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The City Of Calgary
PO Box 2100, Station M
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Attention: Members Of Standing Policy Committee On Utilities And Corporate Services

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

Genstar Development Company is aware that Administration is bringing forward the Climate Resilience Strategy. Furthermore, we understand that BILD is collaborating with the City through this process.

We all share a common goal of being environmentally responsible and our development industry takes pride in providing well designed complete communities which lessen their impact on the environment.

Environmental stewardship has countless benefits, however, with it often can come ambiguities in policy during the planning stages of a project and significantly higher costs during the construction and operational stages.

Accordingly, going forward on this important initiative it is critical that we are all aligned and collectively have the opportunity to provide input early in the process before the strategy is approved and action plans are in place.

Our request to the Committee and Council is to:

1. Support the BILD request to only 'approve' the themes and programs, not the action plans.
2. Support the BILD request for a joint, cross-departmental, internal/external governance and working group framework; and
3. Recognize the importance of 'aligning' the current regulations before adding new ones, in particular on matters relating to stormwater management.

Thank you for your considering our request and we look forward to collaboratively working with the City and stakeholders on this important strategic work.

Yours truly
GENSTAR DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

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Vice President, Calgary Communities