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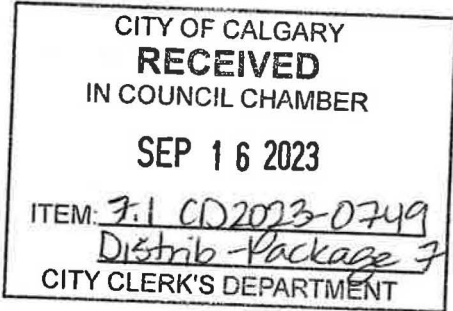
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Housing Strategy

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Hello, Mayor Gondek and councillors

My name is Binithi, and I'm a full-time student in the urban studies program at the University of Calgary. I've encountered numerous urban issues and concepts for which I have grown passionate. The notions of "NIMBYism" and "collective identities" in nearly every course resonate deeply with me, particularly in the context of affordable housing. NIMBYism, "Not In My Backyard," describes a common idea where individuals or communities oppose a specific task not because they're against them in principle but because they don't want them close to their homes. This opposition often appears due to concerns of potential negative impacts such as noise, pollution, traffic, or changes in property values. This concept of "not in my backyard" often hinders the implementation of tasks such as housing affordability that expanded societal benefits. In previous hearings, Councillor Wong questioned how to mitigate NIMBYism, and I believe transparency is the key. A clear, honest answer about task benefits and potential impacts can build trust among our community. Raising awareness about these tasks' importance and long-term benefits also helps communities understand why they're needed. But it's also about adaptability and embracing our collective identity. Many of us, including myself, come from immigrant families who have contributed to the diversity of this city. I was born in Sri Lanka, where my parents were doctors and engineers. We moved to Canada due to the corrupt environment. My parents wanted to move and provide us with a better future. We moved to Canada in 2011 to escape a corrupt environment and provide a better future for our family. My parents faced immense challenges, working jobs at Tim Hortons and Wendy's while attending college to get better jobs. We overcame unemployment and, in 2019, managed to afford a house where we could garden and share organic food with friends and family. This



wasn't easy, and watching my parents work tirelessly to provide for us was exhausting. To ease their burden, I took on a part-time job at a daycare, juggling it with my studies. It's a tricky balancing act, and I sometimes question if "it's all worth it." Yet, hearing the stories of other resilient individuals who face similar challenges reminds me that I'm not alone. We collectively share the same struggles and place our trust in you, our councilors, to make the right choices "so that this is all worth it."
Thank you!



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Housing Strategy

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Neither

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We have a failure of leadership in Calgary and in the Municipal Affairs Ministry. There is no integration between federal/provincial and municipal governments on all matters involving affordable housing. My neighborhood was destroyed in Ward 7 by 24 row houses replacing 4 elder houses. The out of province installers used driveways of residents to park their vehicles that leaker oil/transmission and hydraulic fluids or park their trailers with no valid license plates. The lack of any by-law enforcement sent a clear message that the project was all about increasing tax revenues while driving away current residents through decreased property values and disruption in the enjoyment of their properties and ignoring their comments on change in land use amendments proposals. Shame on governments at all levels betraying taxpayers and newcomers to Calgary!!!!



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First name (required) **Juanita**

Last name (required) **Patterson-Price**

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Housing strategy

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Regarding the goal to "Support affordable housing providers", there is a gap in who is determined to be an affordable housing provider. I see a lot of talk about developing new buildings which take a lot of resources and time to completion. Meanwhile, secondary suites are increasingly difficult to legally create. I know multiple people who would like to provide a low income housing option in safe basement suites, but who then come against the new ridiculous requirements. While I appreciate that those requirements are nice to have, they elevate basement suites into more of a condo instead of a shared house. As someone who lived in a basement suite before, I was looking for something safe and clean that I could afford. Not a condo with my own ventilation system, soundproofing etc... I see that the argument is about "safety", but if a suite is safe to code for the homeowner to rent to their family, then it is safe. Why the double standard? When I look at my renting options now, this is where I see a big gap. I'm either forced into a condo I can't afford, and that isn't even available, or one of the many illegal suites with landlords who don't care about basic safety and take advantage of desperate people. Why isn't the city supporting small homeowners who have extra space, who are willing to help, in a short timeframe? An individual homeowner can't afford 100k to make a suite to the new codes, no matter how much they'd like to. These regulations don't support in any way, and they don't make it better for the renters either!



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Standing Policy Committee on Community Development

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Community Development Committee

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I feel council should allocate more of their parcel of land it owns to be used for residential housing. It appears you have only identified 2 parcels out of 407 for this. Rather than disrupt established neighbourhoods for the developers to use for this purpose seems reckless and no thought has been given to these communities in regards to school, parks, roadways, utilities, and parking. The city processes have caused the red tape in development and that should be rectified. Other decisions by the city of Calgary include the closing of two mobile home sites. It was the city that went in and told home owners in the MidfieldTrailer park and Caravan mobile home park they had to move. These properties, one vacant since 2018 provided low cost housing for many people that was taken away from them with little to no alternative places to live or move their mobile homes to.



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affordable housing

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I am in favor of having new rent geared to income (RGI's) built in all communities across Calgary.

Here is the reason why:

-it will address the need for more housing to be built. (<https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/blog/2022/importance-housing#:~:text=Housing%20is%20essential%20for%20our%20health%20and%20well%2Dbeing,-When%20we%20have&text=But%20when%20we%20don't,afford%20and%20suit%20their%20needs.>)

-it will teach children that everyone regardless of income belongs in our city and in our society.

-Poverty exist everywhere. Having rent geared to housing will teach people that.

-It will attract more diverse businesses to all quadrants of the city.

-it will tell those looking to move to Calgary, that we care about all our residents. This will make Calgary look more like a place people want to live and invest in.

To the Mayor and Council;

Blanket re-zoning will not and cannot resolve the current housing crisis and there is no objective evidence that suggests it will. Adding density willy nilly throughout the City will only degrade the fabric of existing communities and it will negatively impact current homeowners greatest asset by diminishing the use and enjoyment of their properties.

There is already ample land for higher density housing in Calgary. Optimize this land rather than forcing inappropriate and misplaced density into established communities. The City should also look at its own processes; they result in protracted times for approvals and costly delays that are passed on to the consumer.

Subsidized housing with the cooperation of all three levels of government is historically the only successful way to address a housing 'crisis.' Unfortunately, housing has been left entirely to the private sector in recent decades as governments sold off inventory of both housing stock and developable land. Unfortunately, interest rates and immigration policy are adding to the current problem; it is not a crisis (just three years ago, landlords were having difficulty finding renters).

I encourage Council to take a more targeted approach and find ways to increase the availability of new housing without impacting the lives of Calgary property owners.

As individual citizens and collectively as a Community Association, Shaganappi has worked closely with the City Planners and Councillors to develop comprehensive plans that support and encourage increased density both in along the perimeter of our community. We have been a leader in this regard and we continue to encourage thoughtful development. Our efforts have already resulted in significant increases in density. After undergoing five zoning changes in the last fifteen years, it is time to let this work play out.

Within our small community, there are still many areas to increase density without forever impacting the quality of our lives. The constant path of continuing to move the "development goal posts" over recent years is one thing. This precipitous and reckless policy change, without appropriate community and citizen involvement in an open and collaborative manner is quite another. And frankly, it is not only undemocratic, it smacks of Soviet-style central planning.