

# 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games bid engagement program

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## Online engagement comments

*What do you see as the top benefit or risk from Calgary hosting the Games?*

- Unreliable cost projections. I don't feel city hall has been completely transparent with their projections.
- This is not a financially intelligent use of tax payer money, federally, provincial, or municipally.
- If a new arena for the Flames isn't included I'm not interested in a bid for the Olympics.
- Risk is Olympic Games always go over budget. We cannot afford this at all.
- Going Bankrupt
- Finances. That money could be far better spent on many long term investments that would actually benefit the public. Like improving transit
- There will never be a political will nor public support to build new or renovate existing sports infrastructure or facilities with hosting.
- The Olympic bid shifts the focus and resources away from the needs of current calgarians, the city ignores their needs in favor of sports!
- It will create a lot of jobs leading up to and during the games - something our City needs right now.
- the cost is ridiculous
- To much money, it's ridiculous.
- Financial. Lots of costs but no left over infrastructure. Calgary's bid but events being hosted in multiple locations, including BC/Whistler
- . only plus, opportunity for amateur athletes . beyond that, all of the proposals carry unwarranted risk, both financial and reputational .
- Top Benefit is International Coverage and Tourism Income increasing
- there is Zero benefit
- VERY concerned about the costs of security in 2026 dollars. We aren't living in the same safer world as the last Calgary Olympics,
- Financially irresponsible. We have other issues that need to be dealt with now including police enforcement and snow removal!
- The 1988 Games put YYC on the International map, & in order to continue to reap the same benefits, we need to upgrade & hold the 2026 Games
- Leverage investment from other levels of government to benefit calgarians
- Increased taxes for years to come
- There is no good reason to host the Olympic Games. The "benefits" are overstated, wishful outcomes that do not agree with study of the past.
- Spend the money directly on projects without subsidizing a party. We can't only get government \$'s if it is tied to a sporting event.
- Too costly for an ailing economy. Far better uses for our taxes which are already too high. Our mayor knows no limit to spending on frivolit
- Research indicates that nearly every Olympics in recent times have lost money and/or fallen far short of promised benefits. Not worth risk.
- "Property tax increase due to Olympic cost
- Opportunity cost of capital investment for betterment of Calgarians
- Overstated economic benefit"
- I believe this is a great opportunity to reinvent our city and showcase it to the world and to remind ourselves of what we can accomplish.
- a two week party, in this economy, if its such a great idea, why are all the other counties withdrawing their bids
- Because the olympics are awesome and I want my daughters to experience them
- Council/Bidco hiding true cost of the games. Calgary will be in debt in perpetuity.

- The City cannot afford this proposal. In addition the City is not being open about all costs. Too much is being discussed behind closed door
- "There is Zero Benefits
- every one will live out side Calgary to avoid the tax"
- "the cost will be a tax on our future
- people will move out side of the city"
- Over taxed as it is, really don't need White Elephants draining the Taxpayers dry for City Council to have their little shiny bauble
- with out a true cost the risk is to high to say yes
- Too much of a burden for actual taxpayers, City Council being exempt
- "Over costs
- The city needs an airport lrt before doing this"
- "winter sports support culture community volunteering"
- Risk:environmental & cost
- Unneeded cost to the city. The fact that the city can't pull it together with cleaning the roads with the budget we have now is embarrassing
- This will be good for the city in terms of jobs, legacy & the ability to continue to be a leader & destination for sport & events.
- The available information suggests that the risks associated with the Games (primarily costs) have been underestimated.
- The amount of money it will cost. That money could be spent on other areas, like schools,first responders,public services
- Our government and therefore taxpayers at all levels take all the risk and covers shortfalls while IOC takes nothing but rewards
- No how are we in any financial stability as a city province or country to support such ambitions. Too expensive add 8 years inflation.
- Do you ever have to use the train to get to work during stampede? Imagine that x 100 we dont have the infrastructure also Olympics ruin city
- The main risk from my POV is making a financial commitment the city/country can ill afford. It's a want not a need & benefits a small pop.
- Calgary will never make a profit and we will be stuck paying for the games.
- "Benefit - economic development and bringing people to the City
- Risk - delay of city projects"
- Validation of our ability and commitment to be truly world-class
- Positive: facilities upgrades, world wide publicity, business spinoffs.
- Showcasing our city and building infrastructure Calgarians can enjoy for generations to come!
- Too many risk that can negatively impact the costs for hosting the games, that can't be properly estimated.
- The games are very expensive, diverting funds and resources from other deserving causes. Benefits are overstated.
- Cost of the games at the expense of other Social systems needing support. Police dept understaffed, Safety of Calgarians, Housing, Taxes
- Concern is for the homeless and marginalized people groups of Calgary. What negative effects this will have on them. Human trafficking probl
- Cost over runs, tax increases. Corrupt IOC, corrupt WADA
- Top risk is cost overruns. Citizens have faced property tax increases well above inflation for many years, hosting 2026 games is big risk.
- The money spent on the games is better spent on social services and other needs of Calgarians.
- Risk of huge financial burden on City taxpayers.

- The costs associated with putting on an event like this are far more than we can afford.
- Costs vastly outweighs benefits
- I believe that our city should host the Games! It will bring more opportunities to Calgary just like it did in 1988.
- Look at what the committee takes from the hosting city it's a waste of money
- It is free investment from other levels of government we would otherwise not get
- NONE, Mayor Nenshi has said every year no budget for proper snow removal (the worse city in Canada for snow removal) Then I say no to 2026!!
- Going bankrupt with a terrible mayor.
- Too many other issues the City claims they have no money to address!! Nenshi just wants to hear from those who have "no skin in the game"!!
- Much needed infrastructure upgrades partially paid for by outside City sources. Legacy venues for future generations.
- I worry about trusting the IOC and the team at The City of Calgary with that much in tax money.
- Lack of trust with the engagement on costs. There is no way a successful bid can be made for \$5 billion and I think those in charge no that
- The cost of hosting the games far, far exceeds the returns. We might see short-term increases in the local economy, but only short-term.
- Both the city's funds & the provincial funds would be better spent on transit, education and health care.
- The positive economic impact this would have on the economy for many years after the Olympics is worth it.
- The cost of this endeavor is ridiculous in a city where there are many other pressing needs for funding and expenditure. Priorities!
- It is absolutely not worth the money. There are so many other areas in the city that could use the millions of dollars it takes to host.
- THIS IS NOT OUR PRIORITY
- The City should be spending money improving roads and snow plows and removal..perhaps a better venue for the hockey team and concerts
- Improving infrastructure and sporting facilities that will continue to be used for decades following the games. Uncontested funding feds/prov
- Huge waste of money, time and infrastructure for what boils down to bragging rights.
- Costs
- this will strongly help our economy and help put CALGARY back on the world stage. We have so many talented athletes that train here.
- Money. We have more important things my tax dollars should go to in Calgary especially when we already have a massive deficit
- The bid is not guaranteed and the city has already spent millions (to who's pocket). Raised taxes and cut services are all I see out of it.
- We don't have the public infrastructure to host these games. Can't take transit from airport or to most events
- Please do not go ahead with this bid for the olympics. We should not ask the rest of Alberta and Canada to pay the bill for these olympics .
- Cultural 1988 gave this city identity in sport
- Too expensive
- The security costs will be much higher. Less volunteers, less corporate donations , too many visitors in parks now.too few people benefit.
- Nothing but debt. No thank you

- I believe the cost will be much more than has been identified, this council has not been open and honest, tried to hide cost, one tax payer
- Economic stimulus as well as showcasing Calgary and Alberta to the world
- Cost overruns
- Because the games are too expensive. The IOC is corrupt. Russian doping etc etc.
- Many infrastructure projects need to be completed regardless of 2026 or not, and it's a way to showcase the city to the world
- Far too expensive for this economy, the money should be spent on tangible development. ex schools, healthcare, social services.
- We can't afford to be giving blow jobs to the corrupt IOC.
- I don't understand where the municipal funding will come from. With public sector layoffs, how can massive capital and operating exp be aff
- Puts Calgary on the map at an international level
- Community dollars directed to just the games leaves community projects/causes to struggle to attract investment
- Arena YES, no arena NO, plain and simple. We spend billions for virtually nothing, but fringe benefits? no NO NO!
- "The cost of the games is understated. I.e. security.
- This means higher taxes The secrecy of council concerns me. They know the true cost"
- We need to prioritize direct investment in municipal services, our communities and economy, and avoid inevitable Olympic overspending...
- This seems like an elaborate ploy to get a new hockey arena built. I think the cost will far out way any benefit the city will see.
- There is 0 benefit, only risks; spending money we don't have for the glorification of a corrupt organization. Just stop now!
- I am deeply concerned that the cost of hosting will not be outweighed by tourist spending.
- Economic benefit.
- Too much money wasted when there are far more important issues the city needs to focus on. Transit needs a overall, expansion.
- Estimated costs are too low and the benefits are not high enough. No arena, stadium or ctrain line to the airport
- Unnecessary cost for limited return
- No arena, no Olympics.
- Where is money from? Only hosting 10 days such event will cost 5 more billions and gets our children 30 or more years to pay debts. Absurd
- Investment in local infrastructure.
- too much money, and im going to have to pay it off in the next 30 years along with my student loans
- The top risk is spending a substantial amount of taxpayer money and not getting necessary new sporting events as part of it.
- Economic. There are much more important and timely things tax money should be spent on.
- Lack of security funding, and extreme lack of willingness to anticipate more for security going over budget.
- Opportunity to build community and continue the legacy of the 1988 Games.
- Funding from other levels of government we otherwise may not get (e.g. capital).
- 1988 cost \$900 million. 2026 estimate 5.2 billion. Have Calgary salaries gone up by that much?
- If we are going to go into this much debt, it absolutely must include a new NHL size arena and field house. Also, improvement to transit.
- Wasting tax money.
- We have all levels of government running high debts and deficits. No more taxes. IOC corrupt.

- This process has not been transparent, the committee has been given far too much money when city infrastructure is getting cut!
- Cost. In 88 it was a different world. The new normal is massive security costs. I would rather not have any of my tax dollars fund this.
- It's fiscally irresponsible with Calgary, Alberta and Canada's economic state currently and moving forward. Not all costs are provided.
- Cost benefit- also, wondering why there is no mention of a financial contribution from BC if a portion of the Games is being held there ????
- City is not being transparent on costs, too much secrecy. Always a cost overrun. Do not trust IOC. Do not have volunteer base as in 1988
- Historically without exception all previous hosting cities experienced no benefit and their taxpayers were left having to pay for years.
- The legacy of 88 Olympics has been making Calgary a fit and active city where children have the opportunity to learn sports in top facilities
- Any number of immediate concerns: hi taxes, hi commercial vacancy, business failures, 2nd tier sport & entertainment experiences, employment
- too many closed door meetings and hidden cost being kept from us. We can not afford a tax hike or cut to services we are already at our limit
- We cannot afford to spend more money on this. Even with provincial and federal contributions, there is only one pool of taxpayers.
- Diversion of funds and attention from higher priority projects. Poor investment of municipal, provincial, and federal funds
- The city can barely afford things like good transit and roads. Tax payers are already bled dry. Waste of money & strain on city resources
- The government of Calgary (you) isn't being transparent with the costs related to hosting it or the salary of the president in charge of bid
- Excited to bring the world to our city. Financial gain for businesses. Updating facilities to use for the games. New arena!!
- Cost. We are in significant debt and run a deficit every year both provincially and federally. We need to focus on the economy first.
- benefit - olympic legacy, new infrastructure, winter sporting legacy.
- risks - debt, no hockey, paying for whistler, canmore sites
- Council cannot organize and negotiate new arena deals. The leadership in council is inadequate for this undertaking. Too much for too little.
- Benefits: Exposure on the world stage, increased tourism, community building, and fun!
- Costs. Tax payers will be burdened with paying for the games, when our money could be spent on more necessary infrastructure and programs
- Promote sport and get youth excited about activity!
- I feel that the IOC is corrupt and we shouldn't be supporting an organization that has a history of costing cities large sums of money
- Costly to host + useless infrastructure left behind. Too many people. NOT ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY. No interest in event itself.
- Too much expense on "entertainment" e.g. ceremonies, and no long term plan for using upgraded or new facilities after e.g. housing
- I think the Olympics are becoming irrelevant to average citizens, cost too much, and have little benefits.
- Cost vs benefit is not strong enough
- Benefit is tourism and the financial gain. We could use the positive impact on our city. We have aging and facilities for the bigger events

- The economic benefits of hosting a major games are vastly overstated. The actual numbers indicate that games are a cost, not a profit driver
- Spending billions on these games would be an egregious waste of taxpayer dollars. Evidence says the costs will be much higher than stated.
- International reputation and new and upgraded facilities to support youth in sport
- It is a waste of tax payers money.
- Costs are huge and lasting benefits are few. Where's a plan for a full sized arena?
- Because of the tax increase. This is a want, not a need. I do not believe in the numbers being brought forward so far.
- Cost: WE have far too many other priorities. I agree the field house is a big one - but frankly, we cant wait for 2026,
- The current economic climate does not support a multi-billion dollar Olympic Games. We need to put egos aside and use our brains.
- Even a potential long term debt load makes this unacceptable at this point in time for Calgary. Let's focus on fixing our own problems first
- if we have 5 billion for games why dont we have money for good water on reserves, or money for veterans, or money to end homelessness?
- I am against the sure to follow city tax increase. This is a want , not a need.
- I don't believe we will realize any of the benefits that are proposed. I think the money is better spent solving the actual issues we have.
- World class sports facilities will help youth sports development in the city
- Cost too much
- Calgary cannot afford to spend this money. There are already unfunded priorities that will not be covered by games spending.
- Facilities are outdated and improvments would benefit Calgarians for years to come. The Spirit of the Olympics instills community pride.
- I think this is an exciting opportunity that will invigorate Calgary while creating jobs & a long lasting legacy!
- We are fortunate to have very low taxes and personally don't mind the increase as I think it's outweighed by the benefits.
- This will only benefit the IOC and perhaps some local politicians. Taxpayers will only be there to pay.
- Look at the legacy that was left from '88. Imagine what a Calgary would be capable of the day. I think this is awesome.
- Too much money. Bid committee is hiding costs and overstating benefits. IOC is corrupt. Other cities know better, so should we.
- This Olympics does not have a plan to self-fund. The cost to taxpayers not just in Calgary, but all of Alberta and Canada is too great.
- Debt with no social or economic benefit short term or long term
- Big bucks for security, reno's to existing facilities, new structures of questionable legacy value for average Calgarians.
- We need sponsorship or it will hurt financially. Oil and the economy needs to be in a good state come 2026, or its a no go.
- Not confident that preliminary work is thorough. Is funding and infrastructure guaranteed? Are appropriate security plans in place?
- Since Calgary will not be hosting all of the events of the Olympics, Calgary will not be reaping the rewards.
- The cost assessment of 5.2B is far too low. The refund to the IOC of their contribution is ridiculous. This is a farce.
- We are a volunteer driven City fueled with community pride. The games will further enhance that!

- Cost vs. Return. Stats show that over all, hosting the Olympic Games does not net a positive return for the host cities.
- Spirit mostly, especially if it matches '88. Worldwide visits will have long term benefits. New facilities that will benefit locals 4 yrs
- I'm excited by the potential jobs that could come from this and how exciting it would be to help execute the most successful games ever.
- an opportunity to reverse the worlds opinion of our dirty oil & gas fueled economy by hosting the cleanest games & proving them wrong
- No Olympic games has ever returned even a reason amount of money to the host city. Cost a passed onto tax payers
- We cannot afford the Olympics at this time because of the pipelines not being built and the trickle down of that is no jobs. Make jobs first
- Cost over runs
- We are a city of citizens struggling with unemployment in the oil and gas sector, overwhelming taxes and lack of services.
- Taxes increasing, more debt
- More taxes when the city has other issues
- We don't have the money at present to pay for the needed facilities and the other ancillary places needed anyway.
- Calgary Taxpayer being stuck with a huge portion of bill without getting the facilities needed in the future (e.g. Saddledome Replacement).
- I cannot believe that city council is actually considering this. Our economy has not recovered from devastating collapse in the oil industr
- Too much city debt
- Too many secret meetings behind closed doors by Council. We, the people, get to vote, but Council can overrule our decision?? Crazy!!
- I don't trust the information the city is providing.
- It's a poor use of taxpayer money. Council has not been very transparent about costs.
- Financial burden to taxpayers with no clear information from city council.
- In my honest opinion Calgary should host the games although we should get a new arena to replaced the Saddledome and finished green line lrt
- I don't want a billion dollars to be spent on security which would have no lasting benefits.
- Cost overruns.
- Spending a billion dollars on security would have the lasting impact of preventing any major attacks from happening.
- Calgary is an entrepreneurial City with strong community pride, let's put that on the world stage and make it even stronger!
- Our municipal tax increases already outstrip the rate of inflation. There is only one taxpayer and we are already taxed too much.
- This Council is not capable of managing such a project
- No for misinformation / lies being presented by bid committee and council such as claim that there were 40,000 transparent line items.
- We are going to need to invest money in something if we want to move beyond our Oil & Gas reliance . This is a step in right direction.
- Don't want my tax dollars going towards a useless endeavor.
- Will help us fast track & prioritize other needed infrastructure projects such as the Airport Connection & full Green Line
- Waste of money. 3 billion dollars could reshape our city, rather than throw a 10-day party.
- Deficit. No transit/public transport. Should focus on city first then go bigger.

- Economic uncertainty and other high priorities affecting Calgary, Alberta, and Canada that are vastly more important than a single event.
- This will be a transformative city shaping project that will have a lasting legacy for decades to come. Just like 1988.
- Calgary needs to maintain its status as a winter sports city. We also need to welcome the world and showcase our facilities and region.
- No actual improvements to facilities we need and will use in future. Just going to end up with tax bill for up keep on stuff we don't need.
- New vision for Calgary leading from the Games, just as happened in '88
- The money can be better spent elsewhere. 1988 was a successful aberration in the history of modern olympics.
- A field house needs to be a city priority. An arena is a winter olympic necessity. A 5000 seat hockey facility would be an embarrassment.
- Do not want local, provincial or federal taxes used for the games.
- We will be rubes for playing along with the corrupt IOC.
- Should not submit since we will be short in infrastructure investment after, and the city needs a better train
- McMahon stadium for open/closing ceremonies? Great image, highlighting our antiquated public facilities to the world.
- Costs are greatly underestimated & benefits overestimated. Calgary is already an Olympic city, there's nothing to gain.
- Top risk is the financial burden this would put on a city and province whose economies have still not fully recovered.
- I think the cost to the tax payer is too high at this point in time. It will draw volunteers and money away from immediate needs.
- None. Stop the madness.
- Putting Calgary back on the world stage so people are reminded of the beauty, education, and very competitive costs to live and work here.
- Overall Cost with potential overruns are a big risk.
- Unaffordable. Complete and 100% transparency on the financial negatives has not been shared with taxpayers.
- Legacy amenities, facilities and programs to support active living
- City council is not being honest with the taxpayers. The financial cost is greater than what they are portraying.
- The legacy of the 1988 Olympics helped propel athletes in elite competition for decades to follow and elevated Calgary's stature
- Promotion and sustainment of sport and cultural development not only nationally but internationally. Host more world class events post olymp
- Little benefit. Why ask for feedback and not allow room for feedback on those 5 topics?
- I think that the games can bring huge investment to the city!
- This is not 1988. Costs for these extravaganzas invariably spin completely out of control. Security costs alone are astronomical.
- The cost-benefit analysis is not favourable for taking on such an undertaking and there is too much risk in this overall
- filling the pockets of the unnamed shareholders who the City knows, and will not divulge..continued IOC corruption.Coverup of the budget
- Calgary needs to be focusing on putting money in to diversifying its economy for the long term, NOT in to a short term investment.
- There is no reason Calgary needs to waste money on nenshi's ego. There is nothing to gain from a party. As a young person this awful

- We are in an economic downturn and could better spend the money on infrastructure and public services instead of taking on more debt.
- Sports economists almost unanimously say that host cities run up considerable debts for 2 weeks of Olympics. It's not worth it.
- Money will be siphoned off to Olympic related projects that would be better spent on building a vibrant liveable city.
- Cost overrun is a fact based on past games.
- The city is in a near state of emergency after this first snowfall. The transit system is a joke, please fix that first!
- Not financially responsible.
- Debt
- Games will strengthen bonds within our community and the improved facilities will provide long term benefits for future generations!
- Spur economic activity in Calgary
- There are no REAL benefits, this city needs to be ran the way the average citizen runs their household within budget. Enough is enough.
- We're already running a deficit. I think it's irresponsible to go into more debt. Increased property taxes for a lifetime.
- Cost overruns. Every Olympics since 1960 has gone over its initial cost estimate. 5 billion will be 7.5 to 10 billion by 2026
- The last few Olympics cities have only lost money. The requirements to make the Olympics a huge spectacle are much different than in 1988.
- With downtown all but abandoned and other needed projects looming with large price tags those need to be taken care of
- As Calgary can't be bothered to keep the streets free of snow, I see no reason for the city to spend the money to promote an Olympic bid.
- Spending money on a bid that helps a corrupt organization hold a two week event rather than spending money on much needed infrastructure.
- These games never have a positive effect on the cities that host them. Look at Rio, Sochi, Beijing
- "Based on observation - cannot trust Council's ability to manage or lead this
- Some funding; which is really me(prov/fed taxes)and city tax"
- "Cost overruns, inflation.
- Zero proven increases in tourism post games.
- An excuse for mandatory maintenance of existing facilities."
- Cost! Cost! Cost!!!!
- Council and the mayor using the olympics as a funding tool for poorly thought out and planned infrastructure.
- Cost are almost certainly understated while incremental benefits are not likely to accrue, both conditions realized in previous games
- "Cost vs gain. Too much cost = high taxes, little benefits .
- City is talking about cutting services, so Why spend the money"
- Events like the Olympics have sent cities/nations into economic ruin. Why are we bidding on something that nearly sent Greece into austerity
- Not enough legacy investments. Money will only be focused on a single event with little long term benefits for Calgarians.
- calgary City council has fallen short of demonstrating the economic benefits of hosting the game.
- much needed funds are diverted from tailored and fit for purpose infrastructure and municipal services budgets. fire stations, transit, EMS.

- Cost over runs. Lack of openness already on cost. Don't see any reason for secrecy as seems very little interest from rest of world.
- Taking on large debt for a very short-term event. Not prudent. And the debt likely being larger than budgeted.
- An irresponsible fiscal risk for a city in a grave economic climate.
- "Not economically viable in this city or province.
- The public knows this and has no trust or belief in the propaganda."
- Opportunity to upgrade transportation infrastructure.
- Simply too much expense (and the City is hiding the true cost) for a two week long 'feel good' party. Risk far outweighs any benefit!
- Taxes a spending are out of control, the council is not being transparent, and our money could go to much better infrastructure with Calgary
- The costs will not be accurate. Undoubtedly a new arena will be constructed plus overruns. This seems like a great opportunity for city staff
- Increased tourism and infrastructure. Federal money too, we always give so much but don't get anything back.
- Injection into economy, and improvements to city (facilities, infrastructure etc)
- Too much \$\$, for very little benefit. \$900m just for security? Calgary next is way less money and offers years of enjoyment
- Costs for security & other capital investments for Calgary Infrastructure (not permanent)
- An opportunity to get some of our money back from the federal government and ensure it's invested in AB!
- The top risk is the economy. Spend the money in transit so people can get to work and school.
- Increased tourism to Calgary and area after its highlighted on the world stage seems like a good legacy benefit to me!
- This will accelerate much needed capital infrastructure projects, help us leverage more federal \$\$ for those & create even more jobs.
- It will revitalize the Victoria Park area with the proposed housing
- Bus barns get moved to a more suitable location giving prime river front property the chance be better utilized and access by Calgarians.
- The chance to partner with our indigenous peoples in the creation of the games and advance reconciliation in a meaningful way.
- Calgary is a winter sport city that creates top athletes. This will further confirm that and help us grow athletes for generations to come.
- Prove the protestors wrong when we host the most environmentally sustainable games in history
- Significant Property tax increases while services decrease is the likely outcome to fund hosting the Olympics. Not affordable at this time.
- Not that I am particularly for or against a new arena and football field. But if the city and tax payers can't afford that.....?!!
- Not worth the money.
- Under-estimated costs, based on Vancouver, council hiding costs (CBC), inflated econ benefits by including money that would be spent anyways
- Cost is too high for little long term legacy benefits. Vancouver got major upgrades to the sea2sky, whistler infrastructure, Transit, airport
- As a student who will have to pay for this for all the foreseeable future, if we win the bid, I'm moving, the cost is too high, not worth it!
- The true TOTAL cost of hosting the games is being vastly under-stated. economists state real costs will exceed \$8 Billion. ie My taxes go up
- Costs are unknown. No one trusts this City Hall to not raise taxes yet again.

