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Watershed: As mentioned earlier adding more hard surfaces to our communities in the form of roofs, asphalt and pavement increases the risk of flooding and decreases the lands ability to manage the water. The ground is the best place to store water. So much can be done on our land to slow the movement of water while increasing biodiversity and support the cities environmental emergency declaration.

Zoning practices have cultural and social considerations to preserve community character and enhance property values. These points cannot be ignored. I acknowledge the need to more affordable housing and believe that a targeted approach to zoning is the most responsible course of action. Please do not approve this or any rezoning proposal before having meaningful discussions with all stakeholders. I'm sure that by engaging communities, environmental groups, urban developers, etc., we as a city can make sustainable decisions that meet the needs of all Calgary's citizens in the short term and for many years to come.

Further, I can't believe that the decision of this magnitude is already considered "a done deal" by council. Citizens should have been consulted prior to any decision being made. In my mind, this is a much larger issue than fluoride in our drinking water, so, at the very least a plebiscite should have been held. And, unfortunately, since councillors may have, apparently, already given the reins to Developers, a change of this magnitude will happen much faster than fluoride. I sincerely hope our city councillors will reconsidered blanket rezoning as it is not a viable option.

Sincerely,

D. Boettcher







