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Standing Policy Committee -Planning and Urban Development PO Box 2100, Station M Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Re: PUD2019-0744: Health Impact Assessment Update Report

The Federation of Calgary Communities (the Federation) is the support organization for over 230 community based non-profit organizations, including 151 community associations. The Federation has acted as a key stakeholder on the Health YYC initiative led by Joyce Tang since the beginning of this project in 2017 and we are in support of not only the work that this project has been able to accomplish to-date, but also the goals it aims to achieve in the coming years.

The adoption of the eight healthy principles into planning and development policies and practices will help Calgary create a city that isn't just vibrant, strong and safe, but one that also promotes neighborhoods that support social interaction, health and wellness. Furthermore, this initiative supports improving equitable accessibility to amenities and services for all ages, abilities and income. This initiative is also important because it recognizes the important relationship and collaboration between communities, industry and health officials and the vital role that they all play to make our neighborhoods and ultimately our city a great place to live.

The creation of Playbook, best practices guide, and continuous sharing of information and resources will be a great tool that will support all stakeholders involved in the planning stages of building healthy communities in Calgary.

The Federation appreciates being involved in this process as a partner, and we look forward to more opportunities for future collaboration on this initiative.

Sincerely,

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