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I am a resident of one of the communities covered by the Heritage LAP, and I am in full support of the plan. I applaud the City for the incredible efforts it has gone to to consult stakeholders within the Heritage communities over the past 4 years. Change is inevitable, but it is also contentious and feared, especially in times when people feel they have less and less control over their lives. I support the plan's goals of vibrant, diverse, walkable communities and, in particular, feel strongly that communities are enriched and made more resilient by these qualities.



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First name (required) Sean

Last name (required) Clarke

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I am in favour of the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan and strongly believe this plan will strengthen our Calgary Communities.

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I support the Local Area Plan for Heritage Communities. I live in Chinook Park and believe it will keep the community vital and thriving.

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As a 20 year old resident of Chinook Park who was raised in the neighborhood, I am a strong supporter of the Heritage communities LAP. I have watched as several friends were forced to move out of the neighborhood due to lack of affordable housing options in the area and would hope this does not occur as frequently in the future. Communities that thrive the most are ones that are filled with people from different backgrounds and this cannot be achieved if the city continues to cater to a small privileged part of the population. Furthermore, this privileged population is made up of a much older demographic that by no means represents the views of young Calgarians such as myself.

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We are in favour of the Heritage Local area plan that has been in the works since 2019 and incorporates the changing needs of the city and communities. We are residents of Kelvin Grove community.



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First name (required) Sonja

Last name (required) Johnson

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I am in FULL SUPPORT of the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan. Please see the attached letter.

June 20, 2023

Re: File Number IP2023-0274.

Letter of Support for the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan

Councillors,

Thank you for considering my thoughts on the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan.

I am speaking in **support** of the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan.

I am a resident of Chinook Park, part of the larger tri community of CKE. I was the Traffic and Planning Director for the CKE Community Association from 2015 to 2020. As Planning Director, I was a delegate to the Working Group for the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan. After leaving my position on the Board in 2020, I stayed on the working group as a member of the community.

I must commend the professionalism with which the working group sessions were conducted. The knowledge and experience of the Heritage LAP team were apparent throughout the consultation process. I have taken courses through the SFU Urban Design Certificate Program, and I am confident that the planning principles the working group used to assist with the Plan are those used all over the world when considering what makes cities, communities, and neighborhoods work. The team's professionalism and knowledge helped the working group create neighborhood specific plans that take into consideration the working group's local knowledge.

Larry Beasley, former planning director with the City of Vancouver, has said, "**A city is the most complex invention of the human mind – an organism in a constant state of transformation.**"

I believe that the Heritage Communities Local Area Plan attempts to make sense of this complex invention and respects the need for transformation, or at the very least, change. The LAP is essential for the future success of our communities, and for our city. The Heritage LAP team used our **local** knowledge to envision a future for our communities that will carry us into the future. This plan will help ensure that our communities are vibrant and liveable for the current residents as well as for future generations.

One of the most important parts of the Plan is to ensure that there are choices for different types of housing in **all** neighborhoods. The words "density" or "blanket density" are thrown around a lot. This term has become so politicized and is used negatively by those opposed to this plan. Diversity of housing types in **all** neighborhoods and throughout all neighborhoods is necessary for healthy communities and healthy cities. It allows for culturally and socio-economically diverse people to co-exist side by side. It adds to the housing stock which improves the affordability of housing. Does this mean that we need to increase the density in **all** parts of the city - yes! This doesn't negate single family homes, as that choice will continue to be available. But other choices will also be available. People make different housing choices for many reasons. Some people want to own a car, some do not. Some people are single parents, single people, widowed, have a dependent adult living with them, have children. We make housing choices for all kinds of reasons and the Heritage LAP allows people to

have those choices **within every community**. Peoples' life situations change, and they may not want to leave their current neighborhood. Housing choice can ensure that people can stay in their chosen neighborhood regardless of what might come up in their lives. The Heritage LAP allows for this continuity.

Using "density" as a dirty word fails to consider the positives of density. Schools remain vibrant parts of the community, more amenities can pop up or stay, community members live side by side with those who are different in many ways, which humanizes all people. And of course, density in communities allows for choice in transportation as well. Walking, biking, and driving can all thrive in more dense neighborhoods. The goal is to make our communities liveable and sustainable for ALL Calgarians, including those who can't speak at council meetings, for those who haven't arrived in Calgary and even for those who aren't yet born. Council must consider these future residents as well as the current residents of our communities. The Heritage LAP does this.

I'd like to speak about the LAP in the context of my children and change. Children are the embodiment of change. They, like many young adults, are leaving for jobs and for school and they will be comparing Calgary to other places they have lived. Calgary must innovate and grow into a city of the future to attract them back. What we wanted in our communities and cities will be very different from what our children, or grandchildren will want. And even more importantly, the changes coming to our planet will dictate that they will not be able to have what we have. The Heritage LAP plans for the future and can flex and pivot with the different circumstances in which our communities may find themselves in the future. We would plan for change in our futures as individuals or as families or as a business. Cities and neighborhoods must do the same.

The only constant is change. Our world is changing, and our communities need to as well. The climate is changing, geopolitical forces are forcing change in the world – from immigration to inflation, energy sources will need to change. The world our children and their children will live in will be vastly different from the one we live in, just as the world we have lived in is different from the world of our parents and grandparents. In 1958, when Chinook Park as a neighborhood was being conceived, Calgary's population was 220, 000. Chinook Park was at that time a polo club and a racetrack. Before that farmland, and before that our indigenous peoples were the only human inhabitants of Chinook Park. Back then it would have been impossible to envision the city we live in today. Just as it is difficult to envision our communities so far in the future. Though the Heritage LAP can't see 100 years into the future, it is a living document that attempts to envision some of the changes that are already happening, and plan accordingly. The only prudent thing to do is to plan for change.

Members of Calgary City Council, I ask that you move forward with the Heritage Local Area Plan to ensure that Calgary is a great city for everyone who lives here now, and in the future. We don't have a great community until we ALL have great communities. Thank you so much for your time.

Respectfully,

Sonja Johnson