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The City of Calgary
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Attention: Members of Standing Policy Committee on Utilities and Corporate Services

Re: UCS2018-0688: Climate Resilience Strategy and Action Plans

On behalf of Brookfield Residential, I would like to thank Administration for all their work in bringing forward the Climate Resilience Strategy. I am a member of the strategic BILD committee on Climate Change, and have been involved through that committee as well as on the City's Low Carbon Advisory Panel. While Brookfield supports the climate strategy in principle, we share the same concerns and requests put forward by BILD Calgary Region. We echo their request and ask that Committee give the position their careful consideration and support.

Further to the BILD position, we note that a clear opportunity exists in establishing a cross-departmental, Industry and City working group to determine actions in support of the Climate Strategy. While climate change is a growing concern to many Calgarians, so too is affordability and the increasing cost of living. Energy costs are forecasted to increase significantly in the coming years – ensuring that Calgarians are afforded the opportunity to consider the total cost of ownership when choosing a home is an important part of creating a resilient city.

Energy labelling of buildings would be beneficial, providing consumers and businesses with transparent information on energy performance. This program would need to address the entire building stock – new and existing – in order for it to be effective. Moreover, prioritizing energy labeling for new and retro-fit of existing buildings is in keeping with policy direction set out in the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. Lastly, an energy labeling program would serve as a supportive mechanism for programs such as the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE Program), encouraging action across the existing building stock.

Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to continuing our collaboration with the City and stakeholders on this important strategic work.

Yours,

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