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Burrows Campaign Announces Safe Streets, Safer Homes Policy on Domestic Violence

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Safe Streets, Safer Homes - End Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence continues to grow in this city as Police responded to over 14,000 calls last year regarding domestic violence.

As a former Police Commissioner and with a sister who is a Police Officer in the Domestic Violence Unit in London, Ontario, we reaffirm our commitment to end domestic violence.

We will do this by working with the Province, the Crown, the Police, and social agencies to create a strategy to encourage people to come forward and protect them once they do. We need a plan that will increase services but does not increase costs.

Our campaign offers a two step approach:

Domestic Violence Collaborative Centre – We will create a centre similar to the San Diego model that makes it easy for victims to come forward and get help. Rather than going to different agencies, the police, or hospitals across the city, we can have them go to one centre to assess the situation. By having police, Crown attorneys, medical and social agencies under one roof, we can offer seamless support that is immediate and efficient.

Affordable & Transitional Housing – One of the biggest challenges in our current model to end domestic violence is adequate housing for victims to escape their abusers. Crisis centres handle emergencies and short term accommodations but we need a long term plan. This is where the city should and will step in as I'll make it a priority as Mayor. The City should set aside housing through Calgary Housing Corp to make sure victims have an alternative than being forced to go back to their abuser.

As we head into Thanksgiving weekend, this is a time to give thanks for what we have as Calgarians but realize that some Calgarians need our help. ***“The truth of the matter is that one has a greater chance to be killed by a loved one than a stranger; this needs to be addressed”***, says Craig, ***“as Mayor, my wife Danielle and I have decided that this will be our #1 priority as a couple to help in any way that we can to end the circle of violence”***.

Today we announce a new vision for a safer city for all Calgarians. I can't do it alone. I need your help. This is a vision worth fighting for and I need your time, your advice, and your financial support to communicate a message of what Calgary could and will be.

Craig



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