

Subject: Multi-Community Letter re: Blanket Rezoning

Dear Mayor Gondek and City Councillors,

Please find attached a letter that has been signed by 50 Calgary community associations urging you not to approve blanket rezoning.

Blanket rezoning removes some of the certainty that existing R-C1 or R-C2 zoning provides, and replaces it with a blanket approach that favours investors or developers without a stake in the community. Communities want a voice in their own future development and that cannot be achieved through a one-size-fits-all approach that removes public input.

The letter went through many revisions. Some communities wanted more details and more specifics but at that point, we realized that due to the specific concerns and unique patterns in each community, a broad approach would be best. In a sense, that reinforced the point that we were trying to make: in a blanket rezoning approach, no one community can be well-served or satisfied. Instead, we need evidence-based policies and processes to guide any redevelopment: it should not be the developers or investors that are guiding changes in our communities based on their financial interests.

Each of these communities may be writing their own letters about why they do not favour a blanket rezoning approach. Opinions and suggestions may differ in those letters, but on the overall intent, the community associations agree that blanket rezoning is not the solution to Calgary's housing challenges.

Respectfully, we request that you vote against blanket rezoning at the public hearing scheduled to start on Monday, April 22.

Sincerely,
Lisa Poole
President, Elbow Park Residents Association

.cc Leslie Evans, Federation of Calgary Communities