- Higher taxes will be the result. This city hall lie about everything and only meet in secret. Can not be trusted.
- Economic. Long term financial costs and implications towards the infrastructure identified as 'required' to host.
- Cost. We cant afford it. I am already struggling to pay my property taxes. If this happens? I'm selling and leaving
- Hosting the Olympic Games would benefit our economy and for us culturally. Calgary is Vibrant and multicultural, let's invite the world here
- It will not improve quality of life for the city. Please clean the snowy roads and sidewalks first.
- Massive budiet overruns, corrupt Olympic organization, waste of tax dollars
- "Cost outweighs benefits.
- Cost estimates from other games are never accurate (overruns)
- Economic boost is usually inaccurate (low)"
- I'm not convinced about the costs.
- It costs too much money and is a corrupt organization. I am livid that the city spent this much of taxpayer dollars without consulting us
- I do not see an overall financial benefit to the city once the games are done.
- The financial cost far outweighs the benefit, and we will be burdened with unnecessary infrastructure.
- Calgary cannot afford the cost of hosting the Olympics.
- Taxpayers will have to pay for an event that they will more than likely not be able to go to. Feed the homeless and the kids.
- Lack of infrastructure and planning. Calgary is never prepared for the first snow of year, let alone organizing a global event.
- I will only support it if a new NHL arena, new Stampeders' field house AND/OR LRT to airport gets built. If not it's foolish, kill it now!
- There will inevitably be cost overruns and the "average" taxpayer will be on the hook for this. Listen to citizens for once.
- increase in taxes
- To choke Centre St. N to single lanes with LRT Green Line where it isn't needed and no spur to airport, council can't manage Olympics.
- Underestimated and significant cost at an inappropriate time, with limited economic benefit.
- The costs will FAR outweigh any potential revenue. Calgary is not a "hot" destination. You've overspent enough.
- There is little described other perceived benefits with no tangible supporting evidence of the real costs and tax impacts for Calgarians
- Seems to me from what is described is that most of the 'affordable housing' will be anywhere but Calgary.
- All of the costs will be met by taxpayers or consumers. Having just paid for a pipeline that hasn't materialized haven't we suffered enough?
- Economic benefits are rarely realized and the true costs are never fully understood. Council is wasting money that could be used better
- Seems that city council isn't being transparent and are very vague. They say they don't have money yet millions are found for this
- This is a huge and very risky expense with no guarantees of success or longer term benefits. In short, it's an extremely wasteful venture.
- No real economic benefit
- The financial risks are too big. The IOC is a corrupt organization. The idea of the Olympics is great but in practice is not.

- The cost is too much for taxpayers.
- Budget not fleshed out enough in time slotted. Massive overrun expected
- The benefits of spending the money to improve the city (eg infrastructure, social programs) far outweigh the ones of winning the bid.
- The risk is that GENERATIONS of Calgarians are going to be paying increased taxes, because we can not afford the cost, or the debt.
- Wrong to spend that kind of money when there are greater priorities - homelessness, poverty, addiction, crime
- High taxes
- Too expensive. We should be focusing attention on other priorities
- The cost and future uses of the facilities.
- Lack of actual net benefits. Renovations are par for the course on existing venues - we already have a tax a fee structure in place to maint
- Given the state of our economy, it does not make any fiscal sense to waste any of the tax payer money on the Olympics.
- IOC is a corrupt organization and support for clean competition is negligible
- Every Olympics since 1960 has had cost over runs in the tune of 142% for Winter Olympics ,according to the independent Oxford study.
- To be able to provide an economic boost to Calgary by tourism and a lasting legacy of facilities for athletes for continued training
- The costs vastly outweigh the benefits for the average Calgarian. I will vote in the election against anyone who votes to have the Olympics.
- I don't believe we will recover our expenditures this time
- That money could be spent on affordable housing, long term care centres for the incoming baby boomer wave, homelessness, and snow clearing.
- cost too high
- The risks are financial. Having reviewed the initial financial information too many assumptions being made,
- Financial risks
- Money can be spent on things that are actually needed in Calgary and the province, I love sports but the Olympics are a waste tax dollars.
- The events will burden taxpayers with high costs that the City cannot demonstrate will have financial return. Allocate funds elsewhere.
- Cost to taxpayers. The Olympics never make money for the host city other than LA in 80's which still wasn't that great. I'm taxed enough
- Cost overruns and money being diverted form other much needed areas.
- Your summary on the previous page is an absolute joke. You say one thing, only to say it's uncertain right after. Get Farkas more involved.
- There are too many issues in the city that need to be addressed with our limited funds....I would rather more funding goes to the police
- Waste of resources.
- Unnecessary spending with uncertain estimates.
- Economic risks are too high; City council is clearly keeping secrets from taxpayers by not releasing information about the bid
- YYC hasnt fully recovered from last downturn. money it would cost to host would be greater than the money we make. Spend \$\$ on roads, police
- I believe that hosting the 2026 Paralympics will show Canada that Calgary is a diverse and inclusive city and drive tourism.

- Instead of spending billions on a 2 week amateur event, spend the tax payers money on better infrastructure and a new stadium for the Flames
- City council has already started to hide and filter financial data. They couldn't organize a \$25 mtg, let alone a project this size. "NO"
- benefits are all the infrastructure... risks are the cost overruns
- Weak business case; Economic returns based on hope; why share w/Edmonton & Whistler? Are they paying?
- How will security for the events be handled? How will public transport be upgraded to assist with the needs?
- 1. Costs to taxpayers. 2. Locals not being to attend venues/events due to ticket costs and availability. 3. Exclusive, elitist organization.
- Cost overruns associated with the Olympics have been ballooning for years, with each new Olympics being more costly than the one before.
- Cost ... Cost overruns... In a time when our economy has not improved. I still know a lot of people hurting from the oil layoffs.
- "This city and the people of it CAN NOT AFFORD IT!!!!
- I think it's a complete waste of time and money please stop already."
- "The Olympics have become too corrupt, from the IOC to doping.
- We don't need more tourists. Mountains that are already crowded!"
- Why on earth would you put together a bid proposal that doesn't include a new hockey arena? Voting no.
- large debt
- Lack of information on true costs....cost overruns.
- Financial. With so many people struggling to keep their houses and find jobs, it's hard to believe we're focused on this. Shame on you.
- Calgary and surrounding area is already a popular tourist destination so I think by hosting the Olympics would increase tourism
- Cost to taxpayers
- We get to experience the Olympics as citizens who were not alive for the 86' games.
- Financial costs of proceeding with bidding, promoting, hosting and clean up.
- More debt than we can afford and we still do NOT get the infrastructure that has already been proposed. With all of the secrecy, despicable.
- Property taxes went up to subsidize the 88 Olympics. We were promised GREAT things would happen for us because of hosting. They didn't. NO!!
- Money. This city and mayor tax us to the moon and back and provide s\*\*\* service in return. How much is this going to cost? Who will pay?
- Bring the spirit back to CALGARY and help boost our economy with tourism dollars
- Budget overspending. It's happened on every single games
- Calgary should bid. Sport is rewarding that it is healthy and builds life long friendships. The City will be paying to repair our current s
- These stupid costs are based on the 2018 dollar value, so that means in 2026 the cost will probably be double. Benefits only a small group.
- Nothing at all. No point in wasting money "updating" venues and not completely building a brand new one with this money.
- Top Risk: Financial. City already at legal debt limit. Let's not beg whatever provincial govt we have to please let us go further in debt.
- The documentation provided is insufficient relating to costs.\$5.X B expenditure with less then 0.5% contingency is unheard off in any indsty
- At this time the cost involved is a lot more than the city, province and country can afford

- The main risk would be the potential adverse financial impact on the city and its tax payers.
- What is the plan for transportation? Sit in gridlock on deerfoot and hwy 1 or construct a viable link to a international airport?
- The cost is too high and Calgary has many higher priorities that could be spent on.
- It's not worth the cost to taxpayers. There are better investments. The Olympics only provide a short term economic benefit.
- Calgary grew on the world stage last winter Olympics businesses need the Olympics for their future there is a lot of money that comes
- Cost per ca-pita. The risks far out-weigh the reward. From a business perspective, this is how you would sink a company potentially.
- The federal government has limited history as a reliable partner. Provincial finances are challenged. And revenue without NHL players...?
- Investing in the City of Calgary! Upgrading our athletic facilities, housing, transportation, etc. will bring valuable long term benefits.
- The cost is always more than the public is given. No commitment from provincial or federal governments, both are heavily in debt
- The IOC is morally bankrupt and one of the most corrupt orhanizations in the world. The budget will be exceeded by a large margin.
- The cost of the Olympics is extreme. Calgary cannot even afford to plow roads in the winter. Our property taxes will skyrocket.
- TOURISM!!!! CASHLOW
- Underestimating the cost of hosting the games.
- We could usethat new arena first. Its permanent and will be used. Stop dicking around please and consider it first
- Long term benefits won't be met. People/land will suffer for short term gain. For the past 20+ yrs the Olympics have hurt every host city.
- Because we can't pay for it if you tax us anymore we might lose our house alot of people are not doing well. And the taxes keep going up.
- This is a vanity project the city simply cannot afford. Calgary has far more pressing needs which need to be addressed.
- Low belief our elected officials can produce on time and on budget
- Debt and drawing funding away from oher community programs and development.
- We need to be fiscally responsible to the future of Calgary. The debt risk too great!! To carry right now!!
- The ignorance regarding full costs, no money goes to help development athletes in Canada, will NOT revitalize the economy! WASTE of money!
- There simply isn't enough information to decide. Everything here puts me in a position of speculating, at best.
- Two weeks of tourism followed by a huge bill that generations would have to pay.
- Calgary, while large, does not have the infrastructure or budget to host the Olympics.
- I really hope Calgary doesn't bid. It's gonna screw over people, who can afford homes, who work in the arts, and non for profit groups.
- We cannot afford any more taxes paid to the City, Province and the Federal Government. Wages are going down yet taxes are skyrocketing.
- A bid itself is a financial burden that Calgary can't afford. Let alone the money hemorrhaging venture of actually hosting the games.
- Education, homeless, food banks, veterans, snow removal equipment, and so much more to improve Calgary not waste the future on Olympics.
- Money should be spent on Infrastructure and Education instead.

- Should not submit a bid because of cost estimate being too low. Too many risks for taxpayers when cost goes up by the time games come.
- Want my children to experience the Olympics!
- Calgary is already an international tourism destination. We do not need to spend the money on promoting ourselves on the international stage
- No guarantee of economic boost. A lot of cities are not seeing the promised boost.
- For the amount of people who participate in some Olympic sports (luge, skeleton, bobsled, ski jumping) I don't see the value of this bid.
- Trust in the IOC and the corruption of that organization. It looks to me that we are being taken by them.
- Too much money that could be used better elsewhere.
- The only thing this does is saddle taxpayers with debt. Calgary still hasn't recovered from the last recession, don't make it worse for us.
- Global exposure and renewal of east beltline community
- Benefits to most people overstated & completely outweighed by long term cost to taxpayers (city, provincial AND federal!)
- Much needed funding for infrastructure, including arenas and public spaces, and athlete housing that can later become low-income housing.
- The deliberate lack of transparency does nothing to infuse confidence in the management of the Olympic bid. A biased process, no credibility
- The Calgary 2026 bid is not bold enough. There is not enough legacy infrastructure we stand to gain as Calgarians with this bid.
- Too much expense. End of story
- The Games are a platform to co-author a new vision for this City and create a long-term legacy. Time to be bold + courageous.
- Cannot afford it
- Not much benefit given the money that will be spent. No legacy facilities. Having 2 venues (whistled and Edmonton) is ridiculous. Cost!!!
- We have the facilities, they are in need of upgrades. With those upgrades, Calgary will continue to attract world class athletes to train.
- Will benefit only a small portion of population. Average person will see zero benefit and not be able to afford any of the events.
- The Draft Hosting Concept Plan is a draft, and leaves too much unknown risk that we don't wish to assume. 2wks of fun, 30 yrs of debt.
- Financial risks
- This represents an exciting opportunity to (re)energize the city while investing money in new and dated infrastructure.
- This doesn't make sense when our City is in a recession and also huge concerns on the lack of transparency with our City Council.
- Most taxpayers zero benefit but bear the burden of the risk. Well off benefit with little risk average and poor no benefit big risk.
- None. It is a waste of money - diverting \$ from other infrastructure projects that would be of greater economic benefit to the city.
- I am profoundly concerned about cost overruns, which seem almost inevitable these days, and the seeming lack of transparency about costs.
- Cost to citizens. Cost to city (our tax dollars) at a time when our economy is not performing at its best. What in our city budget loosens
- Top benefit increased tourism, oil is never coming back the way it was, we need to support other industry or perish

- Calgary with its unemployment is in dire state. There are so many holes to address domestically. NO. We don't need more debt.
- Excessive cost especially in light of increased demands on host cities to live up to the modern Olympics vision and security.
- Unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer dollars with little long term return.
- Amazing benefit for the city ... impressed by the way Calgary has utilized the original Olympic sites ... it will only improve with this one
- gaining new infrastructure to replace outdated arenas and field houses are essential for the vitality of Calgary.
- The cost is too much and we still do not get a new concert venue. I am afraid that the tax payers will be burdened with any shortfalls.
- The housing plan would allow much need affordable housing to be used by community agencies that support those under the low income threshold
- EXPENSE! Our money should be going to benefit the citizens of Calgary, not this fiasco you have already wasted so much on!
- In the past ten Olympics no city has profited from having the olympics in their city. Most are still paying them off many years after.
- The 2026 Olympics will reinforce the sport industry that Calgary has been building for 30+ years & continues our economic diversification.
- Cost over runs. Which happen on all Oympics
- Loss off money resulting in higher property taxes that are already ridiculous
- Not enough transparency from city hall on the matter for me to support it. Secrets, I cannot support. Negative/positive, all should be known
- Cost to the citizens. My cost of living is already high and taxes keep going up as it is without adding more to pay for the Olympics.
- Calgary & the mayor should be focused on clearing snow from the streets when it snows.....these are the everyday things we care about!
- Increased taxes for the public since the city will go broke
- Until there is more clarity/certainty in the costs, I can't support the bid given our current tax level and quality of services received
- What happens when the final tally is in after the events, who will pay for deficits or how will they be covered off? Calgarians? Albertan's?
- Life is full of risks and we should take it. Sometimes it is not being beneficial, but it is about bringing out the culture and community.
- federal and provincial funding
- I believe that all the benefits that the city is proposing are avenues that should be dealt with regardless of the city hosting the Olympics
- We are not ready nor will be ready properly to host a SUCCESSFUL games. I worked for Transit for 37 years including the 88 Olympics
- We are in a fragile economic recovery. This is absolutely a waste of effort, time, and money.
- Waste of money and resources. We have some real issues that require our attention such as the high homelessness rate, lack of family shelter
- There's no money for infrastructure upgrades (ex: FCWWTP, snow tires on buses, road upgrades) but there's money for a 2 week party?
- Nenshi is blocking the release of the real cost of the Olympics.
- Not having the games all within Alberta.This needs to be all in Alberta.We have the largest excavation companies in the world located in yyc
- I just think it is spending money where money doesn't need to be spent. Why not give money back to the people of Calgary?

- Hosting Winter Olympics 2026 will create jobs, build better infrastructures, bring in more investments and bring more visitors to Calgary.
- The low dollar is an incentive for those overseas. Rent out your basement or host a community event and get some grey economy action going.
- big business getting bigger on the back of the tax payer
- My tax dollars are better suited elsewhere
- We can't afford it. City always says "we can't afford", for example, residential snow cleaning". City can't be transparent!!!!
- Benefits. It brings awareness and publicity to our city.
- The costs have increased greatly since 1988. Waste of money. Only a political tool to try to enhance current mayor's "popularity"
- The city just proved today it cant handle a normal winter, why put our embarrassing snow removal force at the forefront of the world.
- We, the taxpayers, cannot afford it. This is all about the huge ego of our current Mayor. He wants the games to be his legacy. I'm out.
- Can't get Taxpayers to pay for an Arena for the flames but we will for a bunch of useless facilities.....Perfect
- not getting enough federal and provincial funding
- Uncertainty about costs and lack of transparency from the City is the largest risk
- Waste of OUR money.
- Calgsry needs so many things right with a priority, in my opinion, for a new arena and football stadium.
- Not enough benefit for the city. McMahon Ford not need an upgrade, it needs a tear down and replacement. Same as the Saddledome.
- Calgary will likely end up debt which will cost each taxpayer a large amount of money.
- Put the \$ towards a new arena!
- Benefit - new infrastructure.
- In tough economic times, it is wasteful to expect already over-burdened taxpayers to pay for a boost to our narcissist mayor's ego.
- The top benefit of hosting the games would be the economic value and the housing plan.
- As property tax payer, I will not be able to afford to live in my home when I have to pay for the Olympics.
- There will be massive cost overruns and we should not be aiding a corrupt Olympic organization. It's an ego booster for Nenshi.
- Cost over-runs leading to huge tax increases.
- There is no proven economic benefit and past games have left the host countries with debts and facilities that are not utilized after them.
- We have far more pressing local economic concerns that we could address with \$3B in public funding.
- Concerns with the extra's we will decide we need, like an LRT to the airport, and it will get built at the expense of the greenline .
- The cost of the games is not certain, and absolutely will be a tax burden on the Calgary citizens. This far outweighs any proposed benefit.
- Benefits are none. There is no net positive for a bid. Negatives are increased taxes when we have seen a pay freeze since 2008.
- I think Calgary should bid for the Olympics. We received innumerable benefits from the 1988 Games that are still serving this city well.
- Costs and accountability for those costs. Secure fixed price bids for all significant costs so overrun risks are not down to taxpayer.

- "I do NOT want to see a single dime in tax increases.
- Information on SHORT term investment recovery. At least 75% during the games."
- Olympics are globalist propaganda events; they only serve mega corporations and technocratic elites. We won't pay for our own brainwashing!
- Increased tourism
- The tax burden is already too high and just keeps increasing at an alarming rate. NO! NO! NO! Put the money to better use.
- Cost estimates are sketchy and unreliable. Traffic concerns are not addressed. Housing of athletes and tourists is not addressed.
- The cost to host is already far too high (BEFORE inevitable cost increases) and Calgary has so many other things we need to spend money on.
- The Olympics doesn't have a single benefit that outweighs the costs Calgarians will be burdened with for years.
- Only businesses will benefit, taxpayers who will pick up the bill will not have anything in return for raised taxes to make up for the funds.
- No benefit, only legacy will be a huge tax bill, municipal, provincial and federal
- Cost and other projects that will be deferred due to spending on the Olympics
- Multi-generational tax increases will result. City needs to focus its limited resources on delivering basic services.
- Too expensive
- Economic benefit - bringing \$ into the city through the games themselves, the legacy left with potential investors coming to Calgary
- I see no benefit to Calgary or the surrounding communities. Too much expense that needs to be invested elsewhere.
- cost, taxes
- "Visibility and growth for the City, Economic growth and job creation
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- PS... and a lot of fun to be a proud Calgarian"
- "Benefit- improvements to housing options once games completed
- Risk - ROI doesn't materialize"
- Cost. All levels of government have raised tax. We still spend at all levels into deficit. Alberta economy in decay. Spending more????
- Alberta is almost broke. We cannot afford such foolishness.
- Total costs are understated and benefits are overestimated which will result in tax increases for years to come to pay for the games
- Country, provinces, and Calgary are overspending and running deficits. attract "international investment" is bunk. Reduce tax not over tax
- Cost overruns with no ability to pay for them. As a city we have greater needs than some Olympic legacy
- Risk of terrorist attack, corrupt IOC, too expensive
- I can't trust our current council to do anything correctly, they can't even meet in public way too much secrecy and inability to take on this
- "Projected cost are too much, Whistler being used, unknown cost for
- housing and future maintenance cost of new venues unknown, Stupid, etc."
- Cost...I do not want you pay a dime for the bid or the games. They mean nothing with the 'forgiveness' of the Russians for the doping scandal
- Cost overruns and long term increased taxes
- Money better spent on transit. Could offer free transit for 5 years with less money and greater impact to health, wealth, and culture.

- Spending a lot of money that won't have a good return.
- All the data on the bid is not out for the public to see. Hiding info from citizens in the ruse of trying to secure funding is not right
- Risks - increases taxes, extreme debt and unused infrastructure following the Games
- There was a Predetermined Outcome the moment our mayor attended the Seoul Olympics. Since then secrecy and deception has been obvious
- Don't need more taxes now
- We should not host the Games due to cost. Past cities that have hosted are still in debt. Let's focus on poverty reduction in our own city.
- Long term infrastructure benefits with contributions from other levels of government.
- I would prefer the money be spent on finishing the Green Line
- Economic stimulus
- The IOC is corrupt and the games are quickly becoming irrelevant as many athletes (not just Russians) are doping.
- I think that the allocation of resources, including the large financial commitment required, will not bring the positive economic hoped for.
- Economically and socially. I like the idea of the housing plan and also added facilities.
- C-Train must go to the airport. All vibrant and outstanding international cities have transportation from their airport.
- I'm torn between the financial risk as well as the safety risk. Our laws are far too accommodating for criminals, etc
- "Incorrect cost estimates- likely \$10B.
- No pipeline, no money in the coffers for this. Wrong time AB. NO
- NO NO NO NO"
- Economic risks
- "loss of services and increase in tax
- A distraction from what needs to really be done to help the city
- Elitist exercise, little pub ben"
- Cost. We can't fix our roads so why spend money we don't have.
- We should host the Olympics for community spirit and to upgrade our aging facilities (eg. the Oval where my son speed skates!)
- Costs outweigh any potential benefits. \$3B of taxpayer funds, \$2.2B of taxpayer funds (gov't of AB is still tax funded); no ROI for taxpayer
- The long term costs to taxpayers is not worth the short term gain seen by a select few industries by hosting the Olympics games.
- Reduction in City services, and saddling taxpayers with extra debt and taxes
- Not worth the cost or possibility that time or funds will be taken away from other things in the city.
- No real economic benefit for tax payers
- Cost is the #1 reason not to host the games. It's not worth the burden to tax-payers. A breakdown of cost per-tax-payer should be published
- The costs are ridiculous and band-aiding venues together across different cities is not considerate of the athletes, the FOCUS of the games.
- When was the last Olympics that made a profit? Security costs alone sink this bid. Hear that flushing sound?
- International exposure, upgrading some of our infrastructure and affordable housing
- There are many factors in the city that are important to communities that are not being adequately funded such as healthcare and education
- Beneficial to our painfully struggling economy, there is a lot of attention needed to put this place back on the map besides a cheap midway.

- Financial. We are in a recession, we need to focus on citizens and lowering taxes, not raising them when we are in massive debt.
- The city council can't produce a budget to keep our roads safe. How can it produce a budget to make money from the Olympics?
- The benefits are not worth the long term costs.
- I am convinced after looking at data from previous Olympics that the benefits reported never bear out and the costs are an ongoing burden.
- The costs will be massive and I don't want to give city council any excuse to raise my property tax.
- Spending MY money on a glorified party. Spend the money on something that will benefit ALL, not just council legacies!
- Calgary will not profit from this, we will lose money - spend our money on the less fortunate and in need instead
- Top risk = massive increase in debt from infrastructure, etc.
- Now is not the time. Costs are too risky, in this economy. The money that would come from us tax payers too. No trust in the IOC.
- Improved infrastructure and A TRAIN TO THE AIRPORT LIKE EVERY OTHER GLOBAL CITY.
- We don't have "Extra" money to spend on extravagances.
- Cost to taxpayers. Creative accounting shows lower costs than actual, as "infrastructure that would need to be done anyways" is included.
- Calgary already has a huge international presence, we should not be burdening the taxpayer with the undetermined/uncontrollable costs
- Calgary is in debt, you have 14 million +/- vacancy in the office market. 65% increase in commercial taxes - HAVE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY !!!!!
- Cost overruns of security alone, too many venues will leave a legacy of many years of high taxes, never mind other shortfall estimates.
- "Benefit - NONE
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- Risk - Olympics are a corporate boondoggle that leave municipalities bankrupt! This is a terrible idea!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- The massive cost is risk. The last few cities to host summer or winter Olympics have all seen a deficit as a result of the games
- Because we need a new Saddledome that needs to be part of the bid process to keep the flames in Calgary
- there be a decrease in promised federal and provincial government funding
- The major risk is that we will spend significant amounts of money and, at best, get infrastructure that is not needed by Calgarians.
- "It's too risky now with our economy and the huge amount of people still without jobs.
- Struggle now to pay high property taxes, utilities..."
- I think that having the games, as well as the 2026 FIFA World Cup will provide a huge investment opportunity for Alberta.
- Undisclosed costs for a city that is already one of the most unaffordable in Canada.
- The 2026 Winter Olympics is fine economically, but I don't think they should be attached to the Paralympics for the opposite reason.
- I don't think we should be associated with the Olympic Committee who support Russia's reinstatement after doping in the 2014 Winter Olympics
- "Not giving us the real cost
- Just for Nenshi legacy
- City needs much more than wasting money on this 10 day bs"

- My property taxes will increase, I don't want any of my taxes going to "games" I prefer programs for the needy, roads, sewers etc.
- The legacy left behind in affordable housing, sports venues, Calgary's global profile; as well the jobs created.
- Build on the legacy from 88 & bring Calgary back to a world stage. Support the athletes of the future!
- Our economy is not in the right place to submit a bid. We cannot afford to have taxes raised to pay for all of the improvements needed.
- Higher taxes, cost overrun, please explain how you will do these games for less than Vancouver, Canmore, Whistler, cost sharing? Curling??
- No one knows how to drive. We have 168 accidents with the normal commuters. Just makes things worse for us that live here to get to work
- Do not bid. The cost to taxpayers is simply too high - that's where all the government money comes from after all! There's no upside really.
- The proposed economic benefits are vague at best. Why not just take our 3 billion of tax dollars and use them for the things we need??
- No faith in the accuracy of the information provided on costs and benefits. Olympics are a nice to have not a must have. No debt please!
- The money could go to better projects that have better long term benefits and fewer risks.
- Most of us are trying to keep our heads' above water from the recession - now is not the time to be fiscally irresponsible! No Thanks!
- I think the cost is too high. We are struggling in Calgary and other priorities should be much more important
- Focus more on improving our economy and poverty stricken city. Stop wasting money and focus on helping middle/lower class not hurt us
- McManis stadium is old, the arena is old, ski jumping shouldn't be 1000 Kms away, where will the downhill skiing be, how many other upgrades?
- It's a big financial cost without a great return on investment. Would rather The City invest in infrastructure and programs to benefit all.
- Money secured would be better spent directly on new accessible housing, athletic facilities, etc. without extra Games overhead/security cost
- "When IOC comes begging you know it's a bad deal
- whose going to pay the debt
- Still paying for 1988 game?"
- I don't believe Calgary has the resources or infrastructure to host a large influx of people at this time.
- I would prefer the city fixed issues in the city like the Westbrook LRT station fiasco.
- Too big an opportunity to miss out on. I want my children to experience Calgary hosting the Olympics just as I did in 1988.
- Secret meetings lead to mistrust Long after Nenshi has left the city of Calgary, will he take his portion of the debt with him I doubt it!
- Building much needed infrastructure that we have been neglecting
- A benefit would be increased revenues to some businesses, although the cost of games unaffordable in these tough times.
- Economic - the money would have greater benefits to more Calgarians if spent on public transportation, health (esp. mental health), etc.
- I feel that the moneys that are currently being spent on the bid could be better used on more pressing issues such as better snow clearing
- More taxes... And I'm sick and tired of more and more taxes and mismanagement from every level of government.
- Funding. Taxpayers are already taxed enough. We should use money for roads schools and hospitals.

