

**177 Williamstown Park NW Airdrie, AB T4B 3Y8**

**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**City of Airdrie**

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

400 Main Street SE

Airdrie, AB T4B 3C3

**Subject:** Support for Development Permit PL2402430 – 201 Bayside Loop SW

**Dear Members of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board,**

My name is **Femi Eniola**, and I am writing in support of **Development Permit PL2402430** for a supportive living residence at **201 Bayside Loop SW, Airdrie**. This permit is a lawful and responsible step toward meeting the housing needs of individuals with developmental disabilities in our community.

I respectfully urge the Board to consider the following six facts that strongly support approval:

**1. Zoning Compliance**

The proposed use — *Supportive Housing, Limited* — is a **discretionary use** in the applicable land use district, according to the City of Airdrie's Land Use Bylaw B-01/2016, as amended by Bylaw B-33/2024. As such, the application falls **squarely within the zoning rules** of this neighbourhood.

**2. Definition Is Clearly Met**

The plan to house **three individuals with developmental disabilities** is fully aligned with the City's definition of "Supportive Housing, Limited," which allows **3 to 5 residents**. This makes the use not only legal but clearly intended within the City's own definitions.

**3. No Structural Changes Proposed**

The application involves **no alterations** to the structure of the existing six-bedroom home. The building remains a residential dwelling, preserving the neighbourhood's visual character and physical layout.

**4. Parking Requirements Are Exceeded**

The proposed site includes **four on-site parking stalls** for **two staff members**, exceeding the **minimum parking requirements** in the City's bylaw. This ensures that there will be **no impact on street parking or traffic flow**.

## 5. Development Authority Has Approved

The **City's planning department has already approved** the permit. This confirms that the application is **fully compliant** with all planning regulations and has been carefully reviewed by qualified professionals.

## 6. Human Rights and Legal Precedent

In Canada, planning decisions must be based on law — not on fear, bias, or discrimination. Objections rooted in discomfort with people with disabilities or assumptions about race or social status **do not constitute valid planning grounds**. Denying this permit on such a basis would **contradict the Alberta Human Rights Act** and established legal precedent.

## 7. Appeal for a Fair and Lawful Decision

While I recognize that some community members have raised concerns, I respectfully urge the SDAB to make its decision **based solely on the planning merits and legal compliance** of this application. The outcome should reflect the City's regulatory framework—not be swayed by fear, personal bias, or assumptions based on **race, disability, or social difference**.

As a **Black Canadian** and a leader of thought in Airdrie, I must speak candidly: bias—whether direct or unconscious—can sometimes surface in public discussions around supportive housing. This reality makes it even more important that your decision is **rooted in fairness, legality, and principle**, not prejudice or fear. A development that meets every planning requirement and advances dignity and inclusion deserves to be upheld.

## Closing Statement

This permit represents a lawful, thoughtful, and inclusive use of residential property. I strongly encourage the SDAB to uphold the City's decision and approve **Development Permit PL2402430** in full, based on legal merit and sound planning principles.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

**Femi Eniola**

