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RESIDENTIAL INFILL WORKING GROUP

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Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

RE: September 14-16, 2020 Public Hearing, Edmonton City Plan

The Draft Edmonton City Plan is introduced as a “version of our city that respects and preserves the things we value today while also creating a city to attract and inspire its next million residents”. It sets an ambitious Big Move to accommodate half the population growth through infill while preserving the values of Edmontonians.

One of six major values is that “Edmontonians want to LIVE in a place that feels like home” with a desired outcome that “Edmontonians feel safe and secure” (p50). In order for Edmontonians to feel safe and secure in the midst of redevelopment around them they need to know that the City will protect them from safety hazards and property damage during construction, and that they can continue to live in a place that feels like home. They need to know this is a City priority; and there is no better way to do so than to put your intentions into the City Plan.

We suggest the following Intention and Direction be added to the Plan (at the end of page 53):

2.1.4 Ensure that redevelopment occurs in a manner to protect the public and adjacent property owners and residents from safety hazards and damage to public and private property.

2.1.4.1 Consistently apply Provincial legislation, Municipal bylaws and City policies to protect the public and adjacent property owners and residents from safety hazards and damage to public and private property.

Thank you for considering our suggestions and showing you care about existing residents as much as you care about future residents and the building industry.

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On behalf of the Residential Infill Working Group