**PETITION (DISASTER PREPAREDNESS STRATEGIES “*FOR A BETTER CALGARY*”)**

**TO CITY COUNCIL**

We, the undersigned citizens of Calgary, draw the Calgary City Council’s attention to the following matters:

WHEREAS catastrophic flooding devastated Calgary Bow and Elbow river communities in June 2013;

AND WHEREAS the flooding of June 2013 was the costliest disaster in Canadian history;

AND WHEREAS Calgary, as the economic engine of Canada must remain operational year after year without incurring repeated flood damage and loss of productivity and resources;

AND WHEREAS many properties in Calgary Bow and Elbow river communities incurred damage from the June 2013 flood;

AND WHEREAS long-term upstream flood mitigation projects will take a number of years to complete;

AND WHEREAS long-term municipal water infrastructure and flood resiliency projects will take a number of years to complete;

AND WHEREAS another catastrophic flooding event is possible prior to the completion of long-term upstream flood mitigation and municipal water infrastructure and flood resiliency projects;

AND WHEREAS many citizens of Calgary in Bow and Elbow river communities are experiencing financial challenges preventing them from protecting their property during the annual flood season (May15 to July15);

AND WHEREAS the mental health state of many citizens of Calgary in Bow and Elbow river communities are of disillusionment, abandonment, frustration, and anxiety as the anniversary of the June 2013 approaches;

AND WHEREAS leaders in Calgary Bow and Elbow river communities have indicated they will work with The City and The Canadian Red Cross to develop and implement community-oriented disaster preparedness strategies to protect people and properties in river communities during the annual flood season (May15 to July15);

NOW THEREFORE, your petitioners, request Calgary City Council to direct Administration to work with the Canadian Red Cross and leaders in Calgary Bow and Elbow river communities *for a better Calgary*, through the development and implementation of community-oriented disaster preparedness strategies. And that Calgary City Council support immediate community-oriented disaster preparedness strategies to protect people and property in Bow and Elbow river communities. And that Calgary City Council continues to advocate for funding in support of community-oriented disaster preparedness strategies.

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**Approved April 20, 2014**

**Please return completed petitions to James Maxim, “*For A Better Calgary*”: 719 Rideau Rd SW, Calgary AB, T2S 0R9 – by April 30, 2014**