of this development. I would like to see something like this on my daily walks; somewhere new where I may sit and have a coffee, enjoy lunch, or meet a friend on the weekend while being right in the action of Kensington with a view of the downtown core. The owners are also asking to build an extra 2 floors in their tower, and a parking forgiveness. Given what they are proposing, I think our community should support them.

I personally would enjoy this space and see others also enjoying it and look forward to seeing the final product. I have no objections to builder's request and would ask this Honorable Council and the Mayor to approve the development. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Dixon



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April 29, 2015

The City of Calgary 700 Macleod Trail S Calgary, Alberta T2G 2M3 Greg P. Shannon, Q.C., tCD.D Direct Line: 403.298.2482 Direct Fax: 403.262.0007 gshannon@millerthomson.com

Attention: The City of Calgary Council

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

As a West Hillhurst resident who has lived in this area for over four years now with my family, I always take note of the happenings in our wonderful community.

With several new buildings being erected in the Kensington business district off Kensington Road at 19<sup>th</sup> Street (the "Savory") and 10<sup>th</sup> Street (numerous towers), I am of the opinion that the Osteria de Medici Restaurant site is one of prime importance. The corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Kensington Road NW is the most high-traffic and visible corner in our community's retail district, and having a modern highrise development in the form of a boutique hotel/luxury residences will add "new life" and "new spirit" to Kensington and West Hillhurst.

I believe that granting the developer the permission to build an extra 2 floors, in exchange for approximately 3000 sq. ft. of public plaza high space is not only a fair and reasonable proposal, but also a much-needed addition to the community's landscape, encouraging residents and visitors alike to stay longer and patronize the many businesses operating nearby.

I would be very pleased to see this development happen with the addition of a public area, and I hope you consider reviewing this letter for approval of this development.

Yours very truly,

MILLER THOMSON LLP

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# John Bossey

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City of Calgary; Attention Mayor Nenshi

April 27, 2015

Dear Mayor Nesnshi & City Council,

I am writing today to voice my support for the proposed tower to be built at 201-10th Street NW. As a resident, I see that there is much development going on in this area. Many condos having just finished and in various stages of construction and in proposal stages.

I understand that the developer at Osteria de Medici's site wants to build 2 floors above the approved 8. And, to give back to this community, they will design and build a 3000 sq ft plaza or common area for residents and visitors to enjoy. I say, let them build up....there needs to be new exciting buildings to give flavor to Kensington. And why would anyone say no to a higher building, if we all get the benefit of an area to sit and enjoy, in the heart of our own community!

Please take this letter as my endorsement of a 10 floor tower and a public use area out front. Kensington needs it. Thank you for your valuable time.

With Regards,

John Bossey

# Stacey Malitowski

# The City of Calgary

Office of the Councilors 700 Macleod Trail S Calgary Alberta T2G 2M3

Dear Honorable Councilors

The Development at 201, 10° Street North West is a one that has gained attention in our community. It is development of interest, and is a signature property because it is the first thing you see when you come into Kensington.

What interests me is that the developer wants to create a plaza on the main floor of the development which is a good thing in my opinion. I have not heard about any other development in the area that has proposed a public realm, and the ones that have recently just been built have no such areas for the community to enjoy. There are 2 properties in the Kensington Business area that have a plaza/common area that I know of. One is at 314 - 10 St. NW Calgary, AB where the Roasterie coffee shop is located, the other is at 1133 Kensington Rd. N.W where Plaza Theater is located. Respectfully, both of these common public places are very outdated, rundown (and in other words unappealing) to enjoy the purpose for which they were developed. The public realm that the developer envisions at 201 10<sup>th</sup> Street is clearly much more appealing than the ones we currently have. I am sure that it will be enjoyed by not only residents of this area but also those visiting. Therefore, I support the development.

The developer has requested an additional 2 floors and a parking relaxation. I have always felt that a hotel would be nice for the area and I am quite surprised that one has not been developed already. The hotel would be an attraction to the area as would a restaurant of the same caliber as is currently in the location.

I support a parking relaxation for the main floor use, as I understand that a significant parking relaxation is already granted to the current operator Osteria De Medici Restaurant and a higher end hotel.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter of support.

Yours truly, Stacey Malitowski

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# **Candace Clark**

424, 10" Street NW Culpar

May 7, 2015

Honorable City Council 700 MacLeod Trail S Calgary AB

Dear Mayor Nenshi & Council:

I live in Kensington with my aunt, and I am a huge supporter of development. Living in this community, I see the charm, but also that many businesses are tired, buildings are old, and frankly some of the long-standing residents are so opposed to change that it hinders this community from necessary growth.

