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Mayor Brenda Locke and Members of Surrey City Council

City of Surrey
13450 – 104 Avenue
Surrey, BC V3T 1V8

Dear Mayor Locke and Members of Council,

**Re: Support for Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, Amendment Bylaw, 2024, No. 21496
South Campbell Heights Local Area Plan – Stage 2 Final Report**

On behalf of the Surrey Board of Trade, representing over 3,000 members from a diverse range of industries, we write to express our strong support for the approval of the proposed South Campbell Heights Local Area Plan and the associated Zoning By-law Amendment. This plan is not only essential for Surrey's continued economic development but will also generate significant benefits for the entire Metro Vancouver region.

The South Campbell Heights area represents a critical opportunity to address the region's ongoing industrial land shortage, a growing concern for businesses seeking expansion, investment, and job creation opportunities. The approval of this plan will provide much-needed industrial, commercial, and employment lands that will enhance Surrey's economic competitiveness and attract new businesses to the area. Additionally, the development of these lands will contribute to local job growth, expand Surrey's tax base, and further establish our city as a key economic hub in the region.

Surrey's business community recognizes the importance of strategic planning in achieving long-term economic sustainability while balancing environmental and community needs. The South Campbell Heights Local Area Plan incorporates these priorities, offering a framework that aligns with regional goals for economic growth and responsible development. With appropriate zoning and infrastructure investment, this area will unlock unparalleled opportunities for industrial and commercial growth, helping Surrey and the broader Metro Vancouver region remain competitive in a rapidly evolving global economy.

We urge Mayor and Council to support and approve the South Campbell Heights Local Area Plan – Stage 2 Final Report and its related Zoning By-law Amendment. The business community stands ready to collaborate with the City of Surrey to ensure that this plan's vision is realized effectively and responsibly.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital initiative. Should you require further input from the business community or wish to discuss our position in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 604.634.0343 or via email at indra@businessinsurrey.com.

Sincerely,



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Indra Bhan', is positioned above the printed name.

Indra Bhan
Interim CEO & COO
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