

January 5, 2011

Mayor Stephen Mandel  
City of Edmonton, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, City Hall  
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square  
Edmonton, AB  
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RE: Edmonton Arena District Project

Dear Mayor Stephen Mandel and Members of Council:

As an actively involved business leader in the Capital Region, I have a significant vested interest in our city's future commercial outcomes.

It is with this in mind that I want to express my personal commitment and support for the Edmonton Arena District project. This project, done correctly, will be a critical and purposeful step toward our city and region's strategic growth objectives. It is one of the most advantageous opportunities we've had over the last few decades to initiate strong momentum and growth as we work towards making our city more attractive for capital investors, tourists and residents.

Now is a crucial time when decisions will be made which will determine what state we leave this city in for our children and grandchildren. I encourage you and all members of council to have the insight to embrace a bold vision like the Edmonton Arena District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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