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Ward 11 Councillor Jeromy Farkas Proposes New Deal for Midfield Mobile Home Park Residents: "It's time to do the right thing."

December 15th, 2017, Calgary, AB – A week after Midfield Mobile Home Park residents lost their court battle and a judge ruled in favour of their eviction, Ward 11 City Councillor Farkas is calling for City Council to do the right thing and offer residents fair compensation.

"What the City did may have been legal, but it wasn't right," said Farkas, "Residents were promised by City Council, in writing, an alternate site to move their mobile homes when the Midfield Mobile Home Park closed. That promise was broken."

On February 19th, 2018 Midfield Mobile Home Park will close its doors forever and the remaining residents will be forced to leave.

"On the eve of Christmas, numerous residents are facing homelessness and bankruptcy because they relied on the word of City Administration on the direction of City Council," said Farkas, "As leaders, we have an obligation to listen and act in good faith. On Monday, I will be respectfully asking Council to make this situation right. It's time to do the right thing and treat Calgarians with the dignity and respect they deserve, regardless of their income or where they live."

Farkas will be adding an urgent item of legal and land business to the Monday, December 18th Council Meeting agenda for discussion. Farkas' proposal will cover:

1. Additional compensation for eligible past and present Midfield tenants that will supplement the existing buy-out program;
2. Allowance for the buy-out program to be available to those tenants who took legal action against the City;
3. Allowance for those tenants who took legal action against the City to have their legal fees reimbursed;
4. Immediate placement of tenants into new Calgary Housing Company units in order to ensure that no family becomes homeless;
5. Immediate release of the City's development plans for the Midfield lands located at 954-16 Ave N.E.