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Council Standing Policy Committee Planning and Urban Development (PUD)
700 Macleod Trail Southeast Calgary, AB T2G 2M3

Respected Members of Council:

Re: PUD2019-0744: Health Impact Assessment Update Report



As the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Alberta Co-Chair for the HealthYYC Initiative, I have had the direct pleasure of working with Joyce Tang from Urban Strategy for the past two years. The alignment between ULI and Urban Strategy for this initiative has been key in advancing the conversation between the development community alongside planning and development policy surrounding health and the future of community building in our city.

In its capacity, the advisory group has strengthened connections between stakeholders who have otherwise been isolated within their respective disciplines. This group has broadened the conversation surrounding the considerations for the creation of a healthier, more sustainable means of community wellbeing. It has built awareness on research, best practices, and local initiatives in support of healthy communities. And it has initiated a strategy to leverage our strength as a group in developing a local resource in support of this goal.

It is with great sincerity that I endorse the recommendation that the advisory group continue to achieve the tangible creation of a toolkit to operationalize the implementation of the healthy building principles for community building and development. The toolkit is a great opportunity to identify the local barriers and opportunities to a healthier built fabric and facilitate collaboration between planning and development policy and the real estate development community. ULI looks forward to continuing this partnership with the City of Calgary.

Yours truly,

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