

#### (REPRESENTING 87 RESIDENTS)

### **1643 ALTADORE AVE SW**

PROPOSED LAND-USE CHANGE (RC2 – MCG)

#### SETTING THE SCENE...

- Altadore Ave quiet avenue that is 1 block long
- Dead ends at Altadore Elementary School
- 43 residents on Altadore Avenue
- Single family homes and infills
- Strong sense of community among children and adults
- No multi-family builds in close proximity
- Classified as 'Neighborhood Local' with 'limited build' (quoted from from the LAP) not a street identified for intense increased density
- Developer applied for land-use change and development permit at the same time; therefore, details related to the proposed development are known.

#### **LOT IN QUESTION – 1643 ALTADORE AVE**



- Borders 16<sup>th</sup> St and Altadore Ave; pie-shaped
- Development is proposed to face the quiet neighborhood street of Altadore Ave (not 16<sup>th</sup> St)
- Lot is a long-time nursery with hundreds of species of plants and trees; 8 huge old trees
- No parking zone surrounding the lot on <u>both</u> sides (Altadore Ave and 16<sup>th</sup> St), with traffic control curbs in area due to school in half-block proximity; all of these were installed by the city in 2023.
- Safety of children and parking = critical concern
- Schools at capacity; lottery system

#### THE FACTS

	107
# opposition letters received by MLCA	<b>107</b> - largest response to date
# opposition letters received by City	214 - 'massive response'
# attempts to engage with Cllr Walcott	3 - all declined or ignored; only response was his email supporting development
# councillors who responded to our emails requesting engagements	10/14 <mark>(71%);</mark> and <u>not</u> our own Ward 8 Councillor
# attempts to engage with developer	3 - declined other than online virtual engagement
# current homes on lot = <b>1</b>	Proposed dwellings on lot = 16 (8 up/8 down)
# people living in current home on lot	2
# people living on Altadore Ave	43
# additional people this development would bring to one lot	<pre>60+ (assuming 2 adults up, 1-2 down per unit = 48-64 adults + children = 60+)</pre>

An increase of <u>100-150% POPULATION GROWTH</u> on the 1 lot on the 1-block Altadore Ave.

#### **100-150% POPULATION GROWTH ON ALTADORE AVE**



• 1 lot

- 100-150% growth
- In 1 block...

Does this make sense?

This is <u>extreme</u> <u>density.</u>

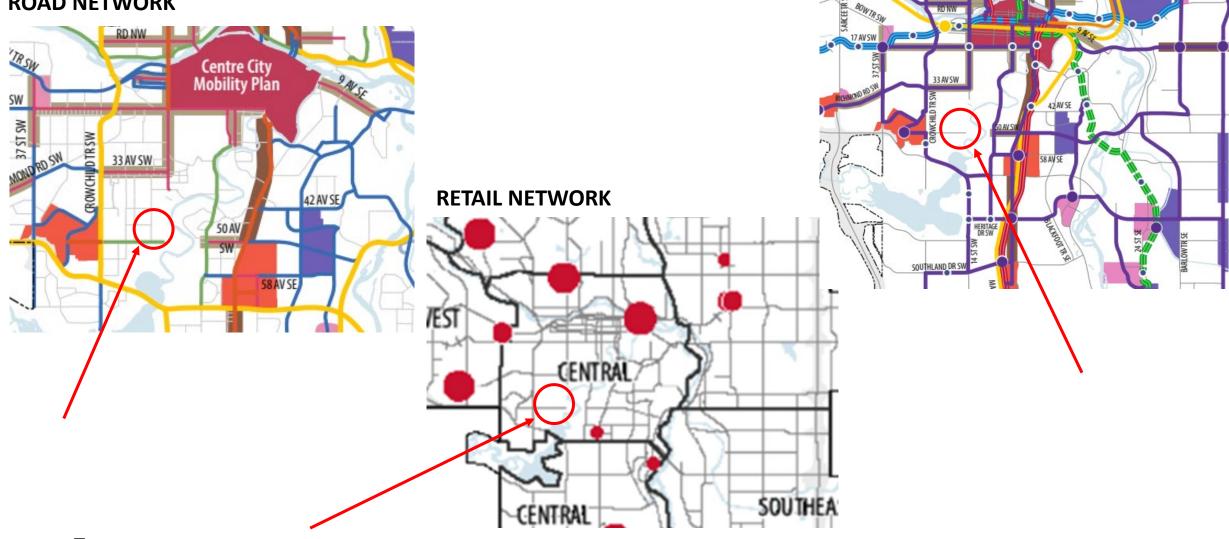
#### THIS LOCATION VS CITY APPROVED PLANS

Located on an Urban Main St Located on a Neighborhood Main St Gentle densification in area with single family homes 'Retail or Activity Centre' in proximity (within 2 km) Walkable to day-to-day required amenities Opportunity for employment in community area Bike lanes in community Primary Transit Network Can live readily without a car

Front door access to street (this is a double row)

