Dear Members of Calgary City Council,

My name is Lyanne Cabigting, a business student at Haskayne School of Business. I am writing to share my views on the **Land Use Redesignation of 1419 16 St SE, LOC2023-0144**. I would like to express my strong support for the proposed land use rezoning in our community, specifically the shift from Residential - Contextual One / Two Dwelling District (R-C2) to Residential - Grade-Oriented Infill District (R-CG). There are several reasons why I support this change:

Firstly, its can create diverse housing options. The conversion from R-C2 to R-CG zoning would promote the development of a wider range of housing options, including rowhouses, single-detached homes, and other infill developments. This would not only cater to the evolving needs of our city but also contribute to the creation of diverse housing choices.

Secondly, rezoning has the potential to lead to urban renewal. This adjustment encourages development in areas that are currently underused, bringing vitality to these neglected spaces within our neighborhood. By utilizing existing infrastructure and avoiding excessive urban expansion, it injects a renewed sense of life into our community. Additionally, by looking at the neighbourhood, it's evident that since most of the houses in the area are single-family homes, allowing the opportunity to build row houses could introduce more younger professionals into the area. This influx of new residents can restore an older community, adding new energy and life to the neighborhood while enhancing property values.

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Thirdly, affordability is another significant advantage. Rowhouses are often more cost-effective than single-detached homes, which means that they can make homeownership accessible to a wider spectrum of individuals and families. This affordability factor promotes economic diversity within our community, allowing more people to become homeowners. As rowhouses are typically more affordable than detached homes, they provide an opportunity for equity building and the freedom to make changes to their property, offering many of the same benefits of homeownership without the high cost associated with single-detached homes.

Lastly, rowhouses offer the additional benefit of helping to address the current housing crisis through optimal land use. As we face a shortage of housing in Calgary, the ability to have more housing units within the same land area is crucial. Rowhouses excel in this aspect, providing a means to increase the number of available homes without consuming excessive land. Rowhouses stand as an efficient and sustainable solution for optimal land use, preserving green spaces, and enhancing housing supply, all while accommodating the growth of our community without overextending the infrastructure.

I firmly believe that the introduction of rowhouses through R-CG zoning is a step in the right direction. I am confident that this change will contribute to the continued growth and prosperity of the neighborhood and the city as a whole. Thank you for your dedication to improving the quality of life in Calgary, and for considering the benefits of this rezoning proposal.

Sincerely,

Lyanne Cabigting