

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Calgary Chamber responds to Olympics plebiscite

CALGARY – Sandip Lalli, President and CEO of the Calgary Chamber issued the following statement in response to results of the November 13 plebiscite in which Calgarians voted not to pursue a bid on the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We emerge stronger as a city and a business community for having a passionate debate on whether to pursue a bid for the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

While a majority of Calgarians have said no to these Games, the Calgary Chamber has heard an unequivocal yes from people and businesses on both sides of the debate who are ready to dream big and build a city and business community that nourishes, powers and inspires the world.

Throughout the debate we have heard from citizens as well as civic and business leaders who have visions for the future of our city, for our business community and for our economy. And we have also been justifiably reminded by some of the challenges that stand in our way.

The Chamber is certain that we all will come out of this debate united and committed to meet those challenges head on. We don't need the Olympic Games to rise to capitalize on marketplaces.

This city is extraordinary. We are young, dynamic, entrepreneurial and full of dreamers and those who have the skills to execute on those dreams. Nothing has changed overnight. We will move forward with a can-do attitude, swagger, courage and conviction.

The Chamber would also like to express its gratitude to those who have worked so hard over the past three years on the bid process. And we would also like to thank those who caused us to pause and think about the cautions of moving forward at this time.

Calgary is better today because of your efforts.

Sandip Lalli

President and CEO

Calgary Chamber

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The Calgary Chamber is an independent non-profit, non-partisan business organization. For 127 years the Chamber has worked to build a business community that nourishes, powers and inspires the world.

