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Re: Opposition to Proposals for Rezoning Community Land

Dear City of Calgary,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposals for rezoning community land to allow for more flexible housing types and secondary suites in established neighborhoods. It is evident that bias is present in the framing of the frequently asked questions regarding these proposals and are sourced from a small governing body with firm financial constraints, which leads to a lack of neutrality in the city's position. I firmly believe that a majority of Calgary residents would oppose such proposals, and therefore, it is imperative that a referendum on such topics occurs. I believe the concerns I outline below reflect the sentiments of many residents who cherish the stability and character of our established neighborhoods.

**Increased Risk to Safety:** The introduction of more flexible housing types and secondary suites could potentially increase safety risks within our communities. With more units, there may be a greater chance of overcrowding, leading to fire hazards and difficulties for emergency services to navigate through narrow streets.

**Traffic and Petty Crime:** Additional housing units would exacerbate traffic congestion and increase the likelihood of petty crime in our neighborhoods. Limited parking spaces and increased foot traffic may attract unwanted attention from opportunistic criminals, posing a threat to the safety and security of residents. I already see constant petty crime reported on local social groups and this would surely increase with proposed changes.

**Over-Attendance at Community Lakes:** Our community lakes are precious resources that must be preserved for the enjoyment of all residents. Allowing more units without proper infrastructure upgrades could lead to over-attendance, causing environmental degradation and diminishing the quality of life for those who rely on these amenities.