- Although it would be cool to see the Olympics in Calgary and to experience it. It comes at a price of more taxes and debt for our government
- Too expensive, the city can hardly afford basic city services as is (such as snow removal).
- I think hosting olympic games will give great chance to flourish our economy. Will create strong relationship between countries.
- It is blasé that it would help our economy. All socioeconomic sectors need at least 10 years to fully recover. Olympic Games are elitist.
- We risk our money being wasted, instead we should put it to good use like clearing the roads in winter or improving transit
- It will create jobs a promote tourism.
- Ill get to volunteer for the Olympics.
- Spending too much money in a Calgary down turn
- Waste of our money with no profit, this does NOTHING for us! We have too many issues in this city to be wasting more money!
- Game bids are notoriously under bid & the benefits overstated while the risks are understated in an attempt to woo a yes vote. No trust.
- Major risk is cost and a perceived lack of transparency/realism in cost estimates provided. No replacement for Saddledome or McMahon.
- Our province is in terrible debt. Many of us Calgarians have oil field related careers that have been lost. One more tax hike is ridiculous
- Energizing the city and providing a developmental platform for all Olympic sports - but that development doesn't seem to be in the plan.
- Letting Winsport continue in their 'role' w/o firming up their mandate. They shouldn't be able to abandon sports (ski jumping, XC in town)
- Should be able to jumpstart infrastructure, why no new LRT to Mt Royal, Foothills no high-speed train to mountains?
- City council is not honest with the cost, increased taxes, more important programs/projects will have funding reduced or cut
- It was revealed after the recent severe snowfall event that CTS buses do not have snow tires because they "cost too much" Priorities?
- Too expensive spend money on basic services for people of Calgary. Fix the roads, improve public transportation, better snow removal.
- It's a money loser and Nenshi' is in the news enough... my taxes need not pay for this money losing legacy of his
- We are still recovering economically from when oil crashed. Don't need the extra debt.
- Cons left nothing in the reserve, cost estimates are already speculated to be inaccurate with missing costs budgeted.
- This is being guided by Nenshi and the city administration and information is being kept secret to avoid public awareness of the actual risk
- If we don't have funds to do necessary repairs to existing infrastructure, deal with homelessness, and maintain services we shouldn't bid
- "New ideas, new infrastructure, and new people will always lead to a more positive place to live
- #oxford comma"
- The economy can't support it. The process is not transparent. The IOC is corrupt.
- We don't have the money. You think we have the money? Then spend it on Calgary's infrastructure.
- If this Olympic bid was actually transparent and not a Nenshi, Moran and city admin special interest project it may have had a chance, NO!!
- Calgary is already in a mess financially and structurally. We don't need another waste of money
- This nonsense of a bid is disgusting. The debt this council is imposing upon taxpayers is beyond the pale. decrease our taxes is a need.

- Calgary doesn't need the debt. We have roads, sidewalks and homeless that need help - let's be more responsible.
- We are broke!!! We have very low oil prices; should be fixing our economy before spending anything "nice to have" activities
- Bringing international attention to Calgary and upgrading out public transit systems and sports centers
- YOU ONLY GIVE 140 CHARACTERS??? The recent snow fall was a DISASTER. Focus on fixing snow removal and transit, and make the roads better >:(
- Historically cost overruns of at least 50% are a given
- Economic times have changed drastically. Too much burden on taxpayers, whether we break ev3n or not.
- There are more important things to focus on in our current economic state. Snow removal, police force, public transit etc etc
- Olympic games are now too expensive. They profit only to the Olympic committee, they award the games to the city that gives biggest kickbac
- No benefits. All risk. And millions into the Saddledome. So idiotic.
- Create an all-access city with improved access so people w/disabilities, physical/economic can live here Post Olympics
- Cost we can NOT afford these games
- Much needed refurbishment of facilities and a multi-sport fieldhouse. Bringing them much needed upgradesleep so calgarians can train.
- The IOC must work out plans to make the games profitable. Cities, provinces, and countries should not subsidize the IOC
- After being told I am selfish if I don't support it....I definitely will vote against it. Council....quite saying your an unbiased. Shameful
- Infrastructure needs overhauling anyway, and would constitute a large economic net benefit
- burdening future generations with massive debt is not a good idea.
- Higher taxes and less service from an already stretched thin City budget.
- Council is not netural - they are only cheerleaders instead of doing their job of identifying the real risks. Can't trust them.
- With so many things the city has to spend money on, for example, museums, there is no logical reason to spend that much money on the Olympic
- Cost!!! The city isn't the same as it was in 88. We still haven't heard from council how they'll PAY for it!
- No sustainable resources to fund these games. Calgary is in poor economical condition. Very bad idea, Don't abuse taxpayers anymore,
- Need new infrastructure. Stadium and arena. Chance for funding from federal and provincial governments.
- No we can not afford these games as tax payer I am not interested in my taxes being raised I pay enough
- Loss of money.
- Huge waste of money! If you want to spend it, do so on education, infrastructure. Times are tough enough without this costly gong show added
- Impact on funding for other iniatives
- Tourism dollars, new arena hopefully.
- Invest the money in education, transportation, infrastructure, more art galleries, museums, and towards small businesses to encourage them.
- "The Olympics would be Great for the city, province, and country.
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- However, the committee missed the mark on venues and transportation."

- Calgary will never recoup the costs and will burden generations with debt as no investors will put money into this country!
- Predicted costs are much lower than other recent events. Costs for other unfunded infrastructure not included (new arena, remediation)
- Risk-more money required from taxpayers- it's not like we benefit from any of the proceeds directly
- "Cost.
- I have ZERO faith the city would be able to hold the Olympics within their budget, or that they are being honest about costs"
- We cannot afford it. And the city is hiding the true cost of it from us, so Nenshi can pad his resume for a vanity project.
- Debt we do not need. Everything about the proposal is not transparent. Costs are being hidden. Calgary is in a recession.
- Cost overages - CALGARY citizens will have to pay for a very long time. Unethical Olympic committee history. Complicated & expensive security
- Ethical and financial reasons. The IOC has a pretty suspect record when it comes to corruption and fair play; the games come at a high cost.
- The 2026 bid represents the Calgary mentality on a larger scale: racking up debt to maintain a certain appearance.
- "Lower property taxes.
- Better snow removal.
- TRANSPARENCY!!!!"
- "Finance I
- Legacy of 1988 was primarily the Saddledome.
- New arena/stadium or my vote is NO!"
- Lets focus on more long term issue's that will actually make a difference in our city. We don't need this sh\*t now... not ever!
- Cost- The amount of public funding req. is enormous and could be better spent, most cities do not recoup their investment let alone profit.
- Will cost way more than you are telling people. You are intentional not being truthful.
- The economy of Calgary and the province continues to be sluggish. It is not a vibrant economic climate. There is serious financial risk.
- Many Calgarians are struggling financially and this will end a bill paid by the taxpayers.
- Corrupt IOC; Personal agendas socially politically financially connected BidCo; Taxes; Cost/Benefit; Higher priorities; Transparency
- Increase in taxes, left with over priced marginally used infrastructure
- Cost is too much for Canadians and IOC is out of touch with demands and corruption.
- Security. This puts a target on our city, and puts civilians and athletes alike in jeopardy. No amount of \$ can ensure the games are safe.
- Costs to taxpayers.
- "DEBT DEBT DEBT. TO ALL TAXPAYERS. CITY CANT EVEN MANAGE SNOW
- SECURITY COST ENORMOUS AND NOT WORTHWHILE
- FIX OUR POTHOLES AND ALLEYWAYS"
- We should submit a bid. The Olympics raise the profile of our city worldwide. There are massive long term economic and social benefits!
- Risk, but 1988 worked out when the economy was just as bad
- So far in this process, the city has not been transparent with us on cost/benefits. Even this engagement is written bias towards the Games
- "Cost overruns
- Inviting war criminals to yyc

- Cheaters destroying yyc reputation
- Secrecy"
- Waste of money that should be used and is needed elsewhere. Like snow removal for instance.
- I believe this would help to reinvigorate Calgary, and Alberta, after years of lackluster economic numbers. Affordable housing is a huge +
- All 3 levels of gov't do not have money for this. We don't need more debt. Why can't our governments be fiscally responsible and say no?
- The City should focus the available resources on its citizens instead of going after the Games.
- Not enough money in our government to support this. We could be using these funds for other things than the Olympics.
- Too much tax payer money for corrupt, commercial sporting events for the elite few. We need to encourage being on the field participating
- City administration does not have the ability to manage this project.
- Corruption is becoming a problem at City Hall. Did you know they bailed out Walton with your tax dollars last year? Surprise...
- So far, the city has not been transparent with us on cost/benefits. I feel there are far better ways to spend tax dollars, such as education
- Hidden costs
- The high cost and security issues
- Right now my family has not recovered from the oil market tanking. We can't afford to get taxed or help pay for one more thing. No! Sinking
- The risk of cost overruns is too much to bear unless it's the IOC or private business. Every level of government in Canada is in debt.
- Hidden costs. Cannot keep lies straight. Moran is a disgrace for trying to guilt YYCto have OG for kids when they will be left with the bill
- May have minor benefits short term, but in the long run Calgary will be in debt and will not profit from the Olympic sport facilities.
- A legacy of infrastructure that will be accessible to Canadians for decades and generations to come. Look at the impact of the '88 Games!
- Money should be spent on PROPER snow clearing for ALL roads & sidewalks instead and the cost of security for the games would be astronomical
- Not interested to take the taxes as a taxpayer, i have no benefit in it at all, except for tax money spend to create additional traffic
- Calgaryian dont have all of the information to make an informed decision. Lack of transparency by City
- It will boost our economy and result in much needed upgrades to existing venues and new venues which we desperately need.
- Economic growth, strong sport and recreation legacy to benefit all Calgaryians, and improving Calgary's health and sport inclusiveness
- calgary going into more debt. Not benefiting the community long term
- Hosting the games is just a waste of money. We've already spent too much on the idea already.
- Calgary's reputation is fine as is. The unknowns in the current report speak to an overly optimistic and unrealistic view.
- That Calgary will be on the hook for billions of dollars that we will NOT make back. Great for athletes, but everyone else? Useless infrastr
- There is no benefit only high risk. Increased debt and humungous tax increases are NOT A NEED but a certainty all for a party of 2 weeks.
- Without new arena and stadium, not interested.
- Im unclear as to why or who decided this was necessary. Next time consult with us \$25mm earlier please.

- The only benefit I saw was a new arena/ music venue but with that not being part of the plans there is no benefit. No city has ever profited
- Don't like that not all costs are listed. More info needed to make an educated decision.
- Waste of money. Focus our resources else where to benefit the people who live here
- To expensive and no one involved has any idea of an actual cost.
- We can't afford proper road repair or snow removal... why should we be spending millions on olympics right now? Not the right time.
- Until the City can keep our streets clear of snow, you can't afford to spend time and resources on the games. Priorities, people.
- The risk is incurring a huge debt for a 2 week party! As tax payers we have higher priorities to spend our tax money on like roads!
- Revitalize the City, rebuild venues, make CALGARY a destination for another 30 years.
- TAXPAYERS WILL BE STUCK WITH THE FINAL TAB. IT COMES OUT OF OUR POCKETS REGARDLESS OF WHICH LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT FINANCES THE COST.
- cosy
- Federal , Provincial and Municipal focus should be on encouraging new businesses to Calgary to fill the downtown vacancies and create jobs.
- Public money should not go to funding an international sports party. The money should be spent else where.
- I think hosting the olympics would be great for tourism and service industries both in Calgary and Canmore.
- Too Costly
- Cost to taxpayers in an uncertain economic climate. \$3000/ person regardless of age.
- I believe that it would be beneficial for Calgary to host the Olympics. It would provide some additional income from tourist's
- Increased taxes to residents with no additional day-to-day gain in public services or infrastructure.
- This will not put us back on the map but will put us massively in debt.
- Too much cost. We don't have the infrastructure and it will cost too much to build it up so quickly. We're not recovered as it is
- I feel the games would put Calgary in debt that would cripple us for years to come.
- It will cost FAR too much. Our Purple highness is neither transparent or honest with Calgarians.
- Austerity measures for the whole country after 2030!
- ITS A WASTE OF MONEY, BECAUSE WE WON'T WIN THE BID IN THE FIRST PLACE. STOP IT WHILE WE STILL CAN, AND SAVE THE MONEY FOR SOMETHING ELSE.
- Release the data
- Tourism to the city
- Cost vs profit. Its a no brainer. Good way to throw away money.
- Publicity is very good for e city but I don't think Calgary can win this time. There are other ways to make city more visible to the world
- It costs way too much money and we have more important things to spend that money on. The bid exploration process alone cost a fortune.
- Its a complete waste of taxpayers money. OUR money is better spent in other ways.
- Considering Councils insatiable appetite for spending taxpayer money, we don't need any addition burden placed on us to satisfy Council egos
- New fitness venues and arenas
- Not enough legacy biuldings
- The tremendous costs, likelihood of overruns, poorly considered venue choices, supporting the corrupt IOC. Not enough to justify a big party
- Our roads can't handle regular daily traffic. How would they ever hope to handle this kind of event?

- "It is a right project, right time and right place.
- After years of downtime we are getting to tipping point in primary industry ."
- Nothing! We don't want the Olympics stop forcing Calgarians into something they don't want.
- Potential cost to taxpayers that could benefit the city in more important areas, such as infrastructure and transportation.
- Huge waste of money, it's not fair to burden our children with the cost of the current city councils desire to make their mark by hosting
- Faster development of public transit and infrastructure, tourism and also the excitement of having a big event in our city.
- Substantial increase in tourism and revitalised sport venues that can be used by athletes for generations to come.
- Infrastructure investment in sports, public housing and transportation.
- The City of Calgary cannot afford to host such extravagance
- Benefits overstated, costs under estimated.
- We as house owners end up paying the bills
- Economic benefits for Calgary and surrounding area.
- The cost
- If McMahon not covered & Dome not replaced I use no other facilities. I don't want to pay for bad guesstimates and high security overages.
- The city "won't" build a new arena or a train line to the airport, BUT somehow has money to throw 4Billion+ at a 10 day party?
- The potential risks outweigh the advantages for the city.
- I think we would really benefit from the the new venues that would be built for the Olympic Games.
- Yet another increase cost to taxpayers! No more Taxes! Period!!!
- I don't see enough benefits in hosting the Olympics to outweigh the negative economic outcomes.
- Research shows what a bad investment the olympics are for a hosting city. Nenshi & city council are behaving like a corrupt dictatorship.
- "Should not.
- Our tax dollars will be over spent. No benefits to local people or business for a longer term. No profit to the people"
- The cost is way too excessive for the Olympics.
- I am concerned for the safety of all of the athletes and visitors to our city. Winter = snow, Calgary + snow = extremely dangerous roads.
- I am worried about the debt this will Calgary in... if the city can not afford to put winter tires on the buses, how can we afford this?
- Way too expensive for no gain. And Calgary still won't get an arena for hockey? The saddledome was outdated 10 years ago.
- My taxes are high enough and I am not interested in funding this. I don't think the benefits outweigh the costs.
- The IOC has shown itself to be dishonest. Why do we want to get into bed with these crooks?
- Brings people to our city and establishes a sense of community
- Benefits are fairly well articulated. The risks of cost overruns and long term impacts of the additional debt incurred to host are not.
- Costs to a city still economically depressed.
- Ballooning costs that have not been properly disclosed to the public
- We need to put the money that we would spend on the games on a new Saddledome Arena.
- I just don't believe in the Olympic any more. It all about selling Coca Cola. It's big business. It's just not special the way it used to be

- I believe this city needs to spend money on a SE train line, reliable transit, and better snow removal over an olympic bid.
- City Council seems to have decided to ram this down our throats. Don't let them!
- Modern athletes (with some exceptions) are no longer deserving of our adoration.
- The public pays the cost, the prime beneficiaries are the elite: the IOC, multinational corporations, wealthy investors
- Weak economy, low revenue generated from natural resources, unforeseeable cost over runs resulting a larger load on tax payers to carry.
- Unaffordable
- Costs to Calgary tax payers.
- It is not worth it to spend 5.6 BILLION dollars for 10 days. These facilities are not needed because we already have them from 1988.
- No benefits to be seen. Just a money pit/ waste of tax dollars.
- "We have more important things to spend our money. Not waste our money on two week games."
- way too much money wasted, too high taxes, facilities that will never be used again.
- None. I have no trust in the current process/councilors. So much has been hidden and not disclosed to the citizens
- Good boost to tourism Calgary. Increased tourism also increases jobs for Calgary. Good for Calgary to be in the spot light with sports.
- The city should invest money earmarked for bid submission into schools, building at least one proper road, snow removal etc. The basics.
- The cost of and the secrecy surrounding the bid come top of mind. This is an ego trip for city brass we simply can't afford.
- I feel that during this severe economic slump that an Olympic bid is out of touch with the reality of taxpayers financial burdens.
- the money used for this could be better spent. the IOC is corrupt. the overruns will be enormous, not enough transparency.
- I feel we need to address budgets and how to manage budgets better in our city before we go and spend money we don't have just because.
- I firmly believe we are not told the true costs and that they will run way over the Supposed Budget and Calgary tax payers will foot the bill
- cost - overruns, lack of firm commitment from prov and fed governments, sub-standard construction and unexpected repair & maintenance costs
- Improving facilities for legacy programs.
- I do not trust our City Council to be open and honest with respect to the costs and I believe the money would be better spent elsewhere.
- The significant amount of capital required, that could hinder the economic recovery of an already fragile economy. Tax burden would be high.
- This council cannot properly run the city as it is ... now they want the taxpayers to fund a legacy for them ..... NOT GOING TO HAPPEN!
- We need to improve sports facilities that are aging and this will bring a much needed financial boost to Calgary
- The sheer amount of investment in infrastructure and facilities that will be funded in large part by the Provincial and Federal governments
- no clear and honest cost "estimations". I do not trust city admin to be transparent, corrupt IOC, ego/legacy for Nenshi only. Higher taxes!
- Bankrupt the city.
- Why is the ski jumping issue not addressed in this information? Citizens need to know BC will be taking some of our events/tourists/money.

- 4 Billion is a waste on a 10 day party. How about a new arena or a C-train line to the airport?
- I don't trust Nenshi to tell the truth about this or anything else. He has a history of tell half truths to get what he wants.
- I believe this bid is a waste of money, money which should definitely be channelled into other sectors.
- The proposed budget seems to be wildly optimistic and completely unrealistic compared to budgets for other games recently.
- The promoters are basing arguments for this project on an emotional level rather than an actual cost/benefit analysis using real numbers.
- I would rather Calgary save all this money they would put into the olympics (a short term) event and instead save it for long term goals.
- Costs - I can see Calgarians saddled with additional costs to compensate for deficits that occur. (Increased taxes is the familar route)
- I don't trust the process. Too secretive. Are Albertans expected to pay the costs of transporting and accommodating athletes in Whistler
- Unless city starts spending more on staffing they will overwhelm already stretched thin resources by hosting olympics.. ex police, ems, 911.
- Top Risks - Cost Overruns. Also, I believe the bid includes the construction of facilities that are not valuable over the long term.
- City of Calgary does not have the funds or skills to put the games on. Taxes and admin fees are already up. What is hides behind the tables?
- There is no benefit. It is a huge money drain and tax increase.
- I think it would be great for the development of needs in the city, we are still benefiting from the 88 Olympics.
- City Debt is a concern. Great way to get new infrastructure but if we still have debt then just build it over time. no need for the games
- Modernization of legacy facilities.
- I do Not want an increase in taxes.
- Nenshi is hiding something. Why was the ethics commissioner brought in to investigate facts being leaked? Somethings up. Try transparency.
- I think that this is an amazing opportunity for revitalization in Calgary. Our tax dollars are going to be going somewhere anyway!
- We are still in a very unstable market. There are so many un employed people that are not able to meet financial responsibility.
- I'm worried about the economy of Calgary leading up to and following the games.
- I do not want an increase in taxes. Cost overruns are inevitable and city debt is a concern.
- Short term economic growth - jobs created will be primarily in construction and not helpful to many other Calgarians
- Firstly let me say that this web page for feedback is extremely busy and doesn't provide enough space for us to actually meaningfully feedba
- There are way more pressing and important issues to deal with (unemployment, homelessness, etc), before spending this much money on a party
- "-(more)Exposure on a worldwide level
- -Economic Benefits
- -it's what Calgary dies best: Host"
- The budget/financial implications and impacts are immense, and no plan to use funds to support a new hockey arena is irresponsible.
- No trust in Council and group providing accurate information. Also believe that using the Saddledome and McMahon as venue is poor quality.
- Too much cost, vague benefits

- It is a well known fact that the games are a money pit, we can use our tax dollars for better things than the Olympics
- The financial risk is too high. There are too many unknowns. The city had better things to spend its money on.
- Without an LRT connection to the airport, there will be no effective way for visitors to get to the venues
- Benefits are minimal. Cost is prohibitive. Public being lied to about the true costs of the games. This is nothing but a Nenshi ego-bath.
- Property taxes will go from 2.65 to 3.45 % in 2019 & will go up annually from 2.5 and 3 % to 2022! Now add the Olympic costs (+\$640 per yr)
- The financial risk is too extreme for a single event. The infrastructure is in serious need of upgrading. We are NOT getting full details
- put the money towards a new Saddledome/ covered football stadium where we can get enjoyment year round enjoyment not just 10 days.
- The top risks are undefined expenses and long term repayments.
- Cost overruns, association with IOC that seems to have lost its purpose and integrity
- Many studies show there is no economic benefit
- With the choice of art projects around Calgary I'd be embarrassed to see what they decide on for the Olympics. Giant blue ring maskot?.
- Too high of a financial risk for such a small group of people that will benefit (both at the games and after). Host amateur events instead
- I believe we also need an events centre or arena. Will not vote yes until the city recognizes this benefit to so many many Calgarians.
- There are many other issues to be addressed in our city before we spend money on the Olympic Games.
- I think the costs are greatly understated and there seems to be no long term benefit in infrastructure. Just refurbished old buildings
- It is a way to continue to diversify our economy and lay the foundation for hosting other large events.
- "The infrastructure I see as the major benefit, the world stage for Calgary once again.
- The financial aspect is not a risk."
- The top risks are multi-faceted, City debt out of control, property taxes out of control, no confidence BidCo can control costs, NO NO NO NO
- Waste of precious taxpayer money that would be better spent if all of it went to things we need.
- Risk - no olympic games make money, they all lose money, even though they all claim this one will be different.
- Because we can't afford it. Plus too much secrecy from City Counsel. It will always cost more than they say. NOPE!
- Doesn't make sense, it's ok for tax payers to pay for olympics but not a new arena that could benefit the city for years to come? NO!
- Taxpayers shouldn't be on the hook for what is clearly (and always) an underestimated price-tag.
- Financial cost
- City should be investing in better public transit, improved snow removal, etc - the return on those investments carry much less risk
- Higher taxes that a lot are already having difficulty with and a bully city council who forget who elected them and pay their wages.
- If we put money towards the Olympics, we could lose the Flames. Flames more of an asset for the city.
- I believe the costs for the Olympics will go far beyond what is being shown and will be a burden on taxpayers. I will vote no.

