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ENDORSEMENT STATEMENT ON TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION, ANTI-RACISM, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING

The purpose of The City of Calgary is to make life better every day. To fully realize our purpose, we are committed to addressing racism and other forms of discrimination within our programs, policies, and services and eliminating barriers that impact the lives of Indigenous, Racialized, and other marginalized people. It is expected that participants will behave respectfully and treat everyone with dignity and respect to allow for conversations free from bias and prejudice.

First name [required] Christine

Last name [required] Latimer

How do you wish to attend?

You may bring a support person should you require language or translator services. Do you plan on bringing a support person?

What meeting do you wish to comment on? [required] Council

Date of meeting [required] Dec 3, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on? (Refer to the Council or Committee agenda published here.)

[required] - max 75 characters LOC2024-0196 (6623 Bowness Road NW)

Are you in favour or opposition of the issue? [required] In favour

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Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

As a Calgarian, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affordable housing project at 6623 Bowness Road NW. The need for safe, accessible, and affordable housing is a critical reality in Calgary, and this vital initiative is an important step towards addressing the ongoing (and growing) need for families in our city.

The benefits of supporting affordable housing projects like the one proposed in Bowness are numerous and have tremendous positive impact on the families, neighbourhoods, and communities in which they are built.

Families are provided with much-needed stability through housing infrastructure builds such as this one, thereby removing the stress, insecurity, and trauma that comes with trying to find and keep a roof over one's head and/or keep a family together. The simple act of being housed has an immediate impact on reducing a family's overall stress and improves the mental health of the entire family unit, which in turn provides opportunities to focus on longer-term aspects of contributing to the well-being of their community. Having stable housing allows families to focus on active participation within their natural support networks, places of employment, community and volunteer groups, parent groups and school activities, as well as engage with places of worship, support local businesses, and contribute to the larger Calgary economy.

Bowness is a resilient, inclusive, and diverse community. This affordable housing build will only strengthen the sense of community connection within Bowness, not hinder or diminish it.

I ask and encourage city council to approve this proposed project as it is through supporting affordable housing initiatives such as this that Calgary will continue to be, and be seen, as a world-class city and be a welcoming and inclusive place for ALL who call it home.