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On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, Alberta's Capital City, I welcome Joe Roberts and the team from Push for Change.

Safe and adequate housing is a basic human right and the cornerstone of healthy and happy communities. The city we aspire to is an uplifting and inclusive one where every citizen has the opportunity to succeed. As a community, it's our responsibility to support our young people and empower them to find success in the community.

Edmonton's Plan to End Homelessness focuses on strategies to eliminate homelessness with housing and support, rather than just managing the problem with short-term solutions. While the number of people without a home has been trending downward steadily since the launch of Edmonton's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in 2009, nearly 29 per cent of our city's homeless population is under the age of 18.

I commend Joe Roberts and everyone involved with Push for Change. This remarkable journey is making a huge difference in the fight to end youth homelessness across the country. Your efforts inspire transformative action, helping to build a more prosperous and uplifting Canada for all of us.

Yours Sincerely,

Don Iveson

Mayor