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NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: CALGARY'S PLACE AS A VITAL PART OF ALBERTA AND CANADA

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Mayor Farkas, Councillor Yule

WHEREAS Calgary is located in the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kaini and Piikani Nations, as well as the Tsuut'ina Nation and the Iyarhe Nakoda First Nations, and is home to the Otipemisiwak Metis Government, Districts 5 and 6, and many Indigenous people from across Canada,

WHEREAS Calgary's relationship with Indigenous peoples is grounded in Treaty 7 and other constitutional relationships that must be respected,

WHEREAS the memberships of leading business and nonprofit associations including the Calgary Chamber ([source](#)), Business Council of Alberta ([source](#)), and the NonProfit Chamber ([source](#)) are deeply concerned about the negative impacts of separation;

WHEREAS a recent study by the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy ([source](#)) expects that separation would result in increased taxes and decreased income for Albertans due to a slowed economy and investment uncertainty;

WHEREAS a strong majority of Calgarians consistently indicate, through publicly available polling data ([source](#)), that they wish to remain in Canada;

WHEREAS section 3 of Alberta's Municipal Government Act (MGA) establishes that the purposes of a municipality include providing good government, fostering the economic development of the municipality, providing services and facilities considered necessary or desirable by Council, and developing and maintaining safe and viable communities,

WHEREAS section 153 of the MGA requires each member of Council to consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole and bring forward matters that would promote those interests,

WHEREAS matters that create material risk or uncertainty for Calgary's economy, municipal finances, infrastructure investment, or ability to deliver services engage Council's responsibility to consider and protect the interests of Calgary as a whole;

WHEREAS Council therefore has both a municipal purpose and a responsibility to consider the potential impacts of Alberta separation on Calgary and to advocate for the economic and community interest of Calgarians;

WHEREAS Calgary currently receives significant federal funding for housing, public transit, infrastructure and other municipal priorities, and Alberta's separation from Canada would Calgary's continued access to existing federal funding programs and future federal investments at risk,

AND WHEREAS the economic strength of Alberta and Canada directly affect The City of Calgary's capacity to deliver on all of City Council's 2027-2030 Strategic Priorities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council affirms Calgary's place as a vital part of Alberta and Canada.