We need new residents. We need new building. And new life in general! Yes, the draw of this neighbor hood is it's charm and close-knit feeling. But looking at empty retail space, old dirty buildings, and an increase of transients isn't adding to my neighborhood's charm. I have been approached by a representative for the Osteria Italian restaurant's team, showing my family the plan for the corner that is the FIRST thing seen in this community. And I, for one, want to see a place where I can sit ad have a coffee, look out onto our beautiful city, and be in the heart of Kensington. And regardless of whether it's attached to an 8 or 10 floor tower, it makes no difference. Kensington needs to grow, period.

I want to see this public area built so I can enjoy it. And as a trade off for building an extra 2 stories, it is a more than fair exchange. I agree with the owner's plans to make this area a more enjoyable place to live and support this 10 story tower with a public seating area.

Sincerely,

Candace Clark

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City of Calgary Council Members 700 Macleod Trail South Calgary, Alberta T2G 2M3

Attention to: The City of Calgary Council

LOC 2013-0097 May 7, 2015

I currently live in Sunnyside and work in the community as well....! have been here for a few years, and am engaged in this area and the things going on here in Kensington and Sunnyside, especially with new stores and buildings.

I have spoken with a representative of the Osteria de Medici development, and this individual is known to me personally; I have seen the proposal, and I fully support the development as a 10-story tower. Having the addition of a large public courtyard for the residents and visitors to enjoy is such a wonderful idea, as currently there is not one nice area for anyone to sit outside and enjoy.

Kensington Road and 10<sup>th</sup> Street is the gateway to Kensington, and it deserves a beautiful landmark building. A welcoming area that encourages people to stay and take in the views, is nothing but good for this community, and I am 100% in agreement of the owner's proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Kym Anderson

City of Calgary Council; Members and Mayor Nenshi 700 Macleod Trail South Calgary, Alberta T2G 2M3

**Attention to: City Council** 

201-10th Street NW ReDevelopment

May 7, 2015

As a Sunnyside resident, I notice when there is movement in the area; currently, many developments are going up in the business district. I have been particularly interested in the development on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Kensington Road NW, where the restaurant Osteria is currently occupying the lot.

Someone came to our building to talk about the plans for the new tower; I have learned that they are asking to build an extra 2 floors to make it a 10 story building, and in exchange for the extra space, the owners will give to the community a new, attractive public use area. In my opinion, I would use such a space almost every day. There are hardly any public plazas/seating/common areas at all, save for some old dirty areas in front of the former Booster Juice.

Kensington needs more developments like this and more importantly, this public courtyard. I am very much supportive of this plan and would like to see the building go ahead as 10 stories, if it means Kensington gets this lovely plaza.

Thank you for your time in deciding for a beautiful addition to our community.

Sincerely,

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**Attention: The City of Calgary Council** 

Dear Honorable City Council:

As a resident of Sunnyside who owns several properties in the area, I take pride and an interest in my community. I am been very engaged by the development on 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Kensington Road. It is a project that the community is excited about.

I have, in the recent years, noticed a decline of people patronizing local businesses, less pedestrian traffic, and certainly a lot of redevelopment. There are several condo/towers that are currently under construction or have just finished. Having attended several public hearings (for land use regarding St John's on Tenth, Pixel, Lido, Ven by Bucci, and the Osteria De Medici Tower), I see that the most important development in Kensington is the Osteria site. Having reviewed the rendering of a public plaza where the current parking lot is at the existing restaurant, I feel that this will be an incredibly attractive feature for the community; having a welcoming, new place for people to gather and mingle will no doubt bring more visitors to the area. Kensington's few common areas are old, run-down and frankly not very inviting.

As someone who walks past the 201 10<sup>th</sup> Street site almost every day, I would be very happy to see this development happen with a public area.

I hope you consider this letter in your deliberation for approving this development.

Kind Regards,

Jimmy Souza

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## Attention City of Calgary Councillors and the Mayor

Dear Honorable Sirs and Madams:

Re: redevelopment of the Osteria De Medici Restaurant property

I am writing his letter to show my support for the project proposed on the Osteria De Medici Restaurant property. I believe the site is very important for the area and its redevelopment would be a great benefit to the community. I very much like the idea of the public plaza on the corner. It would support good pedestrian flow and would be a beautifying feature for the area and the development. I support the extra density of 2 floors. I also support the parking relaxation for the restaurant as I think more restaurants of that calibre should be in this area. I was asked to advise that I am a resident of the area.

