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Calgary City Council  
The City of Calgary  
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Dear Council Members:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Community Housing Affordability Collective (CHAC). Attainable Homes Calgary Corporation (AHCC) has been a part of the collective since it was created and we are committed to working with the group to alleviate pressures on the housing system.

There is an incredible range of expertise in the collective, from those specializing in planning and delivery of units, to those focusing on research and social supports. The one thing that we all have in common is a drive to make living in Calgary more affordable. We know that we can't make a big enough difference alone.

The real benefit of the collective is the access and ability to share knowledge, experience and ideas. For the first time, Calgary has a housing-specific group meeting regularly and leveraging individual strengths to accomplish shared goals. As a result of this work, AHCC is working closer with Calgary Housing Company (CHC) and Horizon Housing to assist their near-market renters to move into attainable home ownership. Importantly, we are now discussing joint projects with CHC, Accessible Housing and others. It will take time, as we must consult each other from the early stages of a project in order to ensure homes meet specific design requirements. But the end result will be more affordable housing units for Calgarians. I believe we will also achieve greater efficiencies and innovation.

We operate in an industry that has constant resource constraints. A forum where we can effectively address obstacles and pool resources, instead of competing against one another, will undoubtedly make a big difference.

I fully support the work of the CHAC. Together, we can create homes for the benefit of many more Calgarians.

Sincerely,

John Harrop  
President & CEO  
Attainable Homes Calgary Corporation