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Dear Drs Banerjee and Ludden,

It is my pleasure to extend thanks and gratitude on behalf of City Council to the International Union of Geological Sciences as you consider Calgary as the destination city for your upcoming conference.

#### Why Calgary?

Calgary is a young city with a vibrancy and energy that is captivating. We are uniquely located as a major cosmopolitan city nestled between the Rocky Mountains, Alberta's Foothills, and wide-open plains. We honour our pioneer past and place a high value on our rich cultural heritage and inclusivity where all are welcome.

Calgary boasts a wealth of outstanding conference facilities throughout the city, which are well equipped and professionally staffed to meet your needs. Your delegates will also enjoy the incredible hotels, eateries, entertainment, and shops.

So much to see and do! 38th International Geological Congress (IGC) 2028 delegates can easily explore and navigate our city by vehicle, bike, or on foot. Prince's Island Park, Fish Creek Provincial Park and Nose Hill Park are just a few of the many natural and developed park areas to enjoy, no matter the season. Experience the Calgary Zoo, open year-round and situated right on the Bow River, or the turn-of-the-century adventure at Heritage Park Historical Village, including an impressive vintage auto collection.

We are the proud home to WinSport, a world-class facility, where depending on the time of year, delegates can experience skiing and snowboarding, the summer bobsleigh, monster zipline and downhill karting. Professional and amateur sporting events, festivals and authentic tours and activities will also enhance your conference with memorable experiences for your delegates.

We are confident that you will find Calgary to be an ideal location for your upcoming conference. We look forward to welcoming you and your delegates to Calgary!

Warm regards,

Jyoti Gondek - Mayor of Calgary