Yours very truly,

Maci Zimmerman

Honorable City of Calgary Councillors and The Mayor

We are residents of the Hillhurst community and would like to voice our support of the pending project located at 201-10<sup>th</sup> ST NW on the site which is currently occupied by the Osteria De Medici Restaurant, a restaurant that we very much enjoy attending. We find the owners to be very charming and kind individuals who have lived and supported this area for decades. We appreciate their contribution and efforts to create a significant development.

We have reviewed the impressions of the public area thought to be created at the base of their new building and think the idea is very good. There is nothing similar to it in the area and the corner on which they intend to construct it is a great location. It has sun for most for the day, it is very visible from the street for those entering the Kensington business district so it will give the area an improved look and gives pedestrians more room to walk. We understand that the building could be constructed to the sidewalk with about a 2 meter setback or essentially how the building across from the Osteria development (where the BMO bank is located) would look and we are much more welcoming to the idea of having a public area. To us it is really a non-issue to give them 2 more floors in trade for them to create something as nice as they want to create. It will be a benefit to the community and to the City.

We also would like to see Osteria restaurant within the new building and understand that for it to be approved a significant parking relaxation would be required much like the one that it has right now. We take no objection to this request. I also think that their idea to include a hotel as part of the development is a great idea. It would bring more people to the area and that would be good for local businesses which at the moment look hard pressed as there appears to be many out of business and many spaces for lease. We believe that this development will foster much needed vibrancy in the area.

Thank you for reviewing our letter. Please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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# Redevelopment of 201, 10th Street NW Calgary Alberta

I live at 1204 Memorial drive NW Calgary Alberta which is within 100 meters of the proposed development. I am a long standing member of this community and am very supportive of the redevelopment of the Osteria De Medici restaurant site. I have seen the concept plans and the proposal for the project which is to include a plaza feature of about 3,000 sq/ft, a restaurant with patio (to be in the plaza area) about the same size of as the current restaurant and a boutique hotel with condos. The development appears to be very high end and I believe fits well within our community. Given the history of the owners in our community living here and building businesses here, I am very confident that the development will be quite spectacular. I support the ARP amendment to allow 2 additional floors for the trade-off of the plaza and support the parking relaxation. The proposed building and plaza area will be a great feature for this community that we will all enjoy.

Yours truly,

Grant McDonald (403-630-0216)

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 **The City of Calgary**Office of the Councilors

700 Macleod Trail S

Calgary Alberta

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To the Honorable Mayor & City Councilors:

We am writing to you to voice my approval for the proposed development at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Kensington Road NW; as long-standing members of this community for just about 15 years living within in the immediate area of the development, my family and We have been watching the progress of this planned tower with interest over the years.

Our understanding of the plans, is that the owners are seeking to erect 2 extra floors to the hotel and condo development, and will be donating to the community an area in front of the building, in which the public and residents can use as an urban greenspace.

We have seen the developer's renderings of this plaza, and it is exactly what Kensington needs to spruce up such a visible corner. Other neighbors of ours have also seen the plans and there are many people excited and talking about it

The owners of this development have been reputable business operators for over 20 years in Kensington, and have brought a lot of visitors and press/media. I have no doubt in my mind that the new building will be beautiful and benefit the aging landscape of our community with the design and the public space.

We truly hope you will take my letter into consideration, as we very much endorse the proposed development and support the owners' requests including the additional 2 floors.

Thank you.

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## Jeff Walburger

March 27, 2015

The City of Calgary 700 Macleod Trail S Calgary Alberta T2G 2M3

### Attention to The City of Calgary Council

RE: LOC 2013-0097 - Redevelopment

Dear Honorable Councillors:

I have been very interested by the redevelopment of the Osteria De Medici Restaurant property at 201 10<sup>th</sup> street nw. I view this as an incredibly exciting development for the community, as Kensington Road NW and 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW is an important corner.

I have lived in this community for over 32 years and I am aware of this redevelopment proposal. I have seen the proposed public plaza concept drawings for the redevelopment and have learned about the developer's request for permitted use for a hotel, same size restaurant as currently operates from the property and a parking relaxation for the restaurant of the new development. I know that there is a request for 2 additional floors of condos in exchange for the development of the public plaza.

As it will be one of the first things seen by traffic, visitors and pedestrians coming across the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge from downtown, the development and plaza will be a pleasant addition to the Kensington Village. There is a definitive lack of public common areas that are aesthetically pleasing in the area, and I think that Kensington sorely needs this type of curb appeal to make the area more attractive and give it more attention. Having a beautiful modern outdoor space to sit and have a coffee or lunch will be a boon for people wanting to sit outside in a central location and enjoy their community.

