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WE MEET AGAIN

LET'S GET IT RIGHT THIS TIME

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REPEAL THE POLICY. REPAIR THE PROCESS.

- Blanket rezoning was not just a planning decision
- It became a test of whether Calgarians were truly heard
- Repeal is about restoring trust at City Hall

**THIS HEARING IS NOT ONLY ABOUT ZONING.
IT IS ABOUT WHETHER CALGARIANS STILL BELIEVE CITY HALL LISTENS BEFORE IT DECIDES.**

CALGARIANS SHOWED UP IN GOOD FAITH. THE CITY OF CALGARY DID NOT.

- Residents wrote submissions
- Residents attended hearings
- Residents shared neighbourhood knowledge
- Many left feeling ignored rather than heard

**CALGARIANS DID WHAT DEMOCRACY ASKS OF THEM.
THE QUESTION IS WHETHER CITY HALL DID THE SAME.**

DISAGREEMENT IS DIMOCRACY. DISMISSAL IS NOT.

- **Citizens are allowed to question sweeping policy**
- **Asking for nuance is not opposing progress**
- **Community input should not be treated as obstruction**

**COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE TO AGREE WITH EVERY RESIDENT,
BUT IT DOES HAVE TO RESPECT THEM.**

REPEAL IS A RESET.

RESTART WITH RESPECTFUL PLANNING.

- Repeal is not anti-growth
- Repeal is not anti-housing
- Repeal is a reset toward accountable planning
- Calgarians deserve to be heard before decisions are made
- Consultation must be real
- Participation must matter
- Predetermined outcomes destroy trust
- Trust once lost - is hard to rebuild

REPEAL THE POLICY, REPAIR THE PROCESS AND RESTORE THE TRUST THAT WAS LOST.

IF THE GOAL WAS EFFICIENCY, PROVE IT.

- If it was meant to remove repeated Council approvals - then define rules
- If it was meant to unlock federal housing money then reduce red tape and bureaucracy
- The City of Calgary sold community's voices for \$228 million
- Edmonton's Program and Service Review identified about \$30 million in net savings from 2017 to 2021
- Efficiency should begin inside City Hall before it is imposed on communities

DO NOT TELL CALGARIANS DEMOCRACY IS TOO SLOW WHEN BUREAUCRACY HAS NOT BEEN CHALLENGED WITH THE SAME URGENCY.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS TO COUNCIL. COUNCIL REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE.

- Council is elected to represent citizens
- Administration is hired to implement Council's direction
- Council answers to the public
- Administration answers to Council
- Full Stop.

COUNCIL ANSWERS TO CITIZENS. ADMINISTRATION ANSWERS TO COUNCIL. WHEN THAT ORDER APPEARS REVERSED, TRUST COLLAPSES.

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THANK YOU

FOR LISTENING

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