- Risk is cost overrun leaving taxpayers on the hook
- Cost of the games vs income gained through hosting
- Benefits only large corporations and will leave Calgarians in massive debt. Games are NOT open to Calgarians - major disruptions for years
- "Too expensive. We can't afford it now
- No trust in current cost numbers: the costs for Olympics are ALWAYS higher than advertised for a bid"
- I see little to no benefit. What is the '88 Olympic Legacy 30 years on? The only piece of infrastructure that sees regular use is the Oval
- We have been told services will be cut or taxes must rise. No consideration should even be given to host the Olympics! NO!
- I think this will be a big waste of money and time on the city's behalf. Poor spending city council!! Get over it and don't waste more money
- Legacy, Infrastructure world attention/attraction, jobs.
- We need a new arena to replace the embarrassment that is the Saddledome. I would support the bid if a new arena was included.
- The Costs and the fact that this money could be better spent elsewhere. Why would we put more pressure in an already pressured economy.
- "Calgary is not ready for Olympic Games.
- Life is to expensive anyway in Calgary, with Olympic Games it will become over expensive."
- CALGARY HERALD Updated: April 7, 2018 pretty much said it all for what I believe in.
- I cannot wait for increased taxes to pay for the games after all the hidden costs and cost overruns
- Because Calgary is a beautiful city a lot of the world does not know about
- I believe it would help with turism as long as there is enough money for it
- It would help with turism and develop the culture in Calgary, as long as there is enough money for it
- Worthwhile to bid on the games as long as costs are strictly kept under control or shared (IOC picks up part of the tab?).
- I do not want my taxes to go up because of the Olympics. I want the city to spend money on snow removal and i will gladly pay for that.
- I do not think we stand a chance at a winning bid if we're measured against Stockholm, and bids are ridiculously expensive.
- City council has been withholding cost information from public. I don't have much faith in the city's benefit analysis.
- Cost overruns are the top concern. There hasn't been one that stayed on budget. City Hall is not being honest.
- top risk is the cost of security, nothing to show for money security risks \$\$\$.
- Flames will get arena, mayor gets a party
- Too much hidden cost that you deny. And there are more important things to worry about other than watching people ski.
- Infrastructure
- It's outrageous that Canadian taxpayers at every level should be required to spend money on this spurious exhibition. Let Norway have it!
- Cost overruns. Calgarians end up paying through 3 levels of taxation. Calgary tax dollars could be better spent within the community.
- Biggest risk is not hosting all events here. Having events like ski jumping in another province would be a disaster.
- Too bleeping expensive. Investing directly will always give a better return than some indirect nonsense like the olympics.
- Cost overruns & long term debt for 4 weeks of both games

- Benefits would be the exposure and potential additional tourist revenue
- In this economic climate we have found ourselves in, I find it comically irresponsible to even consider this. We can't afford this, taxes...
- The projected costs would be exceeded and the City would incur a large bill. The project would be better managed by non government means
- The 88 Olympics put tiny Calgary on the world map. Tourism peaked and the economy took off for the following few years.
- Calgary's traffic and transit are already at their maximum capacity. The Olympics would place an overcumbering stress on these systems.
- Don't do it. There are more important items on the docket for the health of the city than a recreational event.
- I think there are far better things that the City of Calgary could be spending money on. Stampede does enough for bringing in tourists.
- The city CANNOT afford this, the money would be better spent on improving roads, public transit, etc.
- Our economy and infrastructure can not handle hosting the Olympics. This money should be going to help Calgarians and improving our economy.
- Everything associated with the Olympics have become corrupted - the IOC, the athletes, and possibly the politicians. Just say no!
- no benefit to the city except for deficits. should not be supporting a corrupt, world Olympic committee with our limited tax dollars.
- "The numbers presented at the above mentioned link are entirely unrealistic
- There is no way the games will come out with profit /loss of 0"
- The city needs infrastructural upgrades anyways - why not get them with the Olympics? If they are done right, they could benefit our future.
- Unnecessary waste of resources and money. The money/our tax dollars should be going to help people, improve city roads, transit system.
- Nothing. Us taxpayers will have to pay for years after the Olympics. I as someone who is a taxpayer would like to have lower taxes.
- a lot of money will be there spent to host the games. That won't benefit the city long term. As a taxpayer I'd Rather see my money going to
- The cost is astronomical. The city could do so much more with the money than the olympics.
- The taxpayers of Calgary will end up bearing the cost of these games, and in the end really get limited venues out of it.
- Our tax dollars can go to many other useful things in our city, the IOC and hosting Olympics is not a worthy expense. No ROI and likely debt
- There is no proven lasting economic benefit to our city that would justify spending exorbitant amounts of money.
- Crippling debt. Historical trends often depict host cities dramatically overestimating benefits while underestimating costs.
- "Increase to taxpayers when that money could be used in so many more beneficial ways.
- How about more snow removal equipment!"
- cost too high. city should look after existing infrastructure first.
- There is no proven lasting economic benefits to our city, plus an exorbitant amount to host and a cost estimate that is unreliable.
- I think the priorities of the city are wrong. I would be much more interested in simply building a new arena for the Flames.
- Cost will be astronomical and many Calgarians are already still hurting from the oil/gas slump. Taxes will go up!
- Financial burden on taxpayers

- Cost overruns. I do not believe the City has been transparent in relaying information pertaining to the very real potential of cost overrun
- too much money,
- I feel like my property tax is already very expensive, and it isn't fair that basically only homeowners will be responsible for the costs
- There is probably going to be over runs on the budget. Security costs are huge and some of the proposed venues are not on board.
- In these trying times with many people out of works and the economy suffering, we cannot afford the bid or the Olympics.
- Impact on future generations is my biggest concern since the economic times are different from 1988.
- I would suggest there should be other things of higher priority for this city to be focused on.
- It's a waste of money, \$5 billion is the current estimate, and knowing Mayor Spendshi, it'll be at least 7 billion by the time it's done.
- Spending large amounts of tax payer money and coming out even with a potential deficit is wrong and bad economics.
- Where is the money going to come from? Don't we already have \$3.1 billion in debt?? Why aren't councilors able to discuss the risks???
- Costs too high and too much secrecy from the city.
- Cost and security, especially in these troubled world with terrorists threats and this is an international event.
- Far too conservative in the security budget. This proposal is definitely not to be trusted and it is not the Mayor and council that will pay
- Positive legacy for our children - Homeless will have access to affordable housing after - Community togetherness - Bragging Rights!
- Bring people into Canada and Alberta from all over the world that can help boost the economy and show the beauty that is Calgary and area
- Increased taxes, the IOC is inherently corrupt, city council is keeping to many secrets from Calgarians, wasting money, inflated cost.
- Money! Cost overruns will surely happen. There are so many more important things to spend our money on.
- Olympics always have ballooning costs not worth my tax dollars.
- There has been total secrecy and lack of transparency with respect to the total expected costs to be levied towards taxpayers. Why?
- The risk is that the cost is going to balloon and there are many other priorities that CCC should be focusing on. yyc has >\$6 bill in debt
- The plebiscite is "non-binding" which is atrocious. Council is supposed to represent the people.. when did that change?
- It's a money losing proposition as exemplified by all other venues which have hosted the Winter Olympics in the past including Vancouver.
- There are other priorities. The risk is that money is spent for something that is less important.
- Calgary is still in an economic slump and taking tax money to pay for something that doesn't even include a new arena is not beneficial.
- The City of Calgary needs to stay focused to provide services to the population within its boundaries. This is IOC driven - stop allowing it
- We can't afford the games.
- Waste of money!! If there isn't a new arena proposal this should not happen
- Our city isn't prepared for that many people!! We have things that need to be fixed and we need a new mayor to help our city!!!
- Cost overruns. The City already has too high of spending levels. Quit making Calgary unaffordable.

- Borrowing money for host a 10 day party is not in the best interest of the taxpayer.
- Council is hiding documents from us? Did they forget the public is their boss?
- Cost. The money could be better spent else where in my opinion.
- Too many unknowns
- YYC is already carrying more than \$6 billion dollars of debt on its balance sheet.
- "The Olympic Games are disgraceful.
- World attention will bring a decade of economic benefits
- Loosing money
- Funds would be better spent elsewhere like Calgary Next .Interesting that yet another possible host(Turkey) is no longer in the running.
- Risk: supporting an unethical and corrupt organization - let's bid on Invictus Games. Benefits: Community spirit, tourism, better facilities
- Top Benefits: economical gain, country and city worldwide recoginition, Infrastrucutre and long term housing benefits
- I believe the world wide exposure will benefit Calgary. The actual games is only one component. The post games will provide more value.
- proposed bid does not include things I would like in the budget such as LRT to the airport, etc.-too much cost but not enough infrastructure
- Added expenses that will come at a cost to established (and under threat of cut) programs that are vital to Calgary's residents.
- Hidden costs since the city council insists on not being transparent with closed door meetings. This council is a joke.
- Too expensive
- Enthusiasm is lacking, passion is not there and popular opinion seems to be strongly against the prospect. Not to mention COST.
- It costs so much and it would be better for the city to not spent it on it.
- Economic hardships for the City and its citizens. The Olympics no longer hold the cachet, attraction, or attention of the world's populace.
- How can this Govt justify this price tag? The Olympics have been proven time and time again, to be un-profitable. It's not 1988.
- The City of Calgary being saddled with a deficit, of any amount, interfering with City future operations when the outlook is not that great
- Way too much money that the city does NOT have. You're skimping on winter tires for buses, but you want to host an Olympics?????
- We have our own issues to deal with before inviting 5 billion more.
- I think it's a boost for our economy plus visitors will be drawn here because of television coverage
- My kids' kids will be paying taxes for a Nenshi legacy. Security and small use venues...waste of money.
- "Model to the world a new sustainable Olympic format.
- Learn from our yyc trail blazers (88 crew)
- Experience joy with other Calgarians."
- Financial risk far outweighs any benefit & taxpayers will end up paying for it. Put that money toward hiring more first responders.
- taxes should be spent on helping Calgarians and not wasted on this bid
- Is it really worth it.
- No benefit, only risk, terrible investment, property tax will increase. No Olympic games host city every made any money from the event.
- Cost overruns. The golden era of the Olympics have long since passed

- I do not agree with being in years of debt for a three week event vs using that money towards a better cause for calgarys future. Thank you.
- The cost of this venture will be astronomical....and we cannot afford it..the money can go towards much needed infrastructure and services I
- It's a risk for the economy, transportation and infrastructure. After minimum wage rises, businesses will suffer by less and less profit.
- Lost opportunity to Calgarians for funding of much needed upgrades and facilities which would be provided by Provincial, Federal and IOC.
- Too much money for a 2week party! No new arena for how many billion??
- Our city will struggle under the emense pressure of cost that these games will require. Absolutely no!
- No benefit.
- "Bad timing, economy is poor
- Cost overruns. Always happens
- Don't trust IOC
- Too political, mayor wants a legacy. poor reason for Olympics"
- It looks like the city is throwing a party rather than helping its citizens who are having economic difficulties.
- With part of the Olympics farmed out, who gets to pay for the overrun costs? Is B.C. going to pitch in?
- Cost over runs. Ill-informed voters as information is not being released by council.
- It costs too much and the idiot Nenshi and his inflated ego are blind to it
- Just an expensive party for the elite, the politicians.. A waste of money even in the good times, definitely not now.
- Cannot trust Calgary Hall, the Mayor and most of Council with this one. There is already a serious lack of full disclosure on the facts.
- Money better spent elsewhere. We have very real traffic, transit and parking issues not to mention education. EDUCATION.
- The cost isn't worth how it would help at such a large a time frame. Tax money is better spent on social projectsto make a difference sooner
- Tourism, increase jobs in the city, opportunity for entrepreneurialism
- ever lasting debt for throwing a ridiculous party for a select few of the elites and ahtletes that should try their luck in the workforce
- Public funding means extra municipal, provincial and federal taxes or loss of services. If such a good idea, why doesn't business finance it
- The money is needed for more important issues such as affordable housing, expanding public transit and upgrading infrastructure.
- I do not want to be burdened by increased taxation for a generation because of certain cost overruns from hosting an Olympic Games.
- The financial costs to give enough benefits to a city that is already hurting and talking about raising taxes to cover needs.
- "Benefit to citizens through new and updated infrastructure and venues.
- Job creation in a tough economy.
- A lifetime of memories."
- We have no transparency at Silly Hall - every year our taxes go up and a lot of it seems to be wasted - so no to the olympics.
- The only people who benefit from hosting the Olympics are the corrupt politicians like Nenshi. That's why he tried to hide the true cost.
- Cost of over runs which always occurs

- City will not say how much our taxes will go up to pay for these games. The city is hiding risks that may increase the costs of the games.
- Plain and simple: is too costly in my opinion
- That is not for the city in economic crisis. Look to Greece or Brasil - their economy was ruined by the Olympics
- It is too far away and the future too uncertain to make such a financial commitment
- Pony up, Cowtown! Time for new infrastructure. Replace the Saddledome to stay on the map as a destination for live entertainment, too.
- I support public investment, but this time, money and energy could be better focused without the massive distraction of the Olympics.
- Too expensive
- Do the right thing; it's fiscally irresponsible to bid on hosting the Olympics. (Just \*more debt for Calgarians, Albertans and Canadians...)
- Submit Bid. We get Federal and Provincial money to build needed infrastructure which otherwise is unavailable. And restore civic pride.
- Based on what has happened at recent Olympic hosting cities I think there is a higher risk of losing money, money should be spent elsewhere
- High social and economic cost.
- "Transit
- Homelessness
- Opioid crisis
- Money (we don't have it)
- It will increase taxes"
- I think the benefits to existing facilities can be substantial: the costs of NOT hosting the games should be better quantified by committee
- Top risk is security, then money
- We lack infrastructure and individuals have too much economic burden already - this will all trickle down as it always does.
- I would be totally on board IF, and I mean IF.... I felt our council was being honest about cost. I know they are burying information.
- I fear that the resulting tax burden from operating the games at an extreme loss will actually extend to the next generation of citizens.
- As with the 1998 Olympics, Calgary will enjoy long-lasting economic and social benefits from hosting the olympics in 2026.
- The city council has been found to be hiding costs to the taxpayers of Calgary relating to the true cost of the Games. It is dishonest.
- We had the games in 1988. Let someone else host, our property taxes will go thru the roof because someone has to pay for them.
- Cost overruns. Don't care which branch of government funding comes from, any way you look at it the Taxpayer pays. Enough already!
- Some benefit-better facilities for future athletes. However, I think the high debt from doing it (including security) will be our legacy.
- Additional debt load in City and province
- The costs for calgarians will be high while only private business will get benefits. Imagine property taxes will go up, transit, parking.etc
- Improved facilities and infrastructure
- Placing Calgary into the rarified league of international cities that attract the global elite. There is risk as to whether such a populati

- Top risk is cost over-runs since every Olympic game host has had to eat the overage. I am very uncomfortable about the limited information .
- Too costly
- Without a true understanding of the costs and what has been discussed in secret meetings by Calgary city council we should not go ahead.
- A major risk is that the total financial cost is being understated.
- Not a priority for Calgary, cannot afford it, lack of transparency (bus barns), calgary burdens the cost while other cities benefits
- Insane financial risk
- Overall economy will get a boost, also the infrastructure will be upgraded
- Cost is too high. Even if province and Feds contribute, it is still tax money that could be used for more important purposes
- Extraordinary debt, wasted resources could be out to better use for infrastructure.
- Taxes keep skyrocketing since Nenshi got in. Services go down. So many of the events are not even here!!! We don't need this!!
- I don't think there is benefit as Calgary is well known around the world already from the 1988 olympics. Our economy is strained already.
- There is no benefit in collaborating with scam artists in IOC other than lining the pockets of city officials.
- We're too broke to fund basic transport needs in the city, like sidewalk repair, transit subsidies. We cannot afford this.
- Cost
- Too expensive and our tax dollars are better spent on roads, education, LRT to southeast Calgary, and the list goes on.
- Release the report
- Taxpayer money being wasted on something so frivolous. You said no to a new arena but \$3 billion to waste on this? Seems ridiculous.
- Cost. Too expensive and the city can not afford it. They have to cancel so many fundraisers like zoo bc of economics how can we afford this
- No benefits.all risk
- More international exposure
- Give the money to the food bank. STOP wasting 10s of millions!
- Cost far outweighs any benefits
- I believe the olympics will increase the city's debt and the tax payers will be dealing with the consequences many years later.
- I think that the facilities being refurbished are already near their lifespan, we need new modern arena and stadium
- You installed Skewers monument by COP. Money well wasted.
- "There is absolutely ZERO good reason for us to submit a bid
- Its a massive waste of money."
- Not wise use of taxpayers money. What do we get but higher taxes? Won't help with the city's terrible infrastructure!
- "No benefit.
- Large cost, for no real gains. Don't do it, in all caps."
- Expensive little return for city. Why not look at what the city actually requires such as all sports complex look at regina
- I think it's awesome. I remember '88 it was so exciting. Not only does it bring attention to calgary but alberta and Canada, local busines

- Given the track record of previous games, it seems we still have our heads in the sand. We have not learnt. Forget it! No more debt!
- The Olympics is corrupt through and through ... this is not a project the people of Calgary want the cost isn't worth the return
- Waste of money in a city that does not even have a proper transit system underground as it only shows here like 7 months of the year.
- I am disturbed to think that our children will be screwed for generations to come saddled with massive debt. Get with it, folks.
- The costs this time far outweigh the benefits. In 1988 it was very different with the amount of legacy left to the city, this time that won't
- The cost has been vastly understated, and there are better things to spend our money on.
- Olympics are dying, it's a waste of \$\$\$. I'm a lifelong born/raised Calgarian, I love my city, and it's not a good time, it's not a good plan
- Someone said, "A lifetime of memories"! Yeah, right. Like memories of having cancer!
- Those suggesting we save money and use it on the homeless can rest easy to know that with projected property taxes, we will all be homeless!
- I believe the 1988 Olympics put Calgary on the map of the world. I think it is time to make that spot on the map even bigger.
- money better spent for city needs. Olympics are not a need.
- This should not be a high priority for public money-municipal, provincial and federal. We are a country and province in debt.
- Why give bc ANYTHING. We fund the game and they get events? Not without a pipeline deal.
- Increased tax, Marry M said something like 1,600 per household over 7 years.
- This is financial folly. Since 1988 the games have become overwhelmingly expensive to host. As well, they have lost their focus and meaning.
- It is an extremely expensive chance to fail at something we did very well in the past. The Olympics have a tarnished image that is catching
- So my kids get to experience an event like I got to in '88
- City council has not come forward with the full cost and plan, nor does this plan have a new full size arena for future use.
- Upgraded SDome, so big musicians can use it. More tourists will help my stores sales. Transit needs improvement so a bid will fast-track it.
- That my taxes will go up, city council is already wasting tax dollars simply looking at the games
- Costs are too high, and the risk of them overrunning is too great. Public money is better spent elsewhere.
- The cheaper housing sounds good. But will we get new arena? I will pay more tax for better snow removal+arena. Don't need bid.
- I'm worried that the games will put us all in the poorhouse. What good is how Calgary looks to the world if we have bad quality of life?
- Calgary has already hosted. We could have higher taxes to cover a bid and not make it anyway. The benefits are only good if we get them.
- No benefits except to a very few elite athletes. The city is so poorly managed now we are almost guaranteed huge cost overruns.
- Too many unforeseeable and hidden costs. We cannot afford a 10 billion dollar 10 day party. My unborn children will be saddled with this debt
- Too costly
- When I think of Olympics now all I can think of is how awful Rio looks. But if this is only way to get city to do stuff we need done, fine.
- Overall cost to tax payers. There are other priorities

- It would be neat to have the games here but it's not worth the cost.. City Council loves to spend spend. I say NO
- Incredible waste of money in a poor economy.
- Better recognition. Future events. A few new and updated venues
- The legacy of the 88 games should continue. There should be a plan to utilize the infrastructure afterwards but the new infrastructure
- Athletic spirit for next generation
- Legacy over time including facilities and connected vision and spirit of volunteers
- Creating a legacy for another generation of Calgarians.
- Updating venues, tourism, being part of something exciting
- Billions of dollars will be invested into Calgary that otherwise wouldn't. The legacy of the games will benefit future generations.
- It would bring long term investments back to calgary. By creating new infrastructure for teams to train for winter sports
- There is no benefit. City council just wants to have VIP access to everything and they are not considering costs to taxpayers.
- Hosting the Olympics will rebuild City morale and spirit while bringing global attention to our beautiful city.
- Accessibility for people with physical disabilities of all ages; public transport, community sidewalks, buildings, employment/volunteer
- In order to benefit we need to invest, I think Olympics will be beneficial for Calgary. And after games we could host World Championships...
- The upgrades or construction of new venues already planned by The City would happen years earlier
- There is no benefit especially when the "fix" is in. Leaving everybody else to pay for a 2 week party for the elite and corrupt.
- The 88 Olympics was one of the greatest memories of my childhood, I would love to be able to give my children a similar experience.
- The Olympic Games brings focus on our great city and provides an opportunity to bridge the movement of the world toward isolationism.
- "Yes - Should draw attention to Calgary, perhaps will encourage investors to consider putting money in.
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- No - Funding sources unclear."
- I don't see a new NHL sized arena in your plans
- We have a large number of facilities built and/or updated at a significant discount to the City.
- Economic benefit from new/upgraded facilities, tourism and awareness of the city.
- this would create employment for AB, and exposure of Calgary and area to the rest of the world as well as allow us to get the arena
- Puts Calgary on the world stage again. Venues will be used for years to come, look at the use from the 89 games.
- Creation of jobs over the next decade, funding to sports and arts complexes, highlights Calgary to foreign investors for years to come.
- There is not enough infrastructure investment proposed. I'd like to see the Calgary Next Concept as part of a bid and the LRT to the airport
- the investment in facilities that will be used in the future, and the unquantifiable increase in knowledge of Calgary
- "1.Pride for the small egos

- 2. Potential for economic gain from tourism; although the past has proven break even returns are never met"
- Affordable housing will be built and provided to those who need it
- We should look at building more things here. I would want all events held in Calgary or lake Louise or sunshine. New arena and stadium
- REVENUE
- top benefit: great financial deal to revitalize our winter sports infrastructure for the next 40 years
- helping the mayor and certain city officials claim a personal legacy in the fact that they brought the Olympics to Calgary
- The possible benefits are not going to help many of our Calgarians that are still unemployed (unemployment rate 7%).
- The Vancouver 2010 Olympics were amazing! This bid will help bring this city back to life. Do it, do it, do it!
- The risk is minimal as the team has done a great job costing the project responsibly! Well done all!
- reopen discussions with flames to save on field house arena, jumpstart Reno's on aging buildings etc, transit etc. New buildings and job opp
- Tourism is good money spent is bad, we are putting all this money into it and half the games are not going to be in our city?
- Keeps Calgary top of mind on the world stage- immeasurable goodwill and years to come in tourism, etc.
- To have a new focus and goal for our city and it's citizens is desperately needed to help us in the recovery from the constant nay sayers.
- Potential for federal and provincial money to benefit projects aligned with long term city goals may not come around again.
- Strongly feel we should submit a bid due to the long term economic, social, sport and infrastructure benefits. I want to feel pride in Cgy.
- Long term benefits of future events being in our city due to great infrastructure for the athletes for now and our future ones.
- The top benefit is getting infrastructure improvements completed faster than they would normally.
- Legacy venues and upgrades to the 1988 venues that are still in use.
- Brings the world to calgary
- Community involvement, timely upgrading of facilities and infrastructure
- Facility upgrades, the world's eyes on Calgary
- Economic and facility benefits
- Soft Economic rewards aren't immediately evident. The rewards from the previous games are still being felt today.
- Venue upgrades, infrastructure and affordable housing all with help being paid for, by the province and country is a huge win for Calgary.
- "no long term benefit.
- TOO MUCH COST by all levels of gov't (i.e. the taxpayer) and too much exposure to cost overruns."
- The only plus I can see at this time is for the hospitality sector.
- Information on this site describes good reasons for wanting to host the Games. The question is whether the Games are the best venue to do so
- The city will have world-class facilities as legacy of the Games.
- New and better venues
- tremendous benefits to Calgary - lasting more than 30 years - with very little capital and minimal risk to Calgary. Under any metric we win
- Calgary has done made excellent use of the facilities built for 88. I'm excited for them to be improved, and used in to the future.