It would be great to see this development go forward, and am very supportive of the new proposed tower with hotel, public plaza and restaurant.

Yours truly,

Jeff Walburger

#### Kilian International Design 1110 Kensington Road N.W. Calgary, Ab T2N3P1

March 21, 2015

#### **Members of the City of Calgary Council**

#### Re: Landuse Application 2013- 0097 for 201 - 10th ST NW (Osteria De Medici Site)

We are the business owners and landowners of Kilian International Design. We have operated in Kensington for 28 years.

We have been following the proposed development of the Osteria site. We have reviewed the concept plans for the development and are very supportive of it. Particularly, we believe that the proposed plaza on the corner will be an excellent addition to the community. We also believe that providing an incentive of extra density as a trade-off for the public plaza is proper and fair.

In our respectful opinion, the Kensington business area has derogated in recent years. We cannot remember the last time we have seen so many vacancies in lease space. It seems more often that businesses in the area close and no new businesses are opening. The area has fewer visitors. It is development such as the one proposed on the Osteria site that we believe will help revive this wonderful area. We also believe that it will be very helpful to attract visitors to this area by allowing the same size restaurant as Osteria to operate from the main floor of the proposed development. We understand that a parking relaxation of roughly the same amount that Osteria currently enjoys has been requested and we support such a relaxation. We also understand that a hotel has been proposed for the development. We believe that a boutique hotel such as the one proposed will be a great addition to the Kensington area.

Over the years we have come to know the owners of Osteria De Medici Restaurant. They are very hard working and honest people. They have contributed to the community in various ways, such as conducting fundraisers for various charitable organizations, contributing to local community events such as salsa festival and are very kind and welcoming people. They keep their property well maintained and looking beautiful. They have been wonderful neighbours. It is also important to note that this restaurant has helped to gain awareness for this community by hosting internationally recognized guests to this City.

We have no reason to believe that they will develop anything but something special that we will all be very proud and we support their development without reservation.

Sincere yours,

Gunnar Kirlian

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March 27, 2015

The City of Calgary 800 Macleod Trail S.E. Calgary Alberta

**Attention: City Council** 

**RE: Development of 201 10 Street North West** 

I am the business owner of Trend Fashion which has operated in Kensington for 19 years.

I am familiar with the development that is proposed by the Terrigno family on its site. I have seen the concept drawings of the building and the public space and am very excited by what is being planned. It will be an attractive feature that will influence in a positive way peoples' view of our community and will help to gain awareness for the area. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to write this a letter of support of the proposed development. I also support the parking relaxation sought for the development as it is my experience that few people use vehicles when they visit this area and having businesses such as the restaurant proposed for the development is important to generate clientele for Kensington. Furthermore, I support the hotel planned for the site for the same reason as aforesaid.

I would also like to take a moment to comment about the Terrigno family. During my long tenure in this area, I have come to develop a relationship with them. I have seen firsthand, on many occasions that they are very supportive of the community and Kensington business owners. They never take issue with helping others. For example, during the flood, they set up a food station on their site to provide food and beverage for rescue crews who were busy working to protect our neighbourhood. They have great relationships with residents and business owners in the area, they are popular and they are liked. They are a staple business in this area and have helped to brand Kensington.

In conclusion, I fully support their efforts in trying to create something special in this area through this development.

Sincerely yours, .

Donna Riopel

March 26, 2015

The City of Calgary Office of the Councillors (8001) 700 Macleod Trail S Calgary, AB, Canada T2G 2M3



# **Attention City of Calgary Council**

Honourable Councillor

# RE: 201-10<sup>th</sup> ST NW CALGARY development

The Kensington area has lost some of its lustre in the past recent years....there are fewer new businesses, many have closed their doors in less than a year, and there is much more commercial retail space without tenancy. The area has become less busy, and I feel that one of the reasons for this is the lack of new and interesting places to attract people to the area.

I have seen the drawings of the development on the 201-10<sup>th</sup> ST NW location and know the objectives of the owners to have a restaurant on the main floor, boutique 4+ star hotel for a few floors, and high-end condominiums for the rest of the building up to 10 floors. On the main floor there will be a 3,000 sq/ft public plaza that will be maintained by the owner. These features, coupled with the fact that it is in a superb location, will be attractive for the area and will surely be a benefit both to Kensington and to the community. For the Bottlehouse, it means a fuller community and more visitors to bring new business.

