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Dr. Misheck Mwaba President and CEO Bow Valley College 345 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Calgary, Alberta, T2G 4V1

Dear President Mwaba,

I am pleased to express my support for renaming the City Hall C-Train Platforms to recognize Bow Valley College as a place of prominence in downtown Calgary alongside City Hall.

Being relatively new to Calgary but eager to form connections and foster community, I know the importance of landmarks and sign markers to navigate the city and provide assurance in mobility. I recall from my recent tour of Bow Valley College that 48 per cent of Bow Valley College learners are newcomers, a mix of international students, permanent residents, and refugee claimants. I appreciate how important it would be for future newcomers to see Bow Valley College named on the C-Train map and sit in confidence knowing they will arrive successfully every time.

Bow Valley College is an important convenor of community, industry, and innovators from its base directly adjacent and connected to the City Hall C-Train platforms. In recognition of Bow Valley College's long history in the east side of downtown and its bright future there, I encourage the City of Calgary to give consideration to renaming the City Hall Platforms to include Bow Valley College.

Sincerely,

Alex Sarian

President and CEO