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By Email Only

Re: ARP Amendment of October 24 and Land Use Application LOC2007-0080

The Civic Affairs Committee (the Committee) of the Ramsay Community Association (RCA) wishes to express the community's enthusiasm and support in principle for the concept of the development of the Ramsay Exchange site and the desire for increased communication, collaboration, and dialogue between all stakeholders; the applicant, the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, the City, and the residents of the community of Ramsay.

The Committee acknowledges significant positive changes in the October 24 draft Amendment from the community's perspective. The Committee also acknowledges the effort made by City Administration to engage Ramsay in the discussion required to address the community's position on the Ramsay Exchange development.

Aspects of the development that we can support include the adaptive re-use of the Riverside Iron Works building for environmentally friendly purposes, higher density mixed uses in appropriate land use districts, affordable multi-family housing, townhouses along the site perimeter that are contextual with adjacent low-rise residential, and potential community amenities including a community-scaled grocery store to support a sustainable inner city community.

As documented in our previous letter of October 3, 2008, several issues remain unresolved and include: a comprehensive Concept Plan; an Environmental Review (ref. 3.3.12 "Environmental Remediation and Landfill Setbacks", draft 2 Amendment; Ramsay Exchange HHRA; and CES interface); and a comprehensive Traffic Study. The Oct. 3 letter is attached for reference.

The Committee and the community of Ramsay look forward to continuing dialogue with the applicant and other stakeholders to resolve these important quality of life and human health issues in the spirit of collaboration towards building a healthy, vibrant and diverse mixed use development.

The Community of Ramsay welcomes sustainable development that respects the history and emerging character of the neighborhood, complies with the Area Redevelopment Plan and bylaws, and will be a benefit to the people who live here.

Respectfully,

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Ramsay Community Association

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Attachments: Letter to Transportation Planning, Sept. 5, 2008.
Letter to LUPP, October 3, 2008.