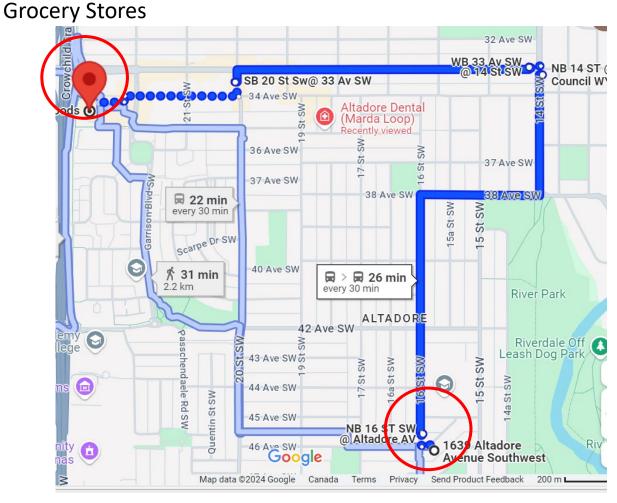
#### **ROAD, RETAIL & TRANSIT NETWORKS**

#### **ROAD NETWORK**



**TRANSIT NETWORK** 

### **BUS ROUTE TO AMENITIES – 2 BUSES & 26 MIN COMMUTE**



1643 Altadore Ave

Requires two busses plus walking

- 1. Walk to bus stop
- 2. Catch #13 bus for 8 stops
- 3. Walk to next bus stop
- 4. Catch #7 bus for 6 stops
- 5. Arrive at grocery stores

#### 26 mins later... with children?

9:06AM - 9:32AM (26 min)	튄 < 욕
■ 13 > ■ 7 > ★ 9:08 AM from NB 16 ST SW @ Altadore ★ 11 min every 30 min	e AV · on time

#### **COMMUNITY CHARACTER**

Proposal: Double townhouse row-style development (with up/down suites)

- Height Discrepancy (10m vs 12m)
- Excessive Building Height + Tree Removal (picturesque street with natural canopy; development will tower over natural canopy and remove all trees at that end of street)
- Excessive Building Height + Impact on Surrounding Residences/ Shading (shadows through most of spring, fall, winter, compromises privacy, start visual separation between adjoining houses, diminishing sense of community)
- Design Discordance (double row facing neighborhood street (Altadore Ave not 16<sup>th</sup> Street); architectural abnormalities, large mass)
- Vegetation Removal (loss of large mature trees, biodiversity, character of the street)
- Lack of Setback (block natural sunlight, create long shadows, intrude on streetscape, lack of spatial consideration = incongruity)

### **MLCA STATEMENTS**

 "This location is struggling with infrastructure to support such huge increases. The over-populated schools, traffic, lack of amenities and lack of rapid, efficient transportation near by are a concern. Most are in support of density in their neighborhood but fail to see how this MCG fits contextually."

• "We at the MLCA advocate for a 1:1 ratio parking plus extra for visitors. The community sees this property has a tremendous amount of traffic already with the school so close. The proposed garages will not allow for a larger vehicle so there there will be cars from this property parked on the street causing safety issues for all."

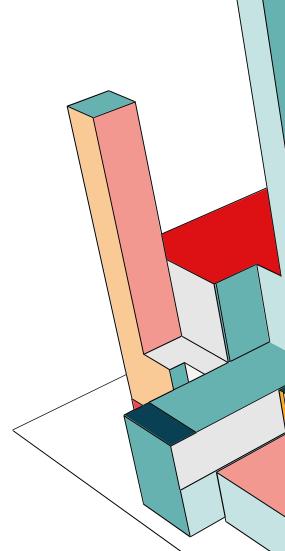
#### **COUNCILLOR WALCOTT'S RESPONSE**

(Walcott's personal response to the community, Feb 21, 24).

- In response to the small proposed garages and parking concerns:
  - "...people have too much stuff and store it in their garage'... 'park your car and get rid of your stuff"
- In response to rapid population growth concerns:
  - *"The total population change in Altadore from 1968-2021 was 606 people. Growth in the community has not been exceptional..."*.
- In response to cars, transit and parking concerns:
  - *"If it feels like there are more cars... that's because the population in Calgary own more cars than ever.* There is a higher percentage of the population that is of driving ...*"*

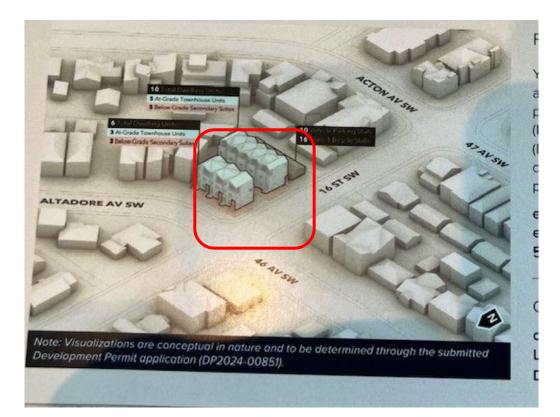
#### **PERSONAL IMPACTS**

- Safety of my children and neighbors' children
- Privacy
- Shading during most of the year bought this property for the backyard sunlight
- Change the natural beauty of the street
- Change the peaceful and serene nature of the street that attracted us to it 1 block long, not busy



#### WRONG PLACE... WRONG TIME...





Proposal would increase density on this street by OVER 100%.

## RECOMMENDATION





- Facing 16<sup>th</sup> St
- 3 or 4-plex





# **THANK YOU**