- It would be a benefit if Calgary could be an ongoing Olympic host regularly post 2026.
- Promotion of the City. Long term benefits of facilities. Increase in facilities / accessibility / support of paralympic athletes.
- The 1988 games energized/modernized the city, left useful facilities for citizens to enjoy and mobilized a group of enthusiastic volunteers.
- The last Calgary Olympics made money in the long run and put us on the map. The sky will not fall if we are successful!
- Calgarians are smart enough to figure out how to host the games, get new facilities and not bankrupt the city, just like in 1988.
- This is a bid for 2026 Olympics. The economy will recover as it always does so possible tax increases are overstated. Read your history.
- We made money in 1988. Are there no entrepreneurs left in Calgary? No risk, no gain.
- 2026-2018 = 8 years. The economy WILL improve in that time so saving pennies will not be the #1 issue. Lets go BIG!
- Updated facilities
- New sporting and low-cost housing facilities, excitement, world stature, social enrichment. See <https://www.olympic.org/calgary-1988>
- It brings with it much needed tourism monies. Any increase is good for a City that has been suffering a recession
- Good public relations, makes this city a destination for tourists to visit. Businesses will benefit, opportunity to upgrade facilities.
- Long lasting legacy of community involvement and facilities.
- It will let us rebrand the city and province, provide tourism opportunities and looks to provide long-term housing and economic benefits.
- The updated facilities being talked about need to happen anyway. Economic boosts in terms of construction, jobs (perm/temp). Global reach.
- Accessing federal & provincial funding for facilities, international promotion of Calgary for immediate and future tourism.
- our taxes/expenses are high enough. if we have an extra 5billion, I suggest to help us by paying my garbage/recyc bills for a year.
- Calgary hosting the 2026 Winter Olympics will inspire my children to pursue the joy of sport! Olympics allow Calgary to create a new image!
- Economic investment and jobs
- Investment from 3 levels of government to rebuild our existing legacy facilities that are at the end of their lifecycle.
- Updated facilities, community pride, entrepreneurship
- Tourism
- It would be a positive influence in encouraging youth to participate in sport! Too many spend endless hours in front of a screen!
- The tourism benefits for Calgary will be reaped for years and years after the 2026 Olympics. Bring the Olympics to Calgary!
- To bring the whole world together in our backyard, promoting cooperation among ALL the countries. There is no greater aspiration for mankind
- City will grow, lots of visitors will come and too many jobs
- I believe if enough jobs can be created to assist with the construction of the new venues and housing it would be a benefit to the city.
- Calgary has debt TODAY in the billions and has NO solutions on paying it TODAY or tomorrow .
- I think it will help to improve our economy which is sorely lacking since 2014 and has never really recovered.
- Positive energy for city and better exposure global to help diversity the economy

- Increase in tourism, increase in local business opportunities, and increase in other possibilities (from arts and culture to basic sponsors)
- Undecided until cost plans are provided. Would be for hosting if can also see a significant investment in transit, road and highways
- Please complete the Green line to the airport. This could help get funding faster from other levels of government
- "Diversified economy.
- Investing in the future of the city with accessible modern facilities.
- Updating/creating infrastructure for city"
- I believe it will benefit our economy, give children a chance to experience these sports, bring Calgary with better sporting facilities .
- Infrastructure improvement
- Infrastructure dollars coming to Calgary, when long neglected by other levels of government
- The intangible benefits of civic pride, opportunity to grow our presence in the global community and potential for improving our economy
- I would love to see Calgary host the Olympics again, only if the bid is for the events to take place in Calgary and close skiing facilities
- Opportunity to build new domed multi purpose stadium (football) and much needed facility upgrades. Speed up development
- The Games will provide our City, Province and Country a reason to rally together and unite with the world and each other.
- The city will inherit a great deal of infrastructure.
- International visibility as a world class city; legacy in infrastructure
- To allow children to see that there is more to sports than hockey and foot ball!
- "Pro:
- Facilities would be used post-olympics
- Bringing up morale in Alberta
- Con
- Taxation implications"
- Benefits- new sports complex that is much needed and will be used long after the olympics are done.
- continuous use of existing facilities, with minor upgrades needed by 2026 in any event as per the cities own conclusions/reports.
- It creates an amazing opportunity for the youth to participate in sports out side of the normal.
- W R in an economic down turn, city needs a boost, just like in 1981. News papers, radio, TV and media all negative. Until proven positive.
- International platform for Calgary to showcase its ingenuity, beauty, livability, and open market!
- Great publicity for Calgary as a whole. Opportunity to develop amenities also and re-use after the games.
- To elevate Calgary as a world leader in sports facilities and training. We need to move away from the reliance on oil and gas.
- Upgrading recent sport facilities to modern standards as there haven't been any major investment in this area in last decade
- The Olympics should be used to revitalise Victoria Park. We are a world class city, we should showcase the best of Calgary.
- The city definitely needs a new sports complex. This will revitalize areas of Calgary that have been ignored over the years.
- New field house and arena - arena must be NHL size or it's a waste of money. We need small arenas or NHL , the last thing we need is a 5000

- Our city lacks infrastructure, hockey rinks, field house for multi purpose use and upgrades to our existing facilities. Job creation
- This is our opportunity to build/jumpstart the infrastructure of the city in a positive way. New LRT extensions. New multi event facility
- Build and enhance Calgary's spirit of volunteerism, community engagement, and civic pride. Promote Calgary as one of the best cities world.
- "We should only submit a bid if all events are in Calgary and surround. not Edmonton
- It would Jumpstart our much needed facilities"
- Depends, if Trudeau gives the promised money for our Olympics to Quebec than Im a YES if not and invests it back into Alberta than Im a NO
- We need the Games, much needed economic opportunities for Calgary and area businesses who have been suffering, all of Alberta in general
- Exposing our city and area to the world. Tourism, athlete training and future winter sport events will bring money for many years to come.
- i think that the top benefit is the tourism that we will see. Plus we need to upgrade so our athletes have a world class place to train.
- updating old facilities, new housing, a savings account to support ongoing venue operations, increased tourism and reputation
- Great for tourism! Great for jobs! Puts Canada on the map! Calgarians need to think outside of Calgary - this is great for Canada as a whole
- Having been to both the Calgary and Vancouver games, I have experienced the magic and pride of the Winter Oympics.
- Could provide the temporary relief the construction industry needs until the energy sector picks up again.
- The Athlete's Village will leave a good stock of affordable housing behind.
- Common goal, civic pride, job creation, economic diversity.
- Will cause a temporary increase in construction spending - putting people back to work.
- Create jobs in Alberta, but please focus in Calgary and nearby communities. Sharing with BC is unreasonable.
- Creation of affordable housing; most of the facilities are already in place; Calgary has a huge volunteer base; support of Treaty 7 nations
- Legacy of training facilities for athletes, creation of affordable housing
- Creates Jobs that we desperately need here and brings amazing world wide exposer to our great city and encourages tourist to visit Calgary
- When Calgary chose to host the 1988 Olympics was also during a time of economic downturn. Our focus turned from despair to excitement.
- The games will bring much needed infrastructure and upgrades to facilities that are well utilized. Get Calgary excited again!
- Great opportunity for the city and the people - also a good excuse to up date our facilities which can also bring in more income in future
- I think we should as it will bring us together once again for a great event, and a more positive one. Negative will be the debt incurred.
- I believe it creates a strong sense of civic pride, and it is always good for the economy. We badly need a new hockey stadium, it's a must
- I think we should host the games if it means we get a new hockey arena. If this is left out of the bid proposal I would vote to not host.
- Calgary needs a new football stadium, one that is covered, it also needs an airport with a LRT connection. Include these or don't bother.
- Costs far outweigh any benefit and with western Canadian prices this low and no infrastructure the potential for more unemployment is high.

- Nothing bold about the plan, very little consideration towards the environment. The world doesn't need mega sport parties anymore.
- great opportunity for the city to have a lasting legacy to sports and the Olympics.
- Great tourism opportunity for the province, especially combined with Edmonton hosting a few World Cup games
- Received investment into existing infrastructure.
- The Paralympic games means we might actually pay more than lip service to accessible infrastructure
- Renewed facilities, increased exposure. We deserve to showcase our city and our pride in it on the world stage.
- It's such a great opportunity to increase visibility of Calgary, attract talent, increase interest in sports, build communities.
- I feel like the added awareness of the city will bring a big economic boost that is much needed right now.
- Shouldn't have to share with BC. Unless there is new infrastructure in the plans ( new arena ) I cannot support the bid.
- New stadiums and upgrades to infrastructure.
- I've watched Vancouver have continuous growth since the 2010 Olympics. I believe Calgary needs the international exposure for investment.
- "You can't compare our capacity of hosting a successful game by comparing w Brazil&Japan (corruption)
- FEAR of the unknown seem to rule here."
- I do not trust the cost estimates as history has shown these are much higher than expected in past olympic games.
- I think it's great to show the world what a world class city we have!
- None
- infrastructure
- Time to take a risk
- Social and cultural Infrastructure investment, leveraged through government and private sector
- The 1988 Winter Olympic Games produced a sport legacy that has lasted over 30 years. A second Olympic games could do the same.
- Many of the facilities Calgarians have come to rely on are crumbling. Upgrades to infrastructure are crucial.
- IOC is corrupt. This is an excuse for politicians and senior executives to VIP on tax payers tab. Benefits do not match the costs.
- "- sport venue legacy
- - inspiring youth to stay active for life
- - re-ignite Calgary's volunteerism
- - boost regional and national pride"
- We need the proposed infrastructure - this is a cost-effective way to get it. Social legacy, economic diversification, immediate jobs, focus
- Renovating existing ski jumping venues will cost USD 31 million. It has little legacy value.
- The economic benefits will be exceed the total cost of the games, plus it will bring Calgary to the front of the world stage once again.
- Upgrading existing facilities, and possibly building new ones!
- Calgary is falling behind internationally and needs a boost in international recognition. We need a big change in the city.
- The Games will be a great investment in Calgary and community.
- Tourism, updated or new venues. Benefits outweigh costs.

- We should be spending more money on improving city transportation and sanitation.
- Infrastructure created in previous Olympics allows athletes to train in a competitive environment, now they need improvement.
- More attention, fun, growth to Calgary
- It will attract more investments
- We should actively involve in the world activities. As a tax payer, I vote for it.
- Olympics are always great for the economy of a city, it brings jobs and will make Calgary shine internationally.
- "Distraction from sustainable mandated priorities
- Cost
- Unnecessary rapid development
- Security"
- Not often that we can attract money that isn't raised through Tax Dollars. The IOC has already made an offer, the cards are in our favor
- We are going to invest into upgrading infrastructure anyway (i.e. arena, field house, affordable housing), Olympics will accelerate spending
- Solidify a reputation as a global and diverse city, leading to long term diversification of our economy.
- What would Calgary be if we did not host the '88 Olympics? We moved to Calgary to start a family because of sport/education/diverse economy.
- Reinvigorate our pride in this great city !
- Lasting world class sport infrastructure in Calgary
- Calgary's economy is still in a slump, many small businesses are struggling and this will help boost customer traffic.
- Benefits include sport facility renewal and development, affordable housing development and international profile for future business growth
- enhance international awareness (will keep Calgary in the forefront & provide international growth opportunities through worldwide exposure.
- A bid for the games can be a catalyst to bring Calgarians together, and to bring investment into our City from across the country
- Will support the growth of the city and province.
- This is an opportunity to showcase Calgary to the world; significant business development opportunities! Infrastructure legacy
- Two kids aged 20 and 18, they could be influenced by many but are mostly influenced by the likes of Tessa and Scott and Alex Bilodeau etc
- The Olympics will once again bring the city together through volunteerism, employment and cultural events.
- more employment opportunities
- The 2026 Olympics will continue to provide Calgarians top quality sports facilities for everyone to use.
- City should invest in else where like creating direct jobs, economic growth and attract new new company invest in Calgary.
- build on our previous olympic experience plus create a bigger better winter sports industry here
- This is an excellent opportunity at this time to demonstrate community harmonization of Reconciliation, Sustainability, Culture and Business
- Affordable housing
- I think the city should host because it gives a great opportunity for the legacy of the 1988 Olympics to continue. I will be voting yes!!
- Renewal of our current facilities from the '88 Olympics, and building of new facilities that are required - with or without the olympics.

- I think it's a great idea. The economy in Calgary has grown so it would really be a great opportunity for calgarians. Especially sports fans.
- Huge potential benefit to stimulate economy, provide stability in housing market, make much needed revamps to transit and sport facilities
- Boon for Tourism \$\$, housing density and sustainability, funding for facilities that greatly need revamping, put Calgary back on the map!
- Civic, provincial and Canadian Pride. Opportunity for new facilities and upgrades benefitting generations of Calgarians going forward.
- Accelerate new infrastructure investments and build community spirit in our Youth
- "Good economically
- Need new facilities
- Show we are bigger than "oil"
- The increased tourism would be beneficial to our economy since our other sources aren't very active, more movement in the housing market too
- Top benefit is that we will have so many tourists
- Hosting the games would expedite major infrastructure projects the city desperately needs (eg. green line).
- Updating existing and building new facilities earlier than expected and with other levels of government support.
- Cultural celebration showcase our world class city and derive lasting legacy facilities as well as short term economic benefits
- Economics.
- there is no benefit
- I think it would bring fantastic energy to the city and would align well with the new hockey arena.
- The long term overall benefits of the Olympics will be realized to Calgary and area if we have vision and can beyond any short term issues!
- Solidifying Calgary as world class training centre is a positive.
- Updating our facilities
- My taxes will skyrocket for years to come for 10 days of fun, sorry don't buy your thinking one bit.
- It will cost too much money in infrastructure that won't be utilized after Games are over. No decent ROI in the short or long term.
- There are more important projects to be fulfilled rather than throwing a party we can't afford.
- Olympic Games are thing of the past. It's time to move on something else.
- We simply should not spend dime one on the Olympics
- The city losing money and it falling back onto the taxpayers to recover losses.
- Security costs
- Funds are inevitably mismanaged, and taxpayers are forced to cover for the mistakes while the IOC shrugs their shoulders and moves on
- Costs of hosting are underestimated and the local economy and taxpayers are left to recover the costs for years following hosting.
- Very real likelihood that cost has been underestimated leaving taxpayers on the hook for cost overruns
- The cost of the games is insane and giving tax payers next to nothing that will benefit the city once the games are gone.
- We can't afford it so simply stop pursuing it!
- We have already wasted enough time and resources on this boondoggle. There is very little benefit for the average Calgarian.
- It's a massive waste of money funneling into the proven to be corrupt IOC. It's a waste of money.

- How does a short term influx of people improve the city in a sustainable and useful way for Calgarians...
- Risk would be going into debt. A new stadium capable of hosting concerts and comfortable for the people on hockey team would be the benefit
- There is no benefit and too many risks. Stop spending money we don't have
- I am concerned about the impact on my annual city property tax, which I find quite high as it is. And still no NHL arena despite the costs?
- Costs will be far higher than public being told. Estimated security costs quoted much lower than 2010 for many more sites. No inflation!!
- Because we are already taxed to death and most decisions by all council members are done under secrecy and don't represent the peoples wish.
- We have this legacy..spend the money on upgrading or replacing current facilities for all to use and enjoy.
- With the current economic situation, I don't feel we're in an appropriate position to spend so much money on hosting the Olympics
- The city is looking at this as a way to get federal and provincial funding for projects. Very big financial gamble.
- We simply cannot afford it. The money should be used in other places (e.g. promote job creation).
- The olympics are too costly, and are a political entity whose purpose is to benefit those at the top and hurt those who can least afford it.
- This is a bruised and hurting city. The Olympics do not have a lasting effect beyond the few weeks of the events. Invest elsewhere.
- Why should we waste such a large portion of taxpayer dollars for a POTENTIAL boost to our economy from tourism???
- The risk is that this Olympics, like all the ones before it, end up costing a lot more than budgeted and Calgary and Canada is taxed enough
- Cost. Tax payers money should not be used for these purposes. Can the City reduce taxes? Balance a budget? Why take on the Olympics?
- COST, we have seen many cities who have hosted the Olympics go bankrupt so why would we take on such a risk?
- Increased Taxes with absolutely no benefit to the average tax payer
- Cost to Calgarians. Reduction in city services and increase in taxes.
- The costs are too great in this economic climate. The city will be responsible for all cost over runs even if we get the government and OAS
- Cost and lack of accountability of city councilman and mayor
- Too many Calgarians are struggling to get by right now. I can't imagine taking even one billion dollars from that initiative let alone five
- cost
- These do not make money nor even break even. They will lose a lot of money, to the point that we will pay for this for many, many years.
- The money that you are proposing to use for the Olympics should be used to improve the city not wasted on a bid and the games.
- If you check recent Olympic cities, none of them make any profit hosting this event.
- I love the olympics, but the COST is too much. Calgary needs to focus spending on improving our city. It should not be the mayors swansong
- The cost outweigh the benefits with this bid. The city, the province and the country (meaning you and me) cannot afford this venture.
- it has no benefit and at this stage Calgarians are hurting from lack of jobs, housing, quality of life.
- I think it shows who has money -our city councillors - we people who support them DONT...many still no jobs, many still businesses closing.

- Investment in the community is more of a patch work of aging infrastructure. The plan could be better refined.
- "Benefit - Affordable housing
- Risk - unfinished their construction, end up with terrible reviews. attracting too many unwanted people"
- Costs far outweigh the benefits and Calgarians are fed up with more tax burden. Do something we all can benefit from, not the Olympics!
- Deeper state of debt after the bid with no guaranteed way to make said money back quickly. \$5.8 billion is too much to waste on a gamble.
- The cost to taxpayers, city taxes, provincial taxes, as well as federal taxes, all coming from the same pocket! No compelling reason to host.
- More debt for the city
- consider the cost, where do city get the fund, and what benefit can this bring to the city, I would vote against it.
- "1) Liabilities are on Calgary
- 2) Real costs are not known. Council secrecy
- 3) Olympics are always over budget"
- Any cost is not acceptable to me. I see zero benefit to hosting this event.
- Costs overrun, operating costs to maintain facilities after the games, increase to taxes, post games housing being used politically.
- The cost of these games is never what it seems. In times of economic strife, spending billions of tax dollars on a 2 week party seems unnecessary
- massive debt that won't be completely covered by said tourism and will fall to the home owners property taxes put low income at risk
- Alberta has a boom and bust economy, and Calgary has had two recessions in the last decade. Now is not the time to waste money on olympics.
- So far the majority of the public seems to be opposed to this bid. Is city council blind to all of the opposition?
- All olympics have cost overruns, and there seems to be no plan for that.
- In these times Calgary, Alberta or Canada should not be taking on more costs. We can't clear snow or look after our own or fix sidewalks even
- The city is deliberately keeping financial details about olympic costs from the public (see bus barn). They are not being transparent at all
- Are you kidding???? 140 characters Shame on you. So typical of the not transparent or unaccountable City of Calgary Council and Mayor.
- This distraction Calgary will be unprepared for a future altered by the impacts of automation and AI.
- Cost overruns. Council, particular our Mayor, has not been transparent. Why was he so mad some secrets got leaked to the press?
- Time/scope are fixed. Budget is not - so costs have the potential to skyrocket. The environmental impacts to our parks and surrounding area
- Unemployment, stagnant wages, rising cost of living, need for proper snow removal, LRT to MRC, spend our money where it is needed. NO BID
- With the current state of the economy the tax payers can not afford this additional tax burden.
- too much cost
- Don't believe we understand the true cost of the event and the uncertainty of the future. Money can be better spent on REAL needs in YYC!
- The Olympics provide a terrible return on investment.
- Calgary simply doesn't have the money for it. Already we are cutting back on services (transit routes, frequency). Budget underplayed.

- Focusing on and investing in the Games may reduce investment in other Council priorities or City lines of services
- Not bid: Financial risk. Very little gain. Distraction from working real problems of affordable housing, long term economic diversification.
- Increase in Taxes for Calgarians. Reduction in services for the underprivileged.
- costs, safety, transit, infrastructure, lack of confidence in council making good decisions, no trust in IOC.. did I mention cost???
- The costs proposed by city council seem to be extremely under inflated. I do not feel city council is being forthright about the process
- Too much of a burden right now
- Property taxes raised to pay for - no new arena for NHL/big name shows - revenue from these going to Edm and other cities -
- Alberta is in to much debt already
- The top risk is economic. The priorities the city has now will be sidelined.
- Its a depressed economy the money should be spent on creating jobs, fixing the infrastructure, not spending money on this idea, spend it on
- I disagree with hosting the 2026 games. While it is a lovely idea, it is not economically or financially responsible of us to do so.
- We still have not come out of this economic down turn. The realistic possibility of the tax payers footing the bill for years to come is ine
- It's ridiculous to me that some events may end up being hosted in Whistler. And no replacement for the Saddledome? That's nuts.
- The city losing money and raised taxes as a result. We are taxed enough as it is.
- Cost over runs - it is idiotic to think Calgary is the only city since 1960 that can do this without an average 50% cost over run.
- I do not see any benefit only huge debt. There are so many problems/issues in Calgary that could have been helped by the \$35M bid money.
- The vote from Calgarians isn't binding? So in the end council will do what council is going to do, regardless of what we think? Nice.
- Costs rise, deadlines get missed, taxpayers get saddled with the bill
- Alberta and Calgary have no money for this. We should live within our means!
- I disagree with putting so much money towards hosting an event when it could be spent in our community. Olympics have gone over the top.
- Calgary already has so many jobless, and debt due to the issues with oil and gas, we need to recover from that before spending more.
- Olympic Games almost always cost much more than forecasted and end up hurting taxpayers. I believe this is a vanity project
- Overall costs are extravagant, money better used elsewhere. A lot of hypothetical cost recovery. New/upgraded sports centers are unnecessary
- The Olympic movement is past it's Best Before Date. The cost overruns are seriously underestimated. Reduce taxes now. City hall is bloated.
- Cost
- Nenshi is pushing this bid through regardless of public outcry. Self entitled narcissist. He forgets who's paying his outrageous salary.
- "Money could be spent on more important things.
- Olympics will cause debt.
- Olympics are corrupt."
- The cost is unknown.

- We had 650,000 people living in Calgary in 1988. We had three additional inner city hospitals. With twice the population we can't cope.
- Just a big waste of money with no upside just more debt.
- We have bigger issues, embarrassing lack of roads and infrastructure, addictions and homelessness. These should be our priorities.
- size of debt the city ends up with when games done, that new venues fall into disuse
- Recession
- We need money for infrastructure and services suffering/lacking already in the City. Pride of hosting does not exceed financial risk.
- The main issue/ risk is the cost. The tax payers are the ones flipping the bill not City Council.
- Economic climate unknown, takes away from needed city services, true costs hard to tell
- I believe the games will end up with unexpected costs that calgarians will have to pay on top of AN EXISTING HIGH TAX BURDEN.
- I do not see a benefit, the costs are huge, and security is big concern.
- The costs for hosting the games will far outweigh all financial benefits. Calgary should allocate its funds better.
- I don't want my property taxes to increase to pay for the Games.
- I feel that public tax money would be better spent on services and facilities that affect all Calgarians and Albertans.
- The City should focus on building a robust economy that is not susceptible to oil prices. The Olympics are a cost burden that is unjustified
- The monumental cost to tax payers for a non-essential event. Build the green line, and reduce hospital wait times first.
- Games have been well known to blow past proposed budgets, in the end the debt burden will be handed down to the residents in higher taxes.
- "The taxpayer funds all levels of government. We are in recovery with way to
- Much debt to pay off and can't afford more taxes"
- Should not submit: cost overrun, inability to execute existing projects on time. Canada's, Alberta's, and Calgary's economy does not have th
- need more characters - if you want people to engage let them express their thoughts
- Pouring money into hypothetical scenarios that very few cities have benefited from is a reckless use of Alberta citizens tax dollars.
- The money from provincial and federal is still coming from the people of Calgary as we all pay provincial and federal taxes
- Money from other levels of government is not free. If spent on the olympics it is not available for other government projects.
- We made money on the 1988 winter games. What has changed this time? I'm sure it's a lot to do with security costs. City roads can't keep up
- 140 characters? WOW. Fine: BAD for the environment, BAD for residents. GTFO.
- I do not see the benefits worth the cost to the city. Now is not the time to be doing this.
- There is no benefit. It's been mathematically proven that the Olympics destroy local economies and leave them in ruin for close to a decade.
- Increased taxes
- We have no money and I don't want taxes to go up for the games. Council withholds information from citizens...dodgy process for sure.
- I don't believe the city cares about the vote anyway. Council seems to be stuck on this.
- financial losses
- Risk is management of the process, cost overruns to meet schedule. The business case is also not complete.

- Big \$\$\$ hit with time/energy/money taken from FAR more important issues - poverty/homelessness/congested roads/LRT/seniors/children's progra
- That 5 billion could probably go somewhere better, with the city council spending at an all time high and our taxes keep going up.
- The risk for not submitting a bid is the lack of long term economic benefit. All economic benefit will be short term and leave us in debt.
- Our roads are terrible lets fix what we have first.
- Cost. The Mayor is saying it will cost a certain amount, however it is now known that the cost will be much higher. We can't afford this.
- The city need to get the house in order before spending on wants. They can't even come out from behind closed doors and admit the full cost
- I do not agree with being in major debt and paying years of tax dollars towards a three week event vs debt free and having a better future.
- top risk: wasting billions of dollars that could be better used elsewhere on things like lowering property taxes or helping homeless.
- Property taxes too high already and Mayor said even before bid our Taxes going up 3% a year over 4 years
- The cost of the Olympics will leave Calgary with a debt that we can't afford. All levels of Govt. have a massive debt right now.
- This is not the time for Calgary to host the Games. Calgary is not in a position financially to host this very expensive event. Bad Idea!!!!
- Cost. Even if the provincial and federal governments "share" the cost, those are still taxpayers dollars. Improve Calgary not the IOC!
- We cannot afford it.
- The costs of the Olympic games in Vancouver was over double the original estimated price. I don't believe the games benefit Calgarians.
- City fiscally irresponsible hiring ceo at ridiculous \$300k/yr when a volunteer would do. Voting no unless every penny is accounted for.
- The cost of building or updating the infrastructure to host the games is not worth the benefit of hosting the games! Not cost effective!
- Can we afford to host the games in Alberta's current Financial struggles?
- We are not financially secure enough and many do not have jobs. Money should continue to go to transit and other important current items.
- Cost overruns and debt fallout fir taxpayers
- I'm concerned that the city has not considered what will need to be cut in the years ahead to pay for the likely financial shortfall.
- "Our city is massively in debt. Our province is massively in debt.
- Our country is massively in debt.
- This is no time to throw a party."
- cost overrun and really only benefits a few
- Financial cost.
- The top risk is the cost to fund an event that has grown increasingly corrupt over the decades. The bid is all about bribery.
- The debt; Federal, Provincial and Municipal, because we all know the "budget will balance itself", and the cost to Tax Payers.
- It is evident that the host city for the olympics suffers a financial loss. Though a boost in tourism, it is too costly.
- The cost to the tax payers
- The games are a huge economic burden and do not bring in the tourism money they claim to. The IOC is also demonstrably corrupt.

