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Mayor Gondek and City Councillors:

More Neighbours Calgary is a volunteer-led grassroots organization formed in 2023 to amplify pro-housing voices and support policies that address our city's housing crisis. We believe that everyone should have access to dignified and affordable housing, and that to meet the housing needs of a growing population Calgary needs to drastically increase its housing supply.

**We fully support the recommendation to make R-CG/R-G the base zone in Calgary.** While this change alone will not be sufficient to meet current demand, it is a necessary first step toward housing abundance, in concert with other components of the Housing Strategy.

Central to our support is that in applying the policy city-wide, it will increase supply with minimal disruption to any single neighbourhood. No one community will feel excess development pressure. It will allow more organic and distributed patterns of redevelopment, increasing housing diversity across the city.

In the ten years since it was approved as a land-use district, many excellent examples of R-CG housing have been built. These buildings fit in seamlessly with existing housing stock, creating no disruption to streetscape or neighbourhood feel. Many of them are architecturally compelling. We see no reason why R-CG housing would not be appropriate in any location in any Calgary neighbourhood.

We emphasize that R-CG is more than a theoretical planning concept or piece of municipal jargon: it is housing for people. As we learned last year through the Housing Strategy debate, Calgarians throughout the city and across the income spectrum are struggling to meet their housing needs. Our housing crisis will only get worse if we fail to act. Making it easier to build more homes of diverse sizes everywhere is foundational to creating a more affordable and sustainable city.

In adopting R-CG as the base district, Calgary has an opportunity to be a national leader on housing. This policy is supported by experts and advocates. While we realize this issue has been heavily politicized, we urge council to wade through the misinformation, listen to the concerns of the missing voices of Calgarians, and prioritize the urgent needs for more homes of all types.

On behalf of our community of 300+,

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