

To the citizens of a better City of Calgary and Ward 7:

Brent Alexander and I grew up in Carstairs, a very small town in Central Alberta. Our families were both small business owners. So while the difference in ages meant we didn't socialize, our parents were well acquainted. Fast forward a couple of decades. By happenstance, we met as our oldest sons enrolled in Timbits the same year here in Calgary, and every second year they have played together as their age groups overlapped. Our youngest sons now go to school together and the families hang out at a West Hillhurst community playground together. Overtime our families have become close friends.

During that time, Brent has earned significant respect from myself. He devotes himself to several community volunteer positions and board positions in Calgary from visible positions such as the West Hillhurst Community Association President to less visible positions as volunteering for a school playground construction. He maintains a very successful career as a Managing Director at Royal Bank. He's raising two great and well-behaved kids of whom he's adopted with his husband Hugh six years ago. He presents himself very intelligently when discussing civic and fiscal issues and I enjoy very much debating and exploring with him ways in which we can improve our city.

I marvel at his ability to critically think complex issues through; there isn't a predisposed thought but instead a deep analysis and careful consideration of various facts and perspectives. This is important as our city continually faces issues such as growth, economic evolution, and technology change. At the same time, I've always been impressed with Brent's moral compass. He emphasizes full disclosure and attempts to ensure that he's never in a compromising position that may negatively influence his ability to act for the greater good of whatever mandate he's been presented with. This is a rare trait in today's world where special interest groups parlay their influence in politics. In short: I fully endorse and support Brent as our Councilor for Ward 7.

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