- Poor economy, poor forecast, local infrastructure should be priority, can't tax residents for cost over runs, DT office empty-why??"
- I am a firm no due to cost and security. I would like to see any money earmarked for sport to be used to get Calgarians active.
- Financial loss . No olympics (except one) have ever been profitable
- City Council has not been transparent about the numbers. The current numbers do not show inflation and all the extra's and risks. I say NO!
- The associated costs of hosting far outweigh any potential benefits
- Huge Cost and Over-Runs will undoubtedly occur. Tax payers will be stuck with this legacy burden. I am strongly against the whole concept.
- The IOC is corrupt. There are no benefits.
- I don't watch sports so I don't want to have my taxes raised to pay for this.
- "Every single olympic bud since 1960 has gone at least 50% over budget.
- We will not be an exception.
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- Huge debt
- Russian cheats"
- Wrong time when coming out of a recession. Taxes will increase after, and there will be major public outcry...
- The IOC has a long history of corrupt practices including bribery related to the hosting of Games and a failure to address drug use in sport
- Wrong time, Albertan taxpayers will end up paying for this for years to come
- Taxes in our City are already too high, the instability in the economy in the next 6-12 months interest rates will likely go up as well
- Financial disaster.
- I believe that the Olympic brand has been forever tarnished by the doping scandal involving the Russian athletes. NOW they are BACK!
- The government does not have the money for this.
- The top risk is that the City of Calgary is in enough debt already - hosting the will "sink" us
- It'll only be worth it if we get the new arena out of it- otherwise there is no lasting benefit to the Olympic bid
- Unknown federal contribution & effect of inflation. Liability for cost overrun. \$4.3 billion current city debt. Undemocratic nonbinding pleb.
- They refuse to disclose the actual costs. Too much is being decided upon behind closed doors. The Olympics would not benefit Calgarians.
- Fewer cities bid to host the Olympics because the financial burden is enormous with taxpayers on the hook for the inevitable cost overrun!
- "Economic /cost factor. No funding commitment
- The WADA decision to re-instate known drug users & cheaters...
- Increased cost of security"
- Tax increase
- We are asked to vote on something without having all of the details.
- The Olympic games WILL lose money that we will need to pay back via municipal, provincial and federal taxes.
- I don't want the city to be in financial troubles before or after the events
- Olympic games never benefit the host. They have not in the past and will not in the future. The costs are overwhelming Cal Bellamy Calgary
- We need a more efficient public transit system! (This website, what a big bunch of hype! There are more important things to work towards!)

- The cost is too high, and we all know that not all of the costs have even been included at this point. Taxpayers and the city cannot afford
- Cost increases for people suffering the last several years due to job losses, traffic and overcrowding.
- Cost is much too high for a city already struggling in an economic downturn.
- It will cost taxpayers too much money.
- It is a guaranteed money pit
- "1. Big security issues cause of budget overrun
- 2. City of Calgary have not said who is going to pay for budget overrun."
- It is and always has been an IOC sham where there is only one loser.
- Don't trust IOC or BidCo with financials: don't trust City Council to stay within bid parameters. We cannot afford Games: Limited benefits.
- Most Olympic Games are money losers and have to be subsidized with taxpayers money. Games benefit businesses...at taxpayers expense.
- Its going to cost us lots of money!!
- If Lord, God, King Nenshi wants a legacy.....Stop this waste of my money NOW!
- The biggest reason un fore seen cost of wood .drywall. steel these have gone way up and do so every month or two tenders are good for 30 d
- Too expensive. This city has been torn limb to limb with construction this year. Enough!
- The city is already overwhelmed by construction projects taking forever to finish. The last thing we need is to divert resources from them.
- I see a great deal of benefit to what is held in Alberta. I do not understand giving any portion to BC when they want us to build new infras
- High risk of serious cost while we have other needs and priorities
- Excessive cost, corruption , city /province should be cutting spending and lowering taxes instead
- I will not support 2026 if BC is involved
- Cost & how that debt will impact Calgarians.
- Hosting the Olympics will come at a cost of delaying improvements to public transit, education, and healthcare.
- Gigantic wastes of money to a corrupt organization
- Use the money in more important stuff like school, hospital, etc...
- Show me sound research that this could pay for itself. Otherwise, it's a horrific use of city funds diverted from programs, or tax relief.
- I think its important to focus on our current infrastructure projects and street renovations.
- I see needs the city has that are not being met. It is a difinitive waist of money that could be spent on not for profit funding, roads, etc
- Risk: Money - I believe that despite the legacy, we will be paying for these games for many years to come.
- Cost overruns are all but guaranteed. We can't afford a 10 billion dollar party to pad the resumes of the self interested parties pushing it
- Focus on immediate day to day needs that will have a greater impact. Too much cost for too little reward.
- Risk: Transit not being prepared for an influx of visitors. If another snowstorm were to hit the whole city falling apart again.
- The Olympic Games will cost much more than \$5.2B and hiding the real cost of the games from Calgarians is terrible.
- Too much financial risk to taxpayers.
- Way too expensive for one off games. We should be putting those billions of dollars into our community rec centres (pools) and parks etc

- Roads are falling apart, projects are going over budget and extending, we can't keep snow off the roads, still lots of homeless. Fix first.
- This is money better spent on infrastructure. Do NOT raise the debt level any higher by allowing this expenditure.
- The unknown cost to future generations. The lack of transparency and honesty from council on these costs.
- Top Risk? Loss! Financial, Life, Reputation.
- Risk is that Calgary will have to cover all overruns if costs exceed budget.
- No benefit to Calgary for hosting the Games and it will cost taxpayers too much money in the long run.
- Our city, province, country are in huge deficits and on an economical basis, this makes NO sense to host this party.
- Cost, security and transportation challenges do not offset potential benefit.
- It's not worth it. I think that money would be better spent elsewhere. Crumbling schools could be repaired, affordable housing, food bank..
- The costs should not be put on the backs of taxpayers!
- Inaccurate costs, expensive and will lead to increased taxes
- Too much \$\$\$\$\$
- The current city council couldn't negotiate with local businesses and sports teams, how will they handle the International Olympics?
- This is a different world than it was in 1988. Security will be a major expense and we can't afford it.
- Economic risk outweighs the benefits. Environmental impacts are not clearly outlined not planned for sufficiently.
- The risk is that my property taxes (already too high) will skyrocket as the costs of the games increases well beyond the budget.
- Cost!
- Total waste of money and of no benefit to a majority of taxpayers.
- We should not submit a bid for the games due to the cost. We had the games here in 1988 and they were very successful. Let it be.
- Regardless of cost, it ultimately is borrowed money. By 2026, I believe the true cost will be \$10>\$12 BILLION. Fed-up and angry.
- A strong case for why we should spend the money to host the Olympics has never been articulated. It's a vanity project.
- "Spending money in the WRONG place...build schools, sports arenas, etc.
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- NOBODY trusts this city council, zero credibility on this issue."
- "Funds are needed badly for infrastructure
- & To provide service to a city suffering from a depressed economy. Games won't result in profit"
- the biggest risk is a waste of taxpayer dollars without a benefit to said taxpayers.
- A financial burden on an already heavily taxed society. With no real infrastructure improvements.
- Will cost too much money and it doesn't benefit the majority of people.
- how much taxpayers (municipal, provincial and federal) will have to cover costs
- The economic climate of Calgary and Alberta is too weak to be spending money on the games. Get your ego out of my wallet!
- Will not support an increase in taxes for non-critical investment.
- Our government has/continues to pile on debt for our future generations to deal with and I'm very worried about additional debt
- Olympics nearly always have cost overruns, and taxpayers will be left with the bill. It will be debt for the future generations. Not fair.

- Olympics are the most exclusive sports. There is more value in building facilities that are inclusive. How many ski jumpers do you know?
- To vote yes, want to see extension of the c-train network out to the airport, rebuild MacMahon, and new main area to replace aged Dome.
- Will cost too much money , All politicians need to stop spending .
- Cost overruns and subsequent higher taxes
- economic risk far out weighs any potential benefit. There is no external support for cost over runs & current budget is missing key elements
- No return for millions spent
- without a thriving city, what will we end up promoting? A dying city? that is not good publicity? Our only hope is that politics changes,
- It's a waste of money. No benefit. No return. Makes no sense to "host" and then have events in other cities. It's a bad idea.
- Once again city hall is proposing to waste taxpayers money.
- Cities never manage to pay these things off. This is the same kind of bad deal that caving to Gary Bettman would be.
- Cost short term and long term. Security. Taxes after the fact. Facilities that become redundant. Elites Only
- There is a lot of potential for increased costs over the next 8 years. \$600 million for security? No guaranteed commitment from the feds?
- Calgary resources threatened during games - snow removal etc. funding not confirmed. waste of funds could be used elsewhere (housing etc)
- Did we not learn from 88 that COP and Canmore are not suited to ski and jump events, with the exception of snow boards? bobsleigh outdated
- Olympics are now too big for a city to take on. Let the Feds do the bidding and cost implications solely if Canada want an Olympics.
- We can see the bulk of the athletes without an expensive olympics since most participants are now professionals so why bother with the cost?
- Having to have downhill skiing out of province demonstrates that a single city or province should not even try to fund/host the olympics.
- There aren't any benefits. It is a complete waste of money. The biggest risk is a money drain and terrorism.
- The benefits are being over-emphasized without enough constructive or realistic assessment of the risks. The Pro-Games Teams have the power.
- Huge debt using tax payers dollars with little return back to the tax payer in the future after the games.
- I believe that hosting the Games will be a financial burden.
- Costs - Calgary is in an economic downturn and committing to a multibillion dollar event is a big risk.
- It's all about money and Calgary will be in a bigger hole than it is now
- No economic upside, have already achieved this goal, corrupt IOC, security risks.
- Risk - debt for the city. Taxpayers on the hook
- Negative impact on badly needed future infrastructure projects; Unbudgeted cost over-runs to host the games; Long-term maintenance costs
- There are absolutely no benefits from hosting the Olympic games, no matter how much tourism we gain it will cost more than we will make.
- Historically, the Olympics involve massive cost over-runs. Today's \$5Billion estimate will be closer to 10B. Extrapolate that into 2026 \$'s
- Too risky/costly for all taxpayers. Resources better used for many other issues, roads, snow removal, homeless, healthcare, etc, etc, etc

- An extremely poor investment of necessary tax dollars. Do not spend any more of our money on this legacy-driven, anti-business pursuit.
- Cost overruns are endemic to this kind of venture & the IOC has a long history of doing their best to take all the profits for themselves.
- I am a senior citizen with one adult son laid off a year ago. Any cost to Calgarians is elitist given our downturn and living costs.
- Lack of cost transparency. Huge unnecessary expense. Money better spent on our taxpayers- seniors, veterans, roads, health care
- The cost absolutely cannot be justified when Calgary is still recovering and needs the funds for infrastructure and city programs.
- top risk is cost
- Lack of prep transparency. Costs are not fully defined. Provincial and federal contributions are unknown. Both levels running huge deficits
- Past Olympics history says the projected/estimated costs will be quite alot under what the actual price will get up to.
- Our city is constantly being glossed over by big name entertainers due to the shape and acoustics of the Saddledome.
- Calgary can't even manage itself with infrastructure, transit, and local issues like wasting money on a blue ring. I have no trust in the ci
- I don't think the benefits justify the costs. I would much rather see \$2 billion go towards building public transit, proper snow removal etc
- Cities have been losing money when they host, Calgary does not have that luxury. Need to prioritize jobs, homeless, addicts...not sports.
- 1. High risk of cost over runs ( based on past games results)2. Lack of transparency until some whistleblower makes info public.
- You people are spending money the city does not have. You spend taxpayers money too foolishly, if you want the Olympics spend your own \$.
- Nothing to be gained, no long term jobs more debt
- The city and council should focus on problems that already exist instead of making a new ones!
- We are not financially capable of hosting the games. Lets get ourselves in order first as a city just coming out of the recession
- Cost out ways benefits
- All Canadian taxpayers are on the hook for these games. Enough history proves cost over-runs will happen, they will be in the billions.
- Public money from all three levels of Government should not be used to fund the 2026 Olympic bid: the risk is too great to Calgary citizens.
- Cost overruns result in education and arts program cuts.
- Cost & the high property taxes as a result of these costs. The security cost has not been assessed accurately. Not all events would in here
- First and foremost, we cannot afford to host the Games AT THIS TIME. Most of us are drowning in debt. The costs will go over budget!
- We have better uses for our tax dollars
- "Cost is a major concern
- Strongly disagree with supporting a corrupt IOC"
- "Unknown costs (ex. Security and construction cost overruns).
- Increases to taxes to pay for games."
- Displacement of homeless people, loss of money, clogging of the city.
- Calgary's gov't needs to focus on Calgarians, not try to put on a show for the world. Especially with the seemingly hidden budget/agenda.

- Tax increases
- The greed and corruption of the IOC is well documented. We should have nothing to do with them. Cost overruns are also a major factor.
- The greatest risk is, taxpayers will be on the hook for these games decades after the games are over. Children today will be the ones paying
- We cannot afford it.
- "Benefits - excellent boost to Calgary & Alberta economy.
- Risks - potential to have a significant residual financial loss"
- Uncertainty of the capital cost which could overrun combined with the uncertainty of the revenue over projected. This is a risky business.
- Far too expensive
- It's too costly and I don't believe it's in the benefit of Calgarians. We are in an unstable economy and so the risks outway the benefits.
- Huge debit . Property taxes will go up. City leaves infrastructure on the back burner. The city can not afford this. Uncertain real costs.
- I can't handle anymore tax increases from any level of government. I have been forced to work 3 parttime jobs and I'm still falling behind.
- We will lose the bid because Nakiska is a terrible choice for Alpine skiing. Should be Lake Louise. Ski jumping in Whistler is also bad.
- I don't believe that taxpayers should be paying for elite professional athletes to have a big party.
- The alpine events must be held in Alberta or NO Olympics for Calgary
- Too expensive and city cannot afford this.
- Higher taxes which the average Calgarian will be the one paying.
- The most of Olympic games recently were large net losses for the cities that held them. Having them is the city putting its pride over logic
- "no benefits
- financial risk"
- We cant afford it! Dont you raise taxes to cover this stupid idea. Put money into snow removal
- We should build low income housing without the long term economic drain of the olympics.
- We cant afford it! Dont you raise taxes to cover this stupid idea.
- Unforseeable costs which will put an unnecessary burden on Calgary's citizens for little return.
- Misleading information released about total costs. Little imformation regarding benefits/legacy for everyday calgarians
- Costs too high with falling tax revenue, high commercial vacancy, increasing property taxes, and service cuts.
- We cannot afford it. Personally I can not afford an increase in taxes to fund these games.
- These games will loose money. You'll toss students out of housing, like last time. Few will actually profit & they're already rich.
- The IOC is a morally bankrupt front for corporate sponsors and they don't deserve us.
- IOC is a corrupt organization
- There are better things to spend money on. in 88 I heard many apartments were turned into temporary hotels, leaving tenants homeless
- - never been financially profitable or led to major investments. The economy must be better before engaging in such events.
- the worls is already laughing at Calgary for wantinh to host WINTER games, yet not being able to deal with a moderate October snowfall.
- Olympics and its legacy will not have any benefit for the average Calgarian. 1988 was a different era, this cannot be replicated
- Please invest the money in building more C-Train stations in NW. We need transit and more schools

- Too Expensive! Even with govnmnt/private funding, taxes will likely rise again. Find other ways to improve Calgary's community/economy.
- Who is going to help me pay my increased property taxes? Who is going to buy me tickets to go see these events?
- You are committing to a huge debt in exchange for poorly defined, some might even say fantasy benefits.
- The Mayor/Council are hiding costs, what will taxes be for overspends; 1/2, 1, 2, 3 billion. IOC is corrupt just cleared USSR, Shameful!
- "Though the games would be exciting for Calgary and Canada, I am concerned about current and future costs."
- I have no trust in the info provided by City Council nor Calgary 2026 to make an informed 'yes' vote. The city is paying to cover up info.
- Why spend money on this circus while people are starving?
- Security costs
- My taxes WILL go up. This whole process is "slanted" in favour of bidding, I find the Mayors "unbiased" opinion as biased "for" bidding.
- There is no benefit. There are plenty of risks the largest being the deceitful messaging from City and so called unbiased (sic) BIDCO
- Cost
- Too spread out geographically, IOC committee are over paid, No tax paying common man will be able to afford to attend with family, all corp
- We will be left with more debt, and the fees and taxes that are too high will go up again.
- Risk: useless infrastructure like the existing ski jumps, sending athletes to our enemies in Vancouver when WE are supposedly the hosts.
- Seeing what the games are costing (Van \$7.7B) how can the dreamers in city hall think that it will only cost \$4.6B originally, now \$5.3B.
- Roads are in a terrible state, our highest level of unemployment, no LRT link to the Airport, Winter tyres needed for our bus fleet.
- NO! NO! NO! Calgary is not in a financial position to host the Olympics. Our city council is out of touch with the tax paying citizens.
- TAXES
- Property taxes are already high in this city. NO OLYMPICS - cut your operating costs first.
- No way Nenshi! Go dream up a free way to make yourself feel important. Leave our money alone!
- A total waste of money. City council should solve local problems rather than trying to hide the costs from taxpayers or look for "leakers"!
- This is not the right time to submit a bid for the Olympics due to a poor economy in Alberta plus the thousands of unemployed people.
- It will cost too much money and the city will be in debt afterwards.
- The 88 games have all but \_destroyed\_ the way of life pre-games. Enough is enough, NO games.
- "\* Immense risk of immense legacy of debt
- \* Diversion from our real quality of life priorities such as proper public transportation"
- My biggest concern is that the Olympic games are going to go over budget. Why should Calgary enrich the IOC further?
- Taxes are already too high, and we are going to be stuck with paying even more after the Olympics, focus on controlling rising costs instead
- No Olympics has ever come in on budget, council needs to realize that there is no cost control once we have committed to it,
- Think of the security cost will be by then, there could be way more terrorist attacks so even more security will be required = more cost Billions

- Nenshi needs to focus on a different legacy rather than hosting the Olympics and saddling Calgary with unmanageable debt for decades
- The costs will only continue to increase, and we will have to pay no matter what. Provincial and federal money is our taxes as well!
- Costs are not totally clear. Too many secrets from the city.
- Other cities are dropping out, now only down to three (officially). Open your eyes Council! No one else wants the games, only us suckers
- Cost is too high, besides Mayor Nenshi won't be disclosing all the costs associated with having the Olympics. Not impressed with the city!
- We can't even clear the snow off the roads, why would we spend money on the Olympics. It's ridiculous how many millions we have spent
- The IOC is openly courting Calgary, which is biased. Because every other city has quietly said they want out, we are the suckers left!
- 96% of Calgaryians will never be able to afford or be able to get tickets to any event
- Council is hiding the full report of the cost, instead looking for leakers! Bring the full costs forward, and even then they will go up!
- What legacy are we going to have, besides a debt! Hockey in Edmonton, skiing Whistler, what are we going to have? Not even a new arena!
- Security and cost concerns. As a lower middle class Calgarian I will see no benefits.
- unaffordable for most Calgarians no planned upgrades for roads and transit many other existing venues that could be used that are not listed
- Cost/security/corruption/lack of transparency/lack of community support/lack of corporate support
- The cost, ongoing debt, security risks, and no new arena.
- "Financial risk is top issue.
- The IOC has become too corrupt and moved too far from the original Olympic idea"
- "Top Benefit: Growing Calgary's Tourism Industry.
- Top Risk: Cost Overruns."
- I just don't feel I have enough information. I've been given a global figure of \$X billion but I want to know what the breakdown is.
- Not the time for grandiose spending! Could not be in budget even if budget were reasonable! Wrong priority for city!
- Calgary does not have sufficient infrastructure to even consider running an event of this size. Too fiscal risk without promise of returns!
- Debt. We are already overspending. Our children's children will pay for this.
- Do not submit a bid for the games because the City continues to pursue cuts and service reductions across the corporation.
- Cost
- As a homeowner/taxpayer I get no benefit, but my taxes will soar to pay for it.
- Burden on multi levels of taxpayer.
- It is TOO MUCH MONEY! We cannot afford it. Calgarians are taxed to death as it is, no tax dollars to this frivolous 10-day party.
- "Financial risks. There is only one tax payer.
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- Plus the IOC and the entire movement is a corrupt organization."
- Missing connection on vital infrastructure risks. Rehabs could cost more. Missing transparency on provided info from committees.
- Budget over runs and being stuck with the bills. Allowing countries known to violate clean sports rules to participate. Great security risk

- Next 4-year city budget to reduce funding of municipal programs. If cannot afford current service levels, then cannot pay for Olympic Games.
- Money. Infrastructure. Debts.
- Cost benefit. The games will cost billions, doesn't matter whether it's prov or federal funds, with a questionable return.
- The cost is too high...financially, environmentally and socially.
- it's only beneficial to those who can afford to participate. there is no real benefit to the 'people' of the city, we have other priorities
- Too much cost, for too little return.
- A lot of money to spend just to not recoup nearly as much as spent. It might create jobs but only temporarily
- I can't afford them. I lost my job in the oil patch 3 years ago. I can't afford the extra tax burden that will come with Olympics
- Misguided priorities. Other than a 'feel good' effect that comes from hosting the games, the facilities ultimately are expensive/elitist
- The big corporation do not have the money to back the olympics at this time. There are too many layoffs. May cause lots of debt to Calgary
- Risk. It will run over-budget, as history has proven. I am not willing to shoulder the costs.
- 5 billion dollars for a two week sporting event. Promises of affordable housing and infrastructure spending is weak. IOC laughs at bid cities
- It seems silly really to rebuild sporting infrastructure.
- It is ridiculously expensive. it will cost even more in the long run because nothing is ever brought in on budget.
- Where will the funds come from to build all this new infrastructure? We are unwilling to build a new stadium to provide facilities for the F
- The top risk is the potential economic burden and cost.
- Given the how previously hosted cities went way over budget, I don't see this as a potential economic boost.
- Security is such a huge cost today. 1988 was simpler times.
- Economic reasons is my #1 concern. The city hasn't recovered from the downturn.
- Economic benefit not enough to account for costs and risks of hosting
- Economic reasons, we still haven't recovered from the recession and are in huge debt.
- Tax hike Again and things are too expensive. The cost is unclear.
- First recent Olympics don't make money anymore. Even if there is profit, it is not like the city will share the profit with the tax payers.
- "No long-term benefit once all the visitors are gone.
- We can't afford this, and that's that.
- Things have changed since 1988."
- Now is not the time for another games. When services are being cut.
- There are better ways to spend our money, especially when so many Calgarians are still struggling financially.
- Calgary has other more frequently used infrastructure which should be improved or replaced rather than spending money on this.
- There is a possibility the cost will be way over budget. We are in a protracted economic downturn. Taking on debt is not going to help.
- People are struggling. Or we can afford to host the Olympic Games. We will be paying for it and regretting it for years to come.
- Unwieldy debt. Dealing with corrupt IOC.

- Expensive. Only beneficiaries are the IOC and Calgary Sports & Entertainment. Tax payers get stuck with the bill. NO
- The city is not being upfront with Calgarians about all of the costs associated with the Olympics. #NoOlympics!!
- Unlike the games of 1988 less money will be going to the host cities. This will add a bigger debt load to calgarians to pay off.
- People need to hold the Mayor responsible if the majority vote no for the Olympics and he still goes ahead with the bid.#nothismoney
- I believe that in the current state of our economy, it is not worth wasting money on something that has no value other than fun.
- The top risk is the cost of hosting the games.
- Cost overruns. Affordable housing likely will not be built as in previous Olympic Games. Total bid 5.2 B. Capital portion?
- The city simply can not handle the influx. If we got the bid we would have even more construction then we already do impacting calgarians
- Calgary money potentially going to other cities to pay for venues hosting events - ski jump in Whistler, curling in Edmonton
- The proposal does not include a new arena or a new stadium. If we host the games, there is a risk we will never get either of these.
- Its all debt for years to come.Give us a stadium we can use.Nenshi wants this for political gain because he doesn't have to pay for it.
- Burden on taxpayer. There are always undisclosed or unexpected costs.
- After reviewing independent studies done by leading economists I don't see any significant benefits to the citizens of Calgary.
- I don't trust the \$ people . If the games are being hosted in 2 provinces, numerous cities/towns then why is Calagary footing the bill?
- In this economically uncertain time, the Olympics are too much of a tax burden.
- Costs too high for little benefit you get from hosting.
- It will cause us to go into extreme debt or increase our taxes. We are not out of the down turn, most people are still unemployed.
- Ticket sales are too low and building the venues will cost the city too much money.
- Don't care about infrastructure upgrades at COP or downtown. My property taxes should be spent in my neighbourhood, not on luxurious bids
- Calgary can NOT afford to host the games. The lack of transparency at City Hall is repulsive.
- Cost
- We simply cannot afford to host the Olympics at this time. If we were not running huge deficits at all three levels of Government; maybe.
- "can not guarantee the cost to build
- who is stuck with over runs
- ioc wants here because of TV revenues
- yes gets millions
- no gets 0"
- Do not submit an Olympic bid, this city has many other needs for our money. The average calgarian will not benefit.
- too costly and only a certain few benefit. Not everyone is interested in the Olympics.
- What's the bidding price? We're not even sure if they're going to give us the 2.5b to help off set costs, the cost of hosting seems brushed
- Why can't we just use some of that money to build a new flames stadium if that's what they want instead of the olympics

- the Olympics are simply too expensive. The risk for a large debt after this is all over is too great.
- The costs will be significantly more than projected, and funds could be used more productively building infrastructure or Victoria park.
- The reputation of the Olympic organization(neg). The costs. Another tax increase. The unfairness re: continued doping scandals. etc. etc.
- Too expensive.
- the costs would outweigh the benefits. the homeowners can't afford the increase in property taxes.
- I do not think that either the city or the province are in a financial position to commit to spending the sort of money that is required.
- Due to the recession, if property taxes and fees are too high to raise \$3B, this will hurt citizens more then help them over 5yrs.
- Spend the money to attract businesses to the downtown core! A lot longer lasting investment!
- Long term financial implications to City and taxpayers. The International Olympic Committee is unlikely to cover a fair share of large cost.
- Why is Edmonton and Whistler not paying an equal share?
- Calgary is spending too much money on nice to have projects in these hard economic times. Example new bus stops. I don't want my taxes up.
- If we are looking at tax increases for the next 4 years without the Olympics why would anyone even think this is a good idea.
- There are no benefits to Calgary. Holding the Olympics only brings risks with a corrupt IOC and the Russians being allowed back in.
- The economic risk which will result in even more tax burden on us is unacceptable.
- I don't want to have to pay more taxes for this event. This will divert resources from more important and longer lasting projects
- Poor economy. All this money, including on this plebiscite better spent on social programmes or a new venue for concerts etc.
- Calgary has so many needs to address that are far more important than an Olympic nice to have. Now is not the time.
- I believe the taxpayers will be saddle with increased taxes and that the cost of the games will be significantly more than has been stated.
- The cost is far greater than the gain from the Olympics. We are not yet ready for this big step. Let us pay the current bills n make a living
- "More taxes.
- There is one taxpayer and the city, province and federal governments are all spending like drunken sailors.
- NO NO NO"
- Calgary taxpayers cannot afford to pay the exorbitant costs associated with hosting the Olympics
- Spending a lot of money for an elite few. We should spend it on the arts for everyone.
- There is no benefit here for the ordinary taxpayer just boosted taxes.
- Risk - taxpayers are maxed out paying for everything. \$5,000 per person for my family is too much for a two week party. Saying the funds c
- Lots of risk, no guaranteed benefit, taxpayers taxes will increase to put on a show. Please use our money to manage our city better
- Too many financial risks are placed on the city with not enough of the risk burden being shared with the IOC. IOC should contribute more.
- We need to focus our resources on more critical matters, such as housing, healthcare, and infrastructure. This is an expensive frivolity.
- Council has not been open or transparent about expected costs. There are no studies to support economic growth in previously held cities.

