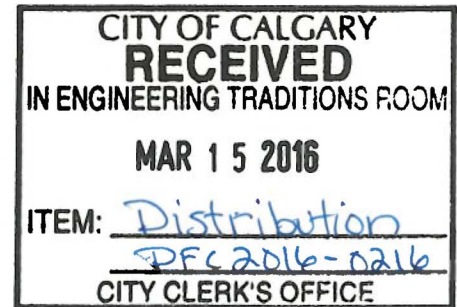


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Mayor Nenshi and City Council
City of Calgary
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RE: Community Housing Affordability Collective

Dear Your Worship, Mayor Naheed Nenshi, and Members of City Council

On behalf of Silvera for Seniors I would like to express our support for the Community Housing Affordability Collective (CHAC). The City of Calgary recognizes the value and importance of a strong, coordinated and collaborative affordable housing system and the housing sector plays a vital role to deliver on the affordable housing priority by addressing gaps and improving housing options and affordability.

The CHAC has created a work plan that creates actions on a number of housing-specific items. These actions have the potential to create a systematic change we all know is needed to increase affordable housing with the goal to ensure Calgary has affordable housing options for those most vulnerable in our city. The CHAC work plan and the strategies of the individual housing organizations when done in coordination will create the change that Calgary needs to be a leading city and a city will be able to then deliver on its promise of Enough for All plan and its Plan to end Homelessness.

Silvera has a 50 year legacy of providing affordable housing for seniors and we stand with our colleagues in the industry to ensure we deliver on the affordable housing needs both now and into the future. For the first time, representatives from across the housing spectrum are working in a coordinated manner to address the critical housing shortage in Calgary. I fully support the work of the Collective and our industry, with a higher level of collaboration, and look forward to implementing many of the concepts put forward in the CHAC work plan.

It is time for a strong, cooperative approach, to ensure we increase the affordable housing options in Calgary if we are to be a leader in our province and in Canada.

Sincerely,

Arlene Adamson
CEO, Silvera for Seniors