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Heritage Authority

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Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing this letter of support for the Century Gardens Design Development plan on behalf of the Calgary Heritage Authority. As you know Century Gardens is listed on Calgary's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources and the Park is one of Calgary's most unique cultural landscapes. The historic significance of the park is associated with Calgary's 1975 Centennial celebration and the Devonian Group of Charitable Organizations that contributed funding for the Park. The design of the park was chosen as a symbol of Calgary's coming of age, and reflected the City's maturity through the modern, contemporary design. This includes the expressionist concrete fountains as representations of the mountains with water weaving through the structures until the two paths of water come together in the middle of the park, just as the Bow and Elbow rivers come together in the middle of our City.

The Calgary Heritage Authority has been a stakeholder in this project since 2010 and has been committed to the project as the plans continued to change for the adjacent land. Now that a plan is in place for both the parkland and the adjacent development The Calgary Heritage Authority is happy to support the Century Gardens Design Development Plan. We feel the concept plan retains the historic significance of the site and, by controlling access to the upper level of the large fountain, the concept also ensures the park will be safe for all who visit. Calgary Parks has found a solution that balances many differing priorities and The Calgary Heritage Authority encourages Council to approve the proposed design.

Sincerely,

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