- Everytime a city has hosted the Olympics there has always been extra cost that I see could go to better uses.
- please don't be fooled into thinking there wont be a long term cost to the tax payers...don't be naive into thinking we wont be stuck paying
- The financial burden to taxpayers is tremendous
- Unnecesary debt with minimal revenue. Cost benefit analysis is bleak and research shows expenses accrued out weight the benefits/profits
- Overcrowded city and services
- The costs far outweigh any benefits in this economic climate for individuals as well as for the city as a whole. Very Poor choice
- More unforeseen costs will surface and taxpayers will have to pay for it. The cost to Calgarians far outweigh the thrill of a few days.
- Future Calgarians saddled with enormous debts/ massive increase in taxes because costs accelerated and were not covered.
- Waste of tax money and for sure will leave citizens to burden the bill
- The cost is too much. Do not see a profit for Calgary. Tax payers cannot afford anymore increases in taxes.
- It will cost too much money. It's a ridiculous idea.
- Cost
- The Olympics mean cost over run, no matter the planned budget. And taxpayers are hung out to dry. NO. Many other worthy causes.
- no,high cost;lack infrastructure to support traffic/people;existing rinks chosen are not suitable;cost after to maintain.Too many unknowns.
- How do I send a comment > 140 characters?
- I am not willing to add debt to this city and it will. Property tax already too high. This city spending is out of hand. We are not out of red
- Nothing more than Nenshi trying to leave a legacy. A waste of taxpayer dollars for little to no benefit is astounding. Build the REAL arena.
- I am ok with the bid as long as each member of City council agrees to put up a bond to cover any cost over runs.
- We are struggling financially as province and city and need to focus on getting the supporting the oil and gas industry.
- Cost. Taxpayers at every level pay for this. I don't believe that potential tourism or especially potential investment will balance that out.
- Cost, cost, cost! Enough already
- It's a huge waste of money and it will raise future taxes, that could be much better spent. It's extremely unlikely to be 3 \$Billion over.
- We are in debt already we don't need more debt. This is a ridiculous proposal c'mon chill out boiz
- I believe that the cost to The City is too great. There is too much uncertainty around the Federal and Provincial contributions.
- Cost, security and total disruption and chaos in the City.
- This is way too expensive and too many unknown costs. When There are not enough polling station for advance vote on Nov. 6/7, only one in NW
- The problem is, where does the money come from? And where's the payback. In the last 4 Games, the costs have risen to unsustainable levels
- cost
- I don't want: 1.to pay for it. 2. my taxes to get higher. 3. all the extra flow of people and all the disruption it will create on the roads
- "The cost has already gone up by 10% and will more than double before 2026. City of Calgary Taxpayers are already over taxed!!!

- NO! NO!"
- This only serves corrupt IOC members and Politicians egos. The athletes are just aside show of convenience. Way too expensive for taxpayers!
- Sending some competitions to Edmonton and others to Vancouver defeats the purpose of bringing the world together! Defeats the Olympic Spirit
- Too many secretive deals already going on. City councillors should be personally responsible for cost over runs like the taxpayers will be.
- Just build what ever facilities we need without having to host corrupt IOC members and athletes Keep the money here. FORGET THE OLYMPICS
- We could send ourselves into further bankruptcy
- Cost overruns. Inability to pay for the games. Tax payers paying (again) for something they don't really want.
- Spend this money on programs for Calgarians, not ego boost for mayor & council. People are going hungry and losing their homes in Calgary.
- Pending inflated taxes to pay for the event and subsequent upkeep of venues and services. Historically constant to every Olympic event.
- Waste money
- There has been no discussion about volunteers, will the athletes who are housed in other venues be included in the Opening/Closing Ceremonie
- We have inumerous problems in the city that I believe should be dealt with. Homelessness is increasing and public transit should be improved
- Waste of money! Benefits very few people.
- Cost is too high - funds can and should to improve roads, snow removal, etc.
- I just don't see the ROE. It is too expensive & will take \$ and volunteers away from non-profit groups. Arts are suffering-this won't help
- Taxes are already too high and now you want to strap us with even more debt to pay back? Vote NO!!!
- Conducting the games will raise property taxes. It is naive to believe otherwise. Only those who control the processes will benefit.
- NOT FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE
- Too expensive a venture for just a few days of tourists. Every major sports event held recently has facilities that're just a burden now.
- The rich white guys need to pay for it, not the people. Make the city owners, business men, and the people who will make money off of it
- The risks for significant financial benefit are outweighed by the cost reality, and the lack of an ethical partner in the IOC.
- The cost will out heigh the benifits. Like other cities who have hosted we will be paying for 2 weeks of games for decades to come.
- All three levels of government a deeply in debt,and I do not see the benefits for the average taxpayer other than more taxes.
- Why doesn't the City of Calgary look at why other cities are dropping out. Norway for one, very rich country but the thing it is a bad risk.
- The City is not providing proper services NOW, we can't afford the Olympics, nor can any level of government.
- The cost will fall on Calgary taxpayers and this is not the way to build sustainable housing.
- I do not trust city Council to give us all of the needed information
- The costs are "predicted" to be 5.3B today. Statements contain weasel words like "Events can occur that result in changes to costs":warning!
- We need to invest in programs that benefit all Calgarians longer term vs the elite few for a short term.

- Coming from a hypocrite mayor that doesn't even like sports, this is a slap in the face of every citizen that supports Calgary sports teams.
- I believe that hosting the 2026 Olympic Games will be a negative result. Reason behind this belief it's going to cost Calgarians too much.
- The games stand in direct conflict with what the priorities need to be for our community.
- "Cost to the taxpayer.
- Uncertainty of economic future of Calgary, Alberta, and Canada as a whole. its piecemeal'd out to Whistler, edmtn"
- the financial cost to the city, not worth the risk
- I am concerned about the possible tax burden for future generations should the revenues fail to materialize.
- Increase in taxes is my main concern.
- Expensive, disruptive, we do not need more new infrastructure that will only benefit a few temporarily.
- Higher taxes for a Nenshi legacy
- "Huge financial risk.
- The country, the province and the city are all struggling with debt.
- We simply can't afford to do it."
- financial burden
- Security it has been seriously underestimated. So the costs are underestimated and that will lead to significant tax increases to the city.
- The financial costs for games are grossly underestimated to make it enticing. Too much of a risk to saddle taxpayers with the extra costs.
- Cost of the Games would divert investment in other communities priorities with greater potential to make Calgary an economic & social leader
- 3 billion could co-develop 12 new world class sporting arenas. The money for Olympic security (no legacy) could build 2 arenas.
- The costs far exceed the benefits. Our financial resources and time/effort are better spent addressing other higher priorities.
- Costs not covered by external funding will be borne by taxpayers. We should spend this money on housing and other priorities directly.
- Spiralling costs that will occur and not budgeted for.
- "Higher expenses and lower revenues.
- Loss of control over development process to IOC
- Benefits accrue to a minority of Albertans/Calgarians"
- Promoters of the Olympics are supporting a bid for their own selfish reasons. Bias throughout the engagement process; burden to taxpayers
- Huge cost will be taxpayers to pay for years & years - not worth a 2-week party. Security will be enormous. Organizers & IOC are corrupt.
- I can't fathom how the city of Calgary could think hosting... correction.... partially hosting this event @ so far over 5 billion is good!
- How about putting the money into things important to taxpayers? You know like... transportation, homelessness, opioid crisis, education, etc
- Should not, our tax dollars need to go to meet more basic needs of all taxpayers. We cannot afford the "luxury".
- The true cost has not been determined and never is until the final tally is in. The money Should be spent on creating jobs ie manufacturing!
- Zero short term or long term returns for tax payers.

- Costs are uncertain..benefits uncertain.. secrecy of initial information that must provided by City Council is a major concern.
- The top risk is being saddled with a huge leftover debt due to unforeseen, unplanned for expense overruns, not covered by AB/Ottawa.
- Economics
- As per the available data contingencies are optimistic downwards (less than average) and private funding projections overly optimistic.
- The excessive/unknown costs are enough to abandon this idea already. My children shouldn't have to cover this tax burden for their lifetime.
- Our city cannot go into more debt which will then go to the next generation. It would be irresponsible to move forward with this bid
- Financial cost over run
- Burdening taxes are killing the average person and small businesses. This adds another level that the city will use to justify increased tax
- Calgary has yet to recover from the oil downturn, with this increased tax demand this is financially irresponsible.
- Waste of money that could be used for other important projects.
- Escalating costs, tax payers having to pay for the overages, no one but the taxpayers will be accountable to pay for the overages
- The IOC is as corrupt as FIFA. Letting the Russians come back into the games is absolutely wrong. These games are for someone to make money.
- Rising costs and budget overrun, this risk should not fall to the taxpayers.
- Calgary is already in a precarious economic position thanks to the Federal liberal policy
- "Mono-rail".You must have seen this Simpsons episode. The Olympic bid is the same sort of White Elephant being pushed on taxpayers. Vote No
- The economics are not detailed enough with the risk to run a substantial deficit and new taxes
- Money vs budget for the city
- Ultimate cost is an unacceptable risk of taxpayers money. How can we remain clean and yet be enabling a corrupt IOC? Mutually exclusive.
- The IOC is a proven corrupt organization. Doping is still rampant. The real competition is to see who can get away with it.
- I don't believe that this is a good time to spend money and resources for olympics. The Alberta Economy is not doing well enough to host
- It feels like this bid is being rushed during a time that we can least afford it with our uncertain economic future. There's always 2030.
- Investment in infrastructure and local sports doesn't need to be tied to a gross organization like the IOC
- Risk of security to city and damage to environment, both of which may be significantly compromised by presence of and preparation for games.
- A very expensive party. Calgarians stuck with bill for generations. Emphasis on the plural of generations!
- "Risky economic benefit.
- Will take \$ from other areas with more likelihood of economic success
- Venues are split between other cities."
- Huge taxpayer debt - waste of money
- The cost is too much for tax payers of this city. Estimates are only that and usually that increases up to 50%. McMahon is unsuitable.
- This represents \$3,000,000,000 not being spent on medicine, veterans, education, etc. or servicing our growing national debt.

- Calgary isn't in a financial position to host anything more than a potluck picnic
- I do not trust city hall to provide accurate unbiased information and am tired of cost overruns. Perhaps cancellation of pension funds.
- Cost overrun and lack of public information from the City of Calgary
- At this point with an economic recession, we as in the voters, citizens of Calgary and Alberta do not need to be taking on more debt. No way
- Financial - will cost taxpayers millions and no guarantee of economic benefits.
- none
- Bc we are in a deep economic downturn. Our focus should be on keeping taxes down and job creation.
- More taxes. This is a total waste of money for 2 weeks return.
- If this was actually a good idea, already-overbudget BidCo wouldn't use our tax \$\$ to push a yes vote & council wouldn't be hiding the risks
- I was alright have another olympics until they said Whistler would host Ski events, like are u kidding me?Reward BC for killing our pipeline
- Id rather invest in a strong entertainment district which makes downtown vibrant and brings in tourist dollars.Plus we need a new arena 1st!
- WE HAVE NO MONEY!!!! And even if we did, there are better ways to spend it.
- I don't think it makes financial sense.
- CT can't operate effectively in the snow as it is; your citizens can't get to work. Fixing that before inviting the world to visit is key.
- How much public money is actually at risk? \$5.2 billion in 2018 dollars could be \$10 billion by 2026. How are we protected.
- "Do not spend that money for a three-week Olympics.
- Spend it on a new Arena and host events, concerts, and games for 30 years!!!"
- Budget will be blown out of the water and We cannot afford increased fees to property taxes or utilities. They are already too high.
- Taxes will permanently go up, and ticket prices will be so high that my family can not go. Plus politicians will get free tickets
- Learn from other host cities. Tokyo Olympics cost is \$25 billion and may go higher. Unreasonable costs. Spend \$ on winter tires for buses
- Cost is primary. I don't believe the budget estimate - I am certain that costs will be much higher and historically they always are.
- The top risks are the affect it will have on the budget. How many city employees will lose their jobs so we balance the budget?
- Too much money to be spent the remaining facilities would be great to have and would keep flames here however as I see Tokyo is at \$25b
- Instead of risking billions of dollars for security&paying off IOC officials; lets just buy the so called end benefits of this boon-dongle.
- Insane costs to the taxpayer. This event will not turn a profit and will burden the taxpayers of Calgary and Canada for decades to come
- Cost is a huge risk.
- The cost on infrastructure, security, and safety is too great. Tourism will not recover this cost.
- These games only benefit the wealthy who live here and low-income Calgarians will never be able to afford any of the benefits.
- Runaway costs
- Frustrating to see the City lose focus of life-changing projects like better transit and housing. This is what Calgarians really need.

- I honestly don't think we should bid because the city has shown it can not be transparent and honest about the cost associated.
- Having the Olympics come to Calgary will not benefit or provide profit to Calgarians.
- Focus on improving the current economic environment not an event 8 years hence that will definitely exceed tabled cost estimates.
- The cost of the games is totally outsized to benefits. Tax dollars should not be spent frivolously in difficult economic times!
- We should NOT submit at bid: 1. We have higher priorities for City/Provincial funds. 2. Cost Overrun risk too high. 3. IOC is corrupt.
- Every Olympic event in the past 40 years has cost more, brought in less money and left the host city's citizens paying off the debt.
- Going into further debt as the financial picture is still much in doubt for the future with the pipeline project much in the air.
- Cost too much, so much hidden costs, very risky and benefit only a tiny fraction of the Calgarians ...IOC is still far from trustworthy. TQ
- Unreasonable cost and the IOC is a corrupt organization
- \$\$\$\$\$, the cost for a few weeks of winter sport is too high. There are many social problems that the city should be spending its money on.
- The cost to the tax payer will be far too much
- "You can't pay for it!!"
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- Give your head a shake. Finish the ring road, build the Green Line!!"
- Uncertain costs. This a huge risk to all levels of government and that taxpayers can ill afford given the current state of the economy.
- Too many unknowns. Too expensive for all of Canada considering the economic mess Calgary, Alberta and Canada is in right now...too much debt
- a complete waste of money completely shouldered on tax payers so nenshi can have more publicity - NO THANK YOU
- Costs and higher taxes
- The Olympics have become a financial event - not a sporting event. I am astonished that the Committee presents "3 funding partners".
- Public money should benefit Calgarians for Calgarians. Improve roads and public transit so we can enjoy our city and spend our money here.
- The city is running at a large deficit as is, why add more to our plate? I don't see much if any long term 'legacy' projects being included.
- Other city shaping projects will take a back seat to hosting the games. Money is better spent elsewhere.
- If we can get the new and upgraded infrastructure for just \$1.5 billion, then build it anyway and save the \$4 billion in extra costs to host
- "We can't afford it."
- City council is too secretive. I don't trust them.
- The funding from the Feds will not be known prior to the referendum."
- Handling of the Olympic bid has caused decreased trust in City Council. Leaked secret information, increased cost estimates has done damage.
- We already can't afford City services and the province, federal gov'ts are in deficit. We would be borrowing money for games we can't afford
- There is mention of a 400 m indoor track and a Fifa size soccer field. Why would these be built as part of the winter games bid? No Benefit
- Financial cost

- The "math" is simply not reliable. I believe that this boondoggle will only impact tax rates and not benefit anyone in the long run.
- Cost overruns. See Tokyo...
- Cost over runs, the secret meetings... feel like we are getting only part of the truth.
- The cost is still unknown and the Olympics seem very corrupt which makes me skeptical a fair amount of profit will flow our way
- The biggest risk is that resources for city development will be diverted to the IOC's corrupt members and businesses.
- It's the same story with every games: promises for new public/non-market housing get broken. If we want this, we can fund it with no games.
- The City has been forth coming about extra costs for hosting the games. ie demolishing Victoria Park bus barns, and clean up of the site.
- Other than the mentality of having a home court advantage, IT IS A TERRIBLE IDEA! We are still in a recession - all 3 of our major resources
- "For a est. \$5.2 billion \$. Calgary only gets a small arena , a field house and some new housing.
- Not enough bang for our buck."
- "Most events will be at Canmore, Whistler and Edmonton.
- No idea on what events will be Calgary!"
- "I don't trust City hall to put this bid together.
- Secret meetings and a lack of transparency!"
- The '88 athletes' village became UofC residences, decayed for decades, and had to be bulldozed. New "legacy" projects may also fail.
- Budget over runs. The Tokyo Olympics are already 4x over budget. There is no recorded case of any Olympic games coming in or under budget.
- The money could be used for many other more beneficial projects
- This OAGE STILL does not provide a cost. The city still has not recovered from the latest recession. This is just a Nenshi legacy project
- EXISTING city debt per capita=\$2k, prov=\$7k, fed=\$18k. Total \$27k gov't debt per Calgarian, and people think 'hosting' a \$5B party is wise?
- There are no real dollar values available for the end project . Therefore if we were to go ahead with the bid our cost could skyrocket. NO
- I believe that the city should NOT be bidding for the 2026 Olympics, we can't even have proper plowing done with a minor snowfall.
- Cost over runs which will result in higher city taxes
- Cost is too much, lack of infrastructure to support games.
- Losing money for our city/province.
- Our city should not be the guinea pig of the IOC. If we were serious about corruption, we should be morally against this.
- Country, Province and City are all in debt up to their ears. We are now paying interest on that debt. Stop waste. Reduce taxes.
- Cost overruns + increased housing prices for Calgarians.
- Costs too great in current plan
- The city will have to significantly raise taxes, again, to have any hope of pulling these games off. "It's a NO from me,Dawg" - Randy Jackson
- Exponentially negative environmental and economic impacts of unnecessary additional international spotlight on Canmore.
- It's a waste of money
- The city of Calgary has too much debt as well as the province & country! Quit spending money you don't have!

- the cost WILL become over powering
- The Oxford Olympics Study 2016 failed to “find even one” Olympics that came in on or below budget.
- “It’s the most amazing thing that the Olympic games are the only type of megaproject to always exceed their budget,” Bent Flyvberg.
- "Hidden costs and overruns are going to have to be picked up by taxpayers. No thank you.
- Look at Tokyo's budget already."
- Cost!!!! CANCEL THE BID. Put this money into snow clearing, affordable veteran housing or infrastructure the city desperately needs.
- We get no new NHL arena, no new LRT, nothing that is currently an infrastructure priority for our city. How is this worth \$3 billion to us?
- Cost to taxpayers is too high. The road traffic grid lock, extra visitors, plus high levels of security required also not worth it.
- It's appalling that the City is "asking our opinion" while actively lobbying us through YesCalgary. You should represent us. Don't lobby us.
- We can't afford the Olympics. Taxes will go up at higher than inflation just to keep current services. Olympics always go over budget.
- Our economy is fragile. This will add risk to our already slow recovery and spend money we don't have.
- Costs. Who will be held accountable when the costs go above 5.2 billion. Never have the costs stayed under the estimate.
- In this economy I don't feel that a 3 week event is worth the money that will be spent. Who will be accountable when it goes over 5.2 B?
- Owners of the Calgary Flames find another way to get taxpayers to fund their new arena. We have already said they must fund their new arena.
- Costs over runs and supporting overpriced venues. We don't need more deficits and debt.
- The benefits are uncertain and the risks far too great. The world is losing interest in the Olympics.
- Costs too much with not enough benefit during and after. The world is a different place than in 1988 and I don't think the Olympics are good
- The costs for hosting are \*always\* low-balled. See Tokyo 2020. Initially it was supposed to cost \$7.3 billion - now it's over \$25 billion.
- The money should be used for more long term projects.
- Going into an Olympics to get additional funding for community needs (arena, low cost housing) is wrong. Budget and build what is needed.
- What a waste of money. This is not the time to fund a project that is for the sole benefit of the current mayor's 'legacy'.
- "- Risk born by all, benefits to a few
- - Debt financing leaving us with long term payback.
- - Increase in price of property"
- Biggest risk I feel is that we're going to spend money on infrastructure that we will never need again (ei professional soccer team).
- If you think that you will see Olympic \$\$ working to improve your local community, I have prime Florida swampland that may interest you.
- Costs! Costs! and more costs. This isn't 1988 anymore. The cost of security by 2026 could be incredibly high by then.
- Costs are too high for a 2 week party. Security concerns
- You're about to deliver an austerity budget. This is so inappropriate. Just stop it.
- Bid, get investment to redo existing facilities and be left with no legacy or meaningful improvements to the City.

- Benefit would be a two week tourist boom, risk cost over runs to the extreme
- Engagement process has been hijacked by loud voices offering alternative facts.
- Too much unemployment. Too many starving people. Fix infrastructure and homelessness first. Take care of our vets first. They deserve more.
- My property taxes have increased to a ridiculous amount. I'm not interested in having my tax dollars fund this event. Risk/cost too high.
- Financial risk is too great. We have tax increases & threat of service reduction every year. I don't want to pay for an ego legacy project
- The IOC is a corrupt organization. Who will pay if the bid goes over the intended cost? The taxpayer.
- Cost over runs and poor design, There are better ways to spend the money.
- 1988 put Calgary on the map. 2026 will put Calgary on the list of biggest economic disasters. No level of gov't has the money to support it
- Allocating costs between levels of government obscures that Calgarians are mightily contributing to provincial and federal portions too.
- This is such a poor and fiscally irresponsible decision. What the committee and Nemshi have done to withhold information about funds is low.
- The costs associated with hosting the 2026 games are frankly unknown at this time and will likely be higher then the 5.2B estimated cost.
- We can't afford it and shouldn't move forward with it. Being an Oil & Gas City we have suffered financially enough in the last several years
- City hall should not be doing anything to bring economic benefit to British Columbia after their deliberate effort to kill our economy.
- More debt is going to be accumulated. no city hosting Olympics has been able to turn it into profit
- Economic debt that will have to be paid by Calgarians.
- Statistical certainty of cost overruns. Impact to debt capacity. Cuts to other City services.
- I am concerned about a dramatic increase in cost for city services and also an increase in taxes.
- Increased taxes. City is still lying about the total cost.
- Stop trying to spend money we don't have! Invest in long term infrastructure. Stop fuelling Nenshi's ego.
- Cost. City and the mayor are being very secretive on costs rather than open and forthright.
- Should not, as taxpayers will end up being stuck paying it off for Years to come.
- Too risky
- The city continually asks for more money for Calgarians and cut services. The Olympics will only further cut money for others services
- The city of Calgary has not got a thorough and actual factual cost of how much the Olympics will cost
- Cost to tax payers. Let's just get a new arena and leave it at that. The olympics isn't what it used to be.
- Massive debt. The city is already a black hole of money. This will only make things worse.
- Overall cost. I do t want to get stuck paying for an event for years
- huge! risk that cost estimates are grossly understated and no confirmed funding commitment from the provincial or federal government
- "loss of money
- overall cost will be stuck with the tax payer
- massive debt"
- Federally and provincially we have huge debt. The city struggles to balance their budget. We can't afford the financial risk
- Cost overruns a certainty - would impact city services/taxes. Past Games resulted in large debt for host city. Taxpayers paying too much.

