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Dear Smart Cities Challenge Jury,

On behalf of City Council, it is my pleasure to offer my enthusiastic support for Edmonton's Smart Cities Challenge proposal.

The impacts of poor health on our society are far reaching and well documented. But what role can cities play in reducing the overwhelming costs of health care delivery, tackling chronic diseases and improving the health outcomes of Canadians? The City of Edmonton's 'Healthy City' Smart City application will not only cement Edmonton's place as a leader in healthcare innovation and delivery, it will also demonstrate a future for how Canadian communities can care for their people.

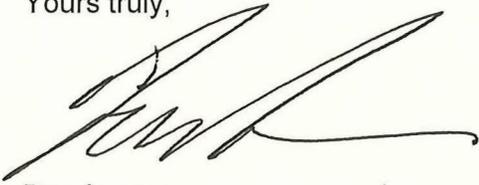
Edmonton is already an influential force within the global healthcare industry. The Health City Initiative I announced in 2016 set out a clear vision to build upon the strength of our robust health assets, creating the best environment possible for health innovation. Our 'Healthy City' proposal directly supports the corporate outcomes as outlined in the City's strategic plans The Way Ahead and Vision 2050.

Our proposal will help to address the important issues of community belonging and connectedness – issues which directly impact a person's overall health and well-being. By using data and connected technology to build community belonging and connectedness, we will take a proactive approach to preventing isolation and loneliness, and in the process create healthier, more resilient communities.

I am confident that the skill of Edmonton's Smart Cities Challenge team, combined with the passion and ingenuity of our community, can achieve meaningful and measurable outcomes for Edmontonians. By encouraging collaboration between all orders of government, business, academia, the arts, non-for-profit organizations and most importantly, citizens, we have the opportunity to improve the quality of life for everyone.

I look forward to seeing the innovative activities, partnerships and opportunities that will come out of our response to the Challenge.

Yours truly,

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Don Iveson
Mayor