



Calgary

Office of the Councillors
COUNCILLOR KOURTNEY PENNER

April 14, 2023

Re: Response to Willow Ridge Community Association's Rezoning Letter

Dear Mr. Carling and Willow Ridge Community Association,

Thank you for your letter dated April 7, 2024, regarding to proposed rezoning and its impact on the communities of Willow Park and Maple Ridge, as well as the alignment with the recently approved Heritage Communities Local Area Plan (LAP).

I recognize the significance of this decision for Calgary. At this time, I continue to listen to the concerns raised by residents from all perspectives on the conversation. I acknowledge the facts about the very real housing crisis we are facing and aim to formulate my decision by contemplating both data and public sentiment.

I appreciate the time and effort the WRCA has put into hearing from residents, both through the LAP process and this current rezoning conversation. In response to the concerns you've outlined, I hosted an online Q&A which answers these top raised issues:

- utilities
- local area plan alignment
- affordable vs market housing

I understand the connections residents hold with their neighbourhoods, from memories to relationships. It is not lost on me the investments made, financially, socially, and emotionally that exist for Calgarians. I have experienced first hand the power of community built from actions of kindness and generosity.

I remain committed to working with community associations, supporting your social initiatives and programs, building needs, and working through the planning process as it affects each neighbourhood.

Again, I am grateful to the WRCA Board and volunteers for their time and collaborative work in the creation of the Heritage Local Area Plan, and the association's continued efforts to engage and inform residents in such development processes.

Sincerely,

Kourtney Penner
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City of Calgary