In these regards, I support this development, and thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

David Zimmerman

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Office of the Councilors 800 Macleod Trail S Calgary Alberta T2G 2M3

# **Attention Honorable Mayor & Calgary City Council:**

RE: 201-10 st nw Development Project

Good-day,

I have been approached by representatives of the developer to review the plans for the proposed tower, and also to hear the requests that the developer is asking the council to approve. To my knowledge, the owners have already been approved for an 8 storey condo building that will have commercial retail on the main floor. They are asking for permission to build an extra 2 floors and a parking relaxation for approximately a 6,000sqft restaurant and a hotel. For this, a public shared plaza will be constructed by the owners that will have seating and greenery (I would like to see trees and shrubs) – generally a place to enjoy some time off of your feet.

The new building and public shared plaza are the first thing seen when people come into the area from downtown and off Memorial Drive. This is an important property. I agree that it should be treated with special consideration.

I encourage council to approve their requests for the betterment of the area.

Regards,

Elanna Halisky

The City of Calgary 700 Macleod Trail S Calgary Alberta T2G 2M3

## Dear Honourable Councillors and Mayor Nenshi:

RE: Redevelopment 201 10th street N.W. - L.O.C 2013-0097

I am the owner of Rejuve! Health & Wellness, located in Kensington on 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW. We have been in this community for 11 years, and have seen our share of struggle in the lack of business and visitors to Kensington.

In regards to the Osteria de Medici proposed tower, we are 100% supportive of the owners and their plans; building a new modern space that will be both residential and have a lavish hotel will no doubt benefit businesses in Kensington and the community. I have seen the proposed tower plans and have spoken to the owners about their request for a relaxation for both parking and an extra 2 floors, in exchange for an open common area to be shared by the public and the users of the towers.

Please accept this letter of support for the development and their application.

Should anyone need to speak with me further regarding this matter, they may contact me anytime at Rejuve by calling (403) 283-8686.

Sincerely,

Maurice Tadros Owner Rejuve!



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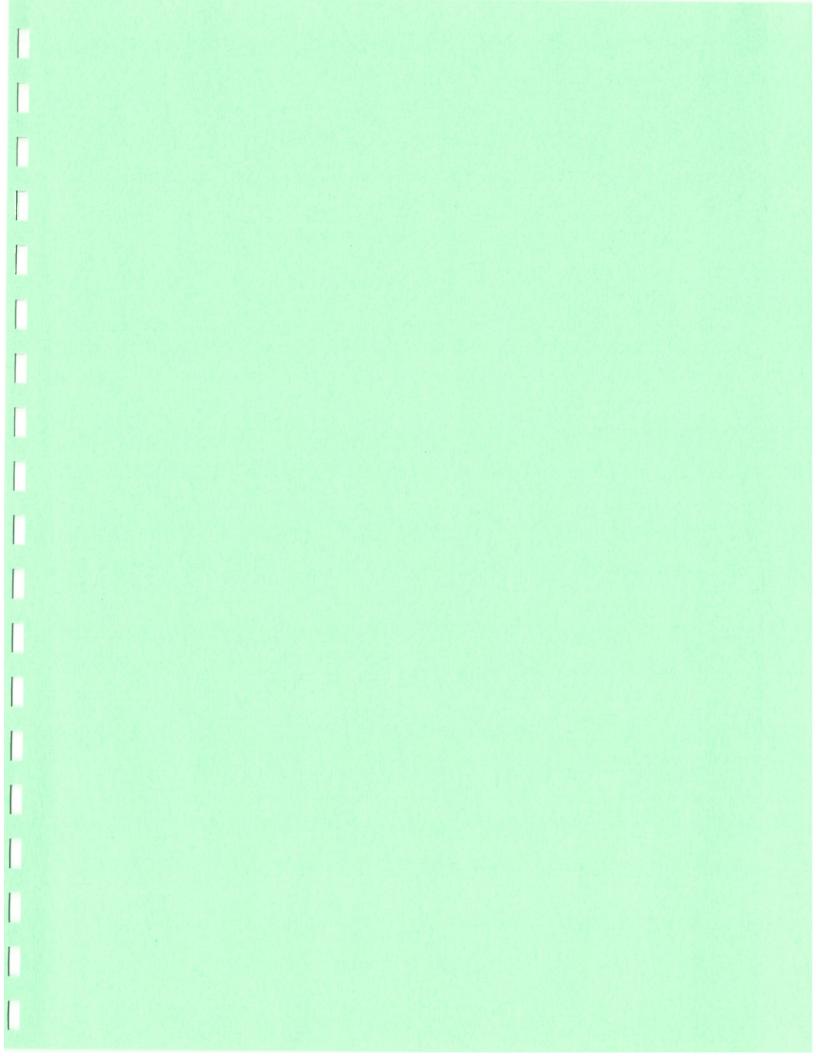
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