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The City of Calgary  
P.O. Box 2100, Station M  
Calgary, AB, T2P 2M5

Attention: Members of Council

**Re: Cannabis Stores Separation Distance - Stephen Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW**

The Calgary Downtown Association (CDA) has expressed concerns regarding the potential of a proliferation of cannabis related uses along Stephen Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW in a letter to City Council (July 23, 2018).

As such, CDA is in support of City Administration's recommendation to require a minimum 300-metre separation distance between cannabis stores with at grade entrances on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Macleod Trail South to 9<sup>th</sup> Street SW. We believe that a requirement of a minimum 300-metre separation between cannabis stores will help to alleviate concern among neighbouring businesses about how cannabis stores will contribute to the existing commercial environment, and maintain the desired diversity and mix of quality retail and commercial uses.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with Administration in the consideration of potential negative impacts from clustering or over concentration of this use along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, including Stephen Avenue and its designation as a National Historic Site.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marco De Iaco'.

Marco De Iaco, Executive Director  
Calgary Downtown Association

cc: Suzanne Baden, Board Chair, Calgary Downtown Association  
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