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I have read and understand the above statement.

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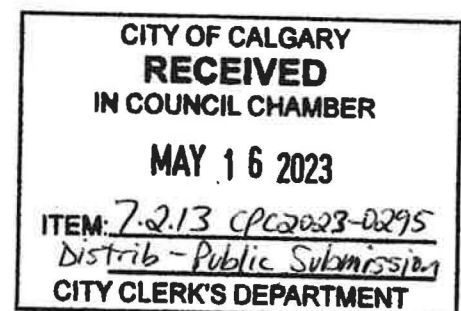
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First name (required) Ursula

Last name (required) Winster-Goodfellow

Are you speaking on behalf of a group or Community Association? (required) No

What is the group that you represent?



What do you wish to do?
(required)

Request to speak

How do you wish to attend?

Remotely

You may bring a support person should you require language or translator services. Do you plan on bringing a support person?

No

What meeting do you wish to attend or speak to? (required)

Council

Date of meeting (required)

May 16, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published [here](#).)

(required - max 75 characters)

Development at Ricardo Ranch

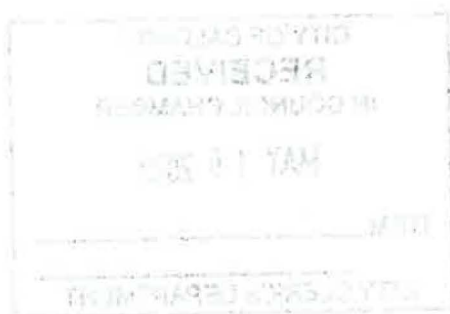
Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? (required)

In opposition

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If you have additional files to attach, email them to publicsubmissions@calgary.ca

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Please make a point of including preservation of natural areas, especially of waterways, with a very significant buffer zone from areas deemed for housing development.



Re: Request to Preserve Natural Landscape during development of Ricardo Ranch

Hello Respectable Members of City of Calgary Council,

I'm writing to express my concern with the continued housing developments so close to and along the Bow River in sensitive nature habitat. The Ricardo Ranch area is slated for development, and I urge you to consider keeping development well above the natural ridgeline and to keep well away from the lower wetlands. I urge you to protect the natural wetlands from the development with a buffer greater than what you already have planned. The development will result in increased human foot-traffic that will destroy wildlife habitat. This area is one of the last natural wetland areas in Calgary and it is currently teeming with wildlife. I know that the area has species that are in risk of extinction such as bank swallows, the last heron rookery in Calgary, frogs which are an indicator species, eagles, and fish to name a few. It is imperative for wildlife to have corridors away from surrounding noise, water and, soil pollution to continue to reproduce and even survive. The Ricardo Ranch area is significant in that it has the Heron colony, frogs, endangered bank swallows, eagles and it's one of the Bow River's last intact riparian ecosystems. It's a beautiful area that I frequent to find a sense of calm and connection with nature, and it should remain intact.

Development should be done in a respectful way to preserve natural areas, especially those at risk of survival. I ask you to please keep development away from the river to allow for nature to have a chance of survival. Please make a point in planning to preserve the natural water corridors free from any sort of development for the sake of wildlife and our sense of well-being and connection with the natural world.

One of the reasons I have loved Calgary so much is for its open green spaces and corridors however these seem to be more and more quickly disappearing. Please, please don't let the allure of dollar signs eat away at the socially responsible thing to do of protecting natural spaces. It's for the good of our own society and wellbeing.

Thank you,

Ursula Winster-Goodfellow

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