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To:

City of Airdrie

Subdivision Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

400 Main Street SE

Airdrie, AB T4B 3C3

Subject: Response in Support of Development Permit PL2402430 – 201 Bayside Loop SW

Dear Members of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board,

I am writing to express my strong support for Development Permit PL2402430, which proposes a supportive living residence for individuals with developmental disabilities at 201 Bayside Loop SW. I also wish to respond to the concerns raised by those appealing this permit by posing a fundamental question that strikes at the heart of this matter:

Do individuals with disabilities need a special permit to live in Airdrie?

Do families or homeowners require city approval simply to accommodate a loved one who lives with a disability?

The obvious and fair answer to both questions must be **no**. Every Canadian, regardless of ability, has the right to live in a safe and inclusive community. Families supporting loved ones with disabilities should not be burdened with undue barriers or suspicion for simply doing what any family would—providing care, dignity, and stability in a home setting.

In this case, the applicant has followed every required planning and permitting step. The proposed use—Supportive Housing, Limited—is a discretionary use under the Land Use Bylaw, and the home will accommodate just three residents with disabilities supported by 2 trained staff. No structural changes are planned, parking requirements are exceeded, and respectful public engagement has already occurred. Furthermore, the City's Development Authority has approved the permit based on its full compliance with local planning laws and standards.

It is deeply troubling if opposition to this residence is rooted in prejudice against people with disabilities. Allowing such objections to derail a compliant and compassionate development sets a dangerous precedent. It suggests that some Airdrie residents are more entitled to live in peace than others—and that inclusion is negotiable.

This permit does not ask for special treatment—it asks for equal treatment. It asks for the same right to live, be cared for, and belong in our community as any other citizen.

In closing, I respectfully urge the SDAB to uphold Development Permit PL2402430. Let us affirm that Airdrie is a city where inclusion, fairness, and compassion are not optional, but essential.

Thank you for your time and for upholding justice and dignity in this decision.

Sincerely, 
Mrs Aderonke Idowu.