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## ERIN WAITE ANNOUNCES SHE'S TAKING A STAND FOR WARD 7

Calgary, AB. Today, Erin Waite announces that her name will be added to the Ward 7 ballot for the October 18th municipal election.

Stepping up to represent her Ward 7 neighbours follows 10 years managing a disability services non profit, which was preceded by a career in corporate communications.

More notably, Erin has lived in Ward 7 for more than 30 years. With her heart in the community, now is the time for Erin to stand up for her neighbours in Ward 7's inner city communities, and to tackle the Downtown challenge. Erin has a vision of a city where young people grow up and are excited to choose Calgary as the home where they will settle and raise their children.

**“With the change in Ward boundaries to include all of Downtown, Ward 7 communities north of the Bow shoulder the responsibility for repurposing and repopulating our Downtown. While we all enjoy our stunning skyline, we have work to do to ensure the core is vibrant, clean and safe.”**

Erin's campaign will highlight her particular skills to improve community consultation throughout City processes, so that residents feel heard, and decisions help build community and good neighbour relationships.

Erin's experience on nine Boards of Directors adds a depth of governance expertise that will support a productive role on Council. Good governance can ensure the focus stays on strategic policy and sound decisions, rather than divisiveness and personalities. Erin looks forward to working effectively with her colleagues, and making decisions that build on our liveable and vibrant City.

From getting to know 100s of families affected by disability, Erin learned the many ways our City and systems have barriers and reflect long-standing stigma. Erin is inspired to run so she can help make our City more accessible, and barrier-free for all Calgarians.

Disability policy advocacy gave Erin expertise working with other levels of government and that experience will be invaluable helping our City recover and transition.

The next four years for Calgary will require careful stewardship to mitigate the impact of the pandemic, and accelerate the necessary transition to be a city with new opportunities for everyone. Erin Waite wants to take on that challenge for Ward 7.

Watch for opportunities to meet Erin, to learn more about her platform, and to join the campaign to elect Erin Waite for Ward 7 Councillor at [www.erinwaite.ca](http://www.erinwaite.ca).

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