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To whom it may concern,

Lake Bonavista Community Association is a non-profit organization that has been dedicated to the interests of our vibrant community within the City of Calgary for over 50 years.

We are able to advocate for our members and residents of Lake Bonavista and the surrounding area by addressing issues of significance that affect the well-being and future of our neighborhood. Therefore, we write to express our stance regarding the proposed rezoning from R-1 to RCG.

Throughout our engagement with the community, including extensive email correspondence, phone calls, and an in-person rezoning open house held at our facility on April 9th, that welcomed over 400 attendees, it has become abundantly clear that a large majority of residents of Lake Bonavista and the surrounding area of Ward 14 vehemently oppose the rezoning.

Lake Bonavista Community Association is deeply concerned about the potential impacts of this rezoning on Lake Bonavista and the broader community. Despite the significant implications, we have noted a lack of engagement from the city regarding the potential effects of the rezoning. It is disconcerting that such a significant change in bylaws would proceed so quickly without seeking comprehensive input from all stakeholders or being put to a plebiscite. The magnitude of this change has the ability to affect property values, traffic and public safety, and other important community features and should require comprehensive community input.

Our current rezoning policies in Calgary allow community members to meaningfully participate in the application process and relay their concerns on potential impacts that residential development would have in their neighborhoods. The proposed blanket rezoning would remove this important public engagement tool that is in place to ensure that communities are well represented in the growth of our city.

Considering these observations, we respectfully urge the City Council to defer any decision on the blanket rezoning until a more comprehensive consultation process can take place, involving all stakeholders. It is imperative that the voices and concerns of our community are heard and considered in the decision-making process.

Sincerely,

Lake Bonavista Community Association