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Mayor Stephen Mandel
City of Edmonton
2nd Floor, City Hall
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Dear Mayor Mandel,

BOMA Edmonton, as the voice of commercial real estate in Edmonton, takes a keen interest in the growth and development of the Capital Region.

BOMA Edmonton enthusiastically supports a Downtown Arena District project and we would like to encourage you and your Council colleagues to approve the following bylaws:

- Bylaw 15489 - Text amendment to Section 910 of the Edmonton Zoning Bylaw
- Bylaw 15490 - To allow development in the new (AED) Arena and Entertainment District Zone
- Bylaw 15491 - Closure of road right of way, located north of 104 Avenue NW, between 103 and 104 Streets NW, Downtown

We believe that, given a made for Edmonton funding model, coupled with the timely introduction of other commercial and multi-residential developments near the proposed arena, the Arena District Proposal can be a very exciting, even iconic, development for the City of Edmonton- one that could be a stimulus to the continuing growth and revitalization of our Downtown. It is our hope that, during the coming months, every effort will be made to expedite the regulatory and development process so as to facilitate an appropriate start to the construction of a new arena.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the Katz Group proposal and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our support for the bylaw and regulatory changes.

We look forward to our continuing partnership with the City in working together to make Edmonton a great place for people to live, work and play.

Regards,
BOMA Edmonton


Percy J Woods
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