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Attention:

Standing Policy Committee on
Community and Protective Services of
Calgary City Council

Re: reference letter for HIPville.

Good day, Standing Policy Committee on
Community and Protective Services,



I am the Executive Director of Fresh Start Recovery Centre in Calgary, an organization that provides long term live-in residential and out-patient treatment services for males. Fresh Start was chosen by the Fraser Institute in 2006 - 2012 as one of the top three finalists for the Canadian national Donner Awards in the category of prevention and treatment of substance abuse and awarded the number one position in 2010, 2013 and 2014. Fresh Start also received a Calgary Award in June of 2012 for Community Advocacy. Fresh Start was named this year again as one of the top 10 charities in Canada through Charity Intelligence.

Fresh Start has been in operation for 25 years and in the Highland Industrial Park since June 2012. Since that time, we have work on several occasions with many of the surrounding businesses. These businesses have employed our graduates, provided services to our facility and in general have been excellent neighbors. That said on behalf of Fresh Start recovery centre I would like to show our support for the development and implementation of the new HIPville BIA. We support the tenants of the proposal submitted to you for consideration.

Should you require further information please contact the undersigned.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacey Petersen".

Mr. Stacey Petersen RSW
Executive Director

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