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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Comments
I have been working to assist the HR comm with the age issue. I append below my written comment, which their Chair says she will encorporate in their report.
To better respect the rights of our residents, I suggest that this committee provide advice to the Mayor on every instance of city actions raising concerns of an HR violation. Every concern of a Human Rights violation, raised at a committee meeting should be deliberated by the Rights Comm. Mitigating such concerns early is far better than letting things fester and become complaints to the MB HR Comm.

Thanks for recognizing the needs of the elderly. One thing we should all realize is that the voters who should be of concern do not all live in care homes. Many of them live in apartment buildings. Those who live in single family houses may want to move to a local care home, but for my neighbors, the city has taken away that option, twice.
Accommodating the needs of the elderly goes beyond providing bus service to the front doors of apartment buildings, hospitals and malls. You largely stopped providing that service in 2025.
It is unkind stereotyping to suggest that large-printing is what seniors need. Like many others, my vision is still perfect.
You still fail to provide reminders to the elderly at crosswalks. There is no reminder to stay on the curb for 5 seconds after that button is pushed. There are no countdowns at some intersections. For decades, Calgary has operated crossings with metal gates that can only be swung open when it is safe to do so. You have failed to raise the plow-priority of those collector

streets which have no sidewalks. All of these are key to the safe use of our streets and sidewalks by the elderly. One slip and fall can permanently end the mobility of a senior.
Did you know that most workplaces are forced to lay off workers when they turn 70? Does the city force out any worker when they turn 70? Does the city hire those who can still work after turning 70, and can find no other employment? Employment is one of your key UN indicators.
Did you know that those who raised kids and foster kids, and thus did not pay much into a pension, may have retirement income far below the poverty level? What action is the city taking to protect those hard-working people from becoming homeless as they face the big housing crunch?`

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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