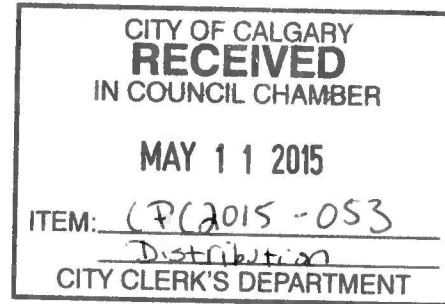




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Dear City of Calgary Councillors:

Re: CPC 2015-053

The Inglewood Community Association has been following the proceedings of the above application for land use redesignation in Hillhurst Sunnyside for some time. This is both as a matter of inner-city community solidarity and because their situation is extremely analogous to what has been thrust upon us in our efforts to oppose the CarStar/Avli development (which has been before Council in November and tabled in March) for our neighbourhood.

There is a distressing trend in unwanted and unsupported rezoning applications in the recent past wherein inner-city communities have had their ARPs violated by height relaxations. Mission, Inglewood and now Hillhurst Sunnyside have had their bylaw restrictions summarily ignored by developers with these commonalities:

- Rejection of existing Area Redevelopment Plans, which represent the objectives, policy and intent of the communities who crafted them
- Proposed plans will have an irrevocable impact of the existing character of the communities
- Broad-based opposition from the affected communities: in Mission, from the community association, City Administration, Calgary Planning Commission and its ward alderman; in Inglewood, from the community association and 75% of its residents' voting base and in Hillhurst Sunnyside, from the community association, residents, City Administration and Calgary Planning Commission
- Applications have been based upon faux-density arguments that are not necessarily supported by real population increase

The process that is in place to appropriately assess and weigh the application does its job until, at a Council level, somehow the wisdom of professional and community input is being rejected. This is counter-intuitive especially when large amounts are being "invested" by the City on public engagement programs, such as Greenline and Main Streets initiatives, which further encourage communities to believe that their voices matter. City Council needs to examine how the planning infrastructure, especially community input, ought to shape its decisions. Then it needs to let the process work.

We urge Council to listen to its constituents and reject the rezoning.

Yours very truly,

INGLEWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

“signed”

L.J. Robertson

Redevelopment Chair