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Position Statement Affordable Housing

The EFCL supports the development of quality affordable housing for low-income residents throughout the City of Edmonton.

EFCL supports the integration of diverse types of affordable housing throughout all communities in Edmonton, which will provide housing for all types of living arrangements and life situations.

Affordable housing addresses the needs of persons who have a household income below the Edmonton median income and spend more than 30% of their income on housing.

Quality affordable housing improves the standard of living and quality of life of individuals and families and contributes to the building of strong and prosperous communities by:

- Providing security and stability for lower income individuals and families
- Integrating lower income families and individuals into existing supportive communities
- Creating cultural diversity in communities
- Allowing seniors to remain in communities of their choice
- Enabling people with disabilities to live independently
- Attracting businesses and workers that contribute to the tax base
- Supporting local businesses, schools and recreation facilities
- Lowering crime rates and mitigating the risk of social concerns that may arise from lack of affordable housing

The EFCL further believes that affordable housing should:

- Be located close to educational, recreational, shopping and transit sites
- Be well served by public transit
- Include usable green space for recreation for all age groups
- Include useable green space designed for family and child oriented activities
- Be a compulsory component in any new residential development
- Encourage long-term residency
- Create mixed income housing throughout existing neighbourhoods, evenly across the city
- Reduce utility costs and carbon footprint
- Be inclusionary in nature by supporting a range of income, age, ability and cultural differences
- Provide rental opportunities as well as ownership opportunities
- Be architecturally appealing



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EFCL supports utilizing a diverse set of strategies and models that will address affordable housing needs of Edmontonians on a long term basis.

EFCL supports affordable housing strategies that:

- Are long-term solutions providing a continuing supply of affordable housing in Edmonton
- Address short, medium and long term needs of those requiring affordable housing
- Provides a variety of housing models that would allow for ownership, rental, non-equity co-operatives and other models to meet the varying needs of Edmontonians
- Capitalizes on the infrastructure investment of affordable housing units over the life cycle of the units

Adopted by the Board on February 11, 2010

Approved by the President

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