

DECLARATION OF SUPPORT:

It has been over five years since the 2013 southern Alberta flooding that devastated businesses, infrastructure, entire communities and the livelihoods of tens of thousands of Calgarians and Albertans. The disaster claimed five innocent lives, cost the City almost \$2 billion in property damages, and our Province over \$6 billion in losses. Yet, presently we remain just as exposed to the disastrous consequences of flooding along the Elbow River as pre-2013, and we have only partially mitigated the potential damage that could be inflicted by the Bow River.

Since 2013, much of the City has rebounded, due in no small part to the resilience of property and business owners. Renovations, rebuilds and insurance proceedings have mostly concluded – and for many, their lives and businesses were permanently changed. However – due to the continued vulnerability of Calgary to the reality of devastation by flooding, every spring and summer brings high levels of uncertainty and stress for those who live and work near the Bow or Elbow rivers.

We must act now on appropriate, efficient, cost-effective flood mitigation measures to ensure that a disaster like this never happens again to the city of Calgary. It's imperative to all Albertans that the economic engine of this Province – the downtown Core of Calgary – will no longer be vulnerable to the devastation of a flood event.

We, the undersigned, strongly support the work of all three levels of our government, the Calgary River Communities Action Group, Flood Free Calgary and their partners and agree that upstream mitigation measures, including the Springbank Dry Reservoir Project (which is currently underway, funded and well advanced) must be completed and fully implemented with a sense of urgency.

We ask for the full support of all political parties, including the Alberta New Democratic Party, the United Conservative Party, the Alberta Party and Alberta Liberal Party, in this effort.

Our City simply cannot afford to experience a disaster of that scale again.

I agree that this executed declaration of support may be shared by CRCAG and FFC, to demonstrate the importance of flood mitigation to candidates in our upcoming elections and to current members of governments.

Association _____ Signature _____

Date: _____ Name & Title _____