- The economy is still weak and I don't believe it will have recovered enough by 2026.
- Calgary and the province of Alberta are broke. No money and bad credit! THE ANSWER IS NOT: Let's host the worlds most expensive party.
- "Non binding vote?" Just admit council doesn't care what voters want. This is the Nenshi legacy show. Wake up!
- That taxpayers are further burdened with debt . Security is a huge concern considering the state of world and acts of terror.
- Calgary can't afford the debt, city is broke already and spending on all the wrong things (e.g.overly expensive and ostentateous central lib
- Cost estimate is incomplete and based on all the other games that go over budget we likely would too
- Increased taxes.
- I am concerned about the level of corruption in the International Olympic Commission. We should not be partnering with them.
- None, a waste of money for nenshi's legacy project
- Cost-sharing is unknown. Olympic Games are demonstrably proven to be an economic drain, always. And dealing with the corrupt IOC.
- Economy is weakening, no trans-mountain pipeline for sustainability, not enough information, process rushed & one sided, little public input
- Top risk is the cost, and the incomplete info. Secondary is the lack of transparency out of city hall.
- Know what you're buying! Russia = state- sponsored doping! No real consequences from the IOC. Gives a green light for tainted future games
- Too expensive. The world is already well aware of Calgary from our Stampede. Don't need the Olympics to do that. We are being conned!
- Cost
- Costs greatly outweigh the benefits. Risk of cost over runs is simply too high. I'm not excited by hype.
- Costs. Inappropriate timing for games. Very disappointed in premier events planned for BC after the economic stonewalling against us.
- Games are rarely profitable, IOC corruption, typical of Calgary (council pretends we have a say, but they show little transparency).
- We can't afford it
- Too much secrecy disguised as "protected/privileged" info. Engagement has largely been confined to sharing info. "Trust us" doesn't cut it.
- The IOC has taken advantage of every host city and have always walked away with a profit for themselves leaving host cities in debt.
- Expenses always exceed estimates by huge margins at Olympics and no one should trust the IOC with their track record.
- We are still going through a recession and this is a complete waste of money. I do not want increased taxes for this "pet" project.
- The IOC is a corrupt organization. Money would be better spent on schools and infrastructure. Education will leave a much longer legacy.
- Increased taxes, fewer services, more expensive services
- Calgary does not need the Olympics at this time. The Tokyo Olympics bill is already at \$25B! How can we even be considering this for yyc??
- 1.There are too many risks and unknowns 2. There are better places to put our money 3. We should live within ours means. 4. not worth it.
- Do not believe anything from this concil with regards to the truth about costs! Plus risk stated: it may impact future city budgets! So NO!
- Massive debt. Taxpayers covering cost

- greater economic burden for the tax payer which is already too high with combination of municipal, provincial and federal government
- The Olympics are a well known money pit where estimated budgets are consistently overblown by 200%+. We can't afford this.
- Not a fiscally responsible move
- Extreme costs on taxpayer where the vast majority would rather see it go to something else.
- Budget escalation and waste of venues after the games.
- The biggest risk is the guaranteed cost over-runs. People are very naive to think \$5.2 billion is a legit number, check out Tokyo 2020.
- Why would we want to partner with a corrupt IOC? Google Rio, Athens, Montreal, Sochi and see the carnage and financial ruin left behind.
- I strongly oppose the bid because hosting the games is not the priority for Calgarians, and Calgarians would carry hefty tax burden!
- If the Olympics come, money would be spent on that not essentials city services. History shows cities that had the Olympics have become poor
- this not 1988...hosting the Olympics is costly,we often see corruption within the organization & cheating athletes, increased security risk
- City services would be cut because the Olympics would cause the city to be in debt.
- As others have said: the cost. Japan's budget overrun is 4x the estimate. \$5.2 billion is hard to swallow and we can't afford anything more.
- We can't afford it and almost all Olympic have had huge cost overruns. I don't trust Bosco or council that we are getting true information
- Costs are outrageous for a two week feel good party at a time that Calgary is in economic decline. No guarantees on cost overruns. IOC gets
- This is NOT a good time. We cannot afford it. Stop gambling with my tax dollars. I'm one paycheque from being homeless and so are many other
- It will have a devastating affect on rentals in the city. Rent will soar and those of us who are just getting by will risk losing our homes.
- lack of information from city hall..lack of commitment from feds.. games always come in over budget.. lack of a creditable budget from bidco
- The city has been less than forthcoming with pertinent information including the cost, and location of venues. Not yeg or yvr.
- waste of tax payers monies, we we need a new hockey venue, football ans field house
- In my humble opinion, your estimated costs are so far below what is likely to be the true cost as to be laughable.
- Financial
- All the alleged benefits could be achieved without the added expense of the games, which never seem to materialize the intangibles
- Financial
- Incalculable costs overruns for with only one method of paying, us.
- The financial risk is to high in this economy. The money would be better suited directed to lowering the percentage of homeless in the city.
- Money, with the cost to taxpayers and little true cost analysis , I doubt I could take my family to an event because of cost, who is this fo
- it just costs too much.. puts too much stress and pressure on city and tax payers
- The costs are too high and the benefits are too little (and short term). There are too many unknowns and risks.
- Taxpayers financing the event
- Virtually all Olympic games are money loosing propositions, I believe the Vancouver 2010games broker even. My tax dollars can be used better

- The biggest risk is obviously a financial one, public money can be put to better use elsewhere.
- The city has other issues to deal with
- Cost borne by taxpayers benefits a relatively small group, particularly if existing venues are used. Cost will take backseat to schedule.
- Calgary cannot afford this.
- "The cost, we have other things that should be a priority in our city. I don't want my tax dollars spent on this!!!
- Totally against hosting."
- The cost is too much. I don't want my taxes to go up. Work in the area has been bad and doesn't look like it's getting better
- Cost benefit. All of the recent games have left the host with heavy debt.
- No long-lasting benefits.
- Calgarians being forced to cover any cost overruns for a 2 week party for rich elitists when taxes are already increasing.
- Bankrupting the tax paying citizens of Calgary and Alberta now & for several future generations.
- limited, if any, economic benefit with combined with uncertain costs, while taxpayers face continued increases for services without the game
- top risk is that the cost will most likely end up being a lot higher as we'll have to pay for the olympic village in Canmore/Whistler
- My property taxes have increased exponentially under this Council and actual cost of living doubled - Back to basics please.
- Our taxes are exhorbanent already! We can not pay for this without saddling the next generation with huge debt. I vote NO!
- We are just coming out of a recession, Calgarians don't need higher taxes to host something that the IOC has full control of.
- Stadium & Dome - oldest in conferences. Taxpayers have priorities, these are it. No new dome/stadium, no vote for the 5 rings.
- Olympics have become over priced, consider spending money on a new arena/football stadium/fieldhouse. which would have more benefits
- There are no benefits except 16 days of the Elite partying. The people that will be paying the bills can not afford to go.
- If these opinions are even considered by the selfish city council, clearly the money needs to be spent else where like say ROADS?!or TRANSIT
- The money.
- The money would be best spent elsewhere or not at all. It's cheaper to refurb the facilities without a games.
- The financial risks are to great, to ask the people of Calgary, and the province of Alberta to pay for, as many people are already strapped
- There are more important things to spend MY MONEY on.
- Escalating cost and excessive municipal, provincial and federal tax payer funds required. These funds should be used for more critical part
- Suggested community and socio-economic benefits aren't proven and have historically been over estimated
- Too much of a financial risk - please let us get back on our feet without having to fork out more money!!!
- RISK - huge risk to city taxpayers who will end up covering the costs. We live in a city with high unemployment as it is..."!..
- Financial risk. \$3 billion in Calgary tax dollars could fund so much that will benefit citizens.
- The cost to taxpayers outweighs the increase in international attention.

- NO to a bid due to the outrageous costs for 14 days the city has spent millions of dollars already to date UTILIZE money else where RINGROAD
- My concern is come from the worry about economic situation in Calgary right now or maybe future. The oil & gas industry is not positive yet
- As taxpayers we are already overtaxed. Adding the City's portion of the original estimated cost is obviously an additional tax burden.
- finances are my chief concern. also corruption at the city level since they are so ready to push for a bid, without first obtaining approval
- Spending tax dollars we do not have. People are unemployed and cannot afford more tax hikes!
- The amount of money we are spending. We should be spending it on things that last longer then the "party" and benefit all people.
- I think there is MUCH more our council should consider BEFORE even thinking about submitting a bid for the Olympics. Cost will be TOO HIGH!!
- Does the benefit of short-term tourism and internatnl attn justify offsetting funding toward more well-suited endeavors that require attn?
- My biggest concern is cost. I already pay (more than) enough in taxes. Stop trying to spend money you don't have on something we don't need.
- "Top potential benefit is LT legacy infra (i.e. needs to include new arena), assoc jobs, YYC brand, etc.
- Top risks = IOC and cost overruns."
- The economy, on all levels, is not in a position to be taking billions of dollars from tax payers to pay for Neneshi's ego.
- thinking the games will cost \$5b is completely unrealistic, I have zero faith in anyone associated with the bid, especially Nenshi!
- We are being asked to invest billions in an IOC which has not had a "clean" Olympics in decades. Build our city and not the IOC!
- Should not submit a bid because the money could be spent more wisely on existing needs and projects for Calgary.
- There is only one taxpayer - paying three times (City, Prov and Fed). The benefit of the Olympics is to a very few elite.
- Money spent on games could be used in countless other areas of our city. Cost of games will be over budget guaranteed.
- The cost can go higher by the time we get into 2020-2026
- The cost estimate seems low, not clear how cost overruns would be handled, no specifics from government on contributions,
- I believe Calgary will be saddled with a long term debt as a result of hosting the olympics which will result in tax increases.
- IOC, Russia
- The cost is just way, too high - taxes have already gone up too much over the past while - and this will raise taxes even more.
- It is unconscionable to contemplate an expenditure on this scale given finances and our current infrastructure deficit.
- Money - so many more things we are lacking in this new economy. I'm not interested in more debt for the city.
- The past few Olympic games have not left any major long term economic impact for the host cities. Our Pro Teams bring long term value.
- We are not in any sort of financial/economic position to even be considering this, let alone doing it.
- cost for the Games and cost for the security
- Council is considering cutting funding to basic city services so we should not spend money on hosting an event with questionable returns

- Calgary is still recovering from a devastating recession. We are not far enough removed to spend this money on hosting the Olympics.
- Until our province & city are economically and politically sound we need our tax and donation \$ spent on its residents. Why make it worse?
- Cost estimate is too low compared to Vancouver's.
- "Risks
- Cost - taxpayer monies better spent on services
- Property Tax - reduce this burden by reducing this type of discretionary spending"
- Huge cost overruns that taxpayers will have to pay.
- Cost estimate is laughable and even proponents can't produce compelling 'for' arguments. Stop lobbying the people you purport to represent.
- The economy is not great and many Albertans are unemployed. It is entirely likely that there would be substantial over-runs. Too expensive!!
- Until I know what the car costs, I'm not buying it.
- My two concerns are cost, and how the city thinks it can host in 2026 for 4.5 B when South Korea was north of 12B. and security for terrorism
- "Top benefit is legacy infrastructure and tourism during and after the games.
- Top risk is financial (lack of info is why I have no opinion)"
- All events should be in or near Calgary. I would not support a bid if high profile events like ski jumping are held outside Alberta.
- Too much money. Money we don't have.
- More meat is required, more facts and actual info. This website did not provide enough known info, just hopes and possibilities
- We are in a recession. We cannot afford to go into more DEBT!
- Too expensive. Can not take care of costs of running of the City and maintain infrastructure we have now without CONTINUAL and ANNUAL TAX
- The games are an unnecessary risky burden on the tax payers of Calgary in an effort to support a corrupt organization. More to say -no spac
- As a tax payer, I have ZERO interest in footing the bill for any Olympic events. ZERO taxes increases will be tolerated.
- if as a city has money,lets put it in offering snow cleaning/ sanding.Proper educational support for our students,proper infra structure .
- we have the WIN SPORT Olympic park sitting there on top of the hill without being used!why put my tax in structures our city is NOT using?
- Quote frankly, Calgary is in a recession and the city should stop wasting tax dollars on a " Non-binding bid". STOP - the well is dry!!
- Stop wasting money
- I hope we are not seriously thinking on doing this... It sounds irresponsible when Calgary as a city needs much improvement for its citizens
- All 3 levels of government will be so far in debt my grand children will be paying for it. My brother has been to 2 Olympic games.
- The risk of cost overruns is too high. The West LRT came in at 2x the original budget and Green Line is at 2x before the project starts.
- We are raising taxes and cutting back on things like parks? Let's get our house in order!
- Of all the cities interested in 2026, only 3 are left interested. One was disqualified. The rest said "No thanks!". Why would be insightful!
- I think we should first finish ALL the roads that are under construction before we decide to host the 2026 Olympics.

- high costs on non essential infrastructure. This is irresponsible during a time of other cutbacks. council just wants a legacy/project
- The Olympics have lost their luster. Athlete doping and being overshadowed by international politics makes this difficult to get behind.
- Cost and burden to tax payers. The City and province simply just cannot afford it.
- Based on past games the cost will be 1.5 to 2 times the guesstimate provided by the City. NO THANK YOU !
- We've had a serious hit to our economy in recent years and we have not recovered yet. The games will just increase debt and taxes.
- Cost overruns.
- There are no long lasting benefits but there are long lasting financial risks. I don't feel that the City is being honest with us.
- No benefits! cost is far too high for the tax payers to bear for the many years to come, cost overruns, IOC is untrustworthy. Absolutely no!
- Every Olympic games has lost money, all have overrun their budget by huge amounts. Calgary will be left with paying for the games for years
- Potential cost over runs are the biggest risk. There are a lot of unknowns and the city is giving estimates at Class 5 level of confidence.
- There are no benefits. Stop wasting taxpayers money you buffoons.
- Too many unknowns
- "Infrastructure is not OK.
- The city needs many bridges to avoid the railway!
- The railway is a big traffic issue! + fuel + environment? ...."
- possible reduction or halt to investing in neighbourhood upgrades -victoria park etc. i want a vibrant city not a one time event city
- "Increasing property taxes
- And a large unfunded bill
- Price over run
- We have bigger transportation requirements"
- Far too expensive (and will ALWAYS end up costing more than expected, as seen elsewhere) at a time when the economy is already shaky.
- The IOC want max benefit for them; we will over-bld to win. Risk of winner's curse. Net effect is we will pay dearly in the long-run
- risks being huge cost over-runs. No needed infrastructure added. See Japan's cost over-runs. Initial estimate of over 7 billion, now 25 +
- too much money for fun and games, we're in a recession people. Spend our tax dollars wisely.
- The money involved could and should be used much more effectively in other areas.
- I am against the games simply because of the economics. What is the cost to City taxpayers?
- No GAMES, spend \$ on snow removal equipment, risk of higher taxes on Albertans, spend money on education, infrastructure, homeless shelters.
- "Unnecessary Debt and not much upside - 88 put us on the map.
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- A bid without a new Hockey Rink in the proposal is outrageous."
- Cost uncertainty
- NO, no bid should be placed to host the games simply because the money could be used towards other things that would benefit Albertans more.
- Not enough information about the actual cost. Who pays what? Support City contributors (Flames, Stampeders, field house). No money for IOC!

- I don't agree with the proposed allocation of funds. C-Train expansion and a new downtown arena are must haves when spending \$5 billion+
- We should really be building a new arena/concert venue to replace the Saddledome.
- The cost of hosting the Olympics is too high, I do not want taxpayer money wasted on this event!
- The Olympics are fading. Just look at countries dropping out of the bidding. Council should concentrate on what would really help Calgary
- No city has ever benefitted financially from hosting the olympics. Calgary is deeply in the red so we can't afford to host anytime soon.
- I'm really excited about the new facilities and outside investment. Concerned that the economic upside is not well documented
- Failed civil development programs and massive losses during a recession
- Cost over runs and unknown commitment from federal govt.
- The estimates are in todays dollars, cost always go up. Who knows what building materials, etc. will cost in the following years?
- As a taxpayer I am completely against using our tax dollars to fund what should be a self-funded sporting event.
- We have other issues in our city that the money can be allocated and put to good use. Not going into debt like Tokyo's Olympics.
- Waste of money
- Not a good time to spend money on Olympics right now. Even if there is some economic benefits, the optics with the Olympics is bad.
- To big of a financial risk for our city in a recession and as a tax payer my vote is NO if the benefit was so great more cities would bid
- Really interested in the financial pros and cons.
- The benefits of the games definitely do NOT exceed the costs. I'm not interested in my kids and their kids paying for the games.
- Too costly and is not beneficial to most Calgarians especially low income families and people living in poverty or even on the streets.
- Calgary HAS worldwide exposure and awareness through our Stampede. Do not need 5.2+ billion dollars to introduce people to Calgary!
- Complete waste of money to stroke the ego of our Lord and saviour Nenshi. Too many issues facing this city other than a corrupt 2 wk party
- Economic benefits will be taken away from non-Albertans capitalizing with Albertans being left to pay for it. Our benefits will be gone.
- Not needed. Our province/city is already suffering financially, don't need any additional burden.
- 30 yrs since last Olympics. People say venues need upgrade. Who pays for the upgrade of the venues 20-30 yrs from now. Vicious circle.
- 30 yrs since last Olympics. These venues need upgrade & have been saying it for yrs. Updated venues will last less. Costs to high.
- Utterly irresponsible idea in a recovering economy, in a city that can't even fund social programs right now.
- Cost to taxpayers
- Spending billions of taxpayer dollars when we are not financially stable. LET THE iOC pay for the entirety of the event.
- YYC will need to raise taxes & cut services when the Olympic budget balloons & the province is borrowing us into debt just to operate
- It's taxpayers dollars from the various levels of government that will be mainly funding these games. No one can foresee the true costs.
- Biggest risk- total cost to Calgarians, especially since the city isn't disclosing all fund allocations- true cost will be unknown.

- Council are hiding issues about the Olympics with their secret meetings
- Cost
- Too much cost, not enough payback for the city. Waste of taxpayer money
- Far too expensive taking funds away from much needed projects such as infrastructure and projects that will benefit entire city
- Cost is my main concern. We should not spend on entertainment when we need infrastructure work.
- Waste of money what about low income housing/homeless/seniors?? Why should us taxpayers have to pay?? like really WOW??
- Very expensive with unclear benefits. This doesn't create stable jobs, just temporary ones. Funds should go to more important programs.
- I have reviewed the material you provided and there is no profit/loss statement that shows whether the games would be a net profit or loss.
- It should definitely NOT submit a bid. I do not trust this mayor and council due to the many in camera sessions where the truth is hidden.
- Biggest risk - Having 79% of Calgarians outraged at the audacious progression of a bid for something we strongly oppose yet have to fund.
- We should be focusing on the ongoing issues throughout the city instead of spending taxpayers money on such a large event
- No olympics end up being a benefit. Our children will be paying for the overrides. Hidden costs abound and not made public. No trust here.
- We need to start running the city like a business or a household. ensuring the money is spent only on priority issues I tough economic times
- Cost over run risk, which has happened for every Olympics since 1988. If IOC is so desperate for a host let them step up & cover cost over run
- Why don't we spend money on snow cleaning and fixing roads so people can get out of residential zones and get to work/school
- The games in Korea cost \$16 billion Canadian. Assuming Calgary can host games for 1/3 of what it cost the Koreans is a crazy fantasy!
- I don't see any benefits. Why would we spend so much money hosting the Olympics when we can invest in overcoming poverty, homelessness, etc
- No benefit for Calgary other than a party then citizens are left with the tab.
- The IOC is a corrupt corporation bent on using public dollars to further their profits. We said no to the NHL arena, let's say no to this.
- from 800 million to host the 88 olympics to 5 billion plus for an Olympics with most structures already in place is a gross over payment..
- Waste of taxpayers money that could be better spent
- Hidden costs council is discussing in camera then getting upset when information is leaked.
- Too expensive. Direct investment will give better return than indirect bs like olympics.
- I believe it to be a massive waste of my property taxes and if approved i will sell everything and move from this city
- It's all about the \$\$ Cant see how we can spend roughly half (in 2026 dollars) as much as VANOC did in 2010 dollars It just doesn't add up
- The city has been secretive and resistant to including Calgarians in the process. Information being released can not be considered reliable.
- Affordable housing in Canmore partially at City of Calgary Tax Payer's expense? Will have to sell house as I can't afford the tax increase.
- "The cost is too high.
- There are a small number of people that benefit from olympic facilities.
- It is not responsible of city council."

- The economic benefits are dubious and cost escalation risk is high given the record of past Olympics. I am concerned about IOC corruption.
- Impact on residents, impact to transit during the Olympics, safety/assault/crime increase. Potential increase to taxes. Generally I am pro.
- Mostly the expense and strain on our infrastructure and people.
- The wrong way the Canadian economy is driven by the actual federal gov't, by the provincial horrific NDP's acts, and Nenshi and its council.
- Olympics leave tax payers with too much debt and very little benefit to most people.
- "This is a complete waste of time, money and effort that is better put towards improving Calgary.
- Nip this in the bud now, please."
- "RISKS:
- Raised Taxes.
- Increased congestion made worse by ""traffic calming"".
- lack of focus on our crippling long term unemployment."
- We simply can't keep spending money that we don't have, especially not on a vanity project.
- Focus on roads (CARS) and unemployment, not personal legacies.
- Short term jobs are NOT a benefit. Council needs to work on long term employment.
- I believe the costs are severely underestimated. The City can't afford the present level of infrastructure and operational spending.
- The cost is to high not interested in having taxes going up they are high enough. No one really knows the cost typical for Nenshi!
- This will cost way more than whatever is proposed. History will repeat itself.
- Financial burden in an economy that can not afford nor taxes to support political ego.
- Additional taxes due to cost overruns
- Financial ruin
- WE CANT AFFORD IT...TAXES ARE TOO MUCH AS IT IS...NO TO OLYPIC BID...I CAN5 BELIEVE COUNCIL IS SPENDING \$35 MILLION JUST TO GE A NON BINDING
- We can not afford it!
- We as taxpayers do not need to support to corrupt criminals at the IOC. No tax payer dollars for a hope and prayer. NO TO 2026!
- Hey, arrogant mayor and council! No money to buy "winter shoes" for your bus fleet, to clean snow on streets and hwy and you want Olympics?
- We cannot afford this expenditure at this point in time.
- Cost over runs will push the cost up by at least 20%, based on anther projects the city has taken on in the last few years
- This will divert funds from other much needed projects, and provide zero financial benefit to the city. Giant waste of time and money.
- Don't waste money on the olympics, spend it on roads and putting in sidewalk ramps.
- Going over budget for the entire event.. taxpayers nightmare
- No Olympics have come in on or under budget. More important things to put that money towards.
- Spending on updating/building facilities takes away from spending on other infrastructure that Calgarians would benefit from.
- Cost to taxpayers will be to high with limited or no benefit to future generations
- No idea of the financial impact on City taxpayers. Our taxes are high enough and I'm not prepared to pay more
- Financial
- Cost overruns resulting in higher property taxes. Calgary is constantly raising taxes, and it is becoming unaffordable to many.
- Overall cost and potential risk of increase in taxes to Calgary residents.

- Substantial cost overruns, and having to work with the notoriously corrupt IOC. I do not trust the IOC to act in good faith.
- No, No, No!!! We do not need an increase in taxes so we can host a 2 week party, and Spenshi(Nenshi) can add to his legacy!
- We are completely out to lunch on the costs and even the ones quoted to date are too high
- IOC is a corrupt organization that has horrible human rights violations associated with the games.
- The top risk is cost overruns that the city will have to cover
- We have far more important things in the city to spend our money on.
- The benefits are limited and overstated. The risks are many and include the upcoming provincial election.
- Cost/tax that people can't afford, city already very expensive as it is today. Lack of volunteers unlike 88.
- It's purely a cost issue way too much money for a few weeks of games. Better to spend the dollars on things like infrastructure etc.
- High costs, small business tax burden already too high. I don't feel city council has been open and honest in this matter.
- With Calgarians hurting for jobs & real estate market being flooded the City should NOT be pouring billions of dollars into a sporting event
- Simple. We can't afford to be saddled with billions in debt. Use the money on infrastructure, like building the green line to its full length
- Unfortunately, I don't trust City Council. The process heavily favours a "yes" result instead of securing a balanced "pros / cons" process.
- NO Olympic \$\$ will go to improve the local communities in Calgary. BUT, they will get higher taxes as their Olympic legacy!
- The debt level is high. If we are to finish projects like airport LRT to DT, Airport Tunnel - Stoney just build it. Roads need repair.
- I do not believe the Olympics is capable of coming in under or on budget.
- The risk is a ton of money gets spent with very little long term infrastructure to show for it. Just build the facilities we need...
- "Cost overruns, you haven't been transparent.
- You can't get our city budgets balanced without digging back into the pockets of tax payers"
- The Olympics have always had tremendous overruns, I think the numbers we are being fed are just the tip of the iceberg. I expect the final cost
- Cost!! Mary Moran, CEO of Calgary 2026, said the cost of hosting the Games would be "\$1,600 to \$1,800" per household in Calgary.
- Calgary's economy currently is not the economy we had in 1988. Big risk for taxpayers. Don't like Whistler as venue either - too far away.
- I know you keep saying that employment is up but we haven't had a raise in over 8 years. I can't afford my taxes to go up. Terrible idea
- The Cost of the Olympics is too much, we can't even afford it, plain and simple.
- "It's a lot of money that Calgary doesn't have. The economy isn't good. The vacancy rates are high. The housing market is low.
- Listen to us"
- Don't put our city in this situation. We're all so stressed financially as it is. No one's jobs are giving raises. Yet you keep taking
- "Why won't you listen to the people's concerns?"
- We don't want it and yet you continue on with it. Let it go. Drop it. Move on"
- Short term benefits, long term damage. Calgary is not financially stable enough for hosting, and the population won't support it.

- How are we even still talking about this. I can't aff to feed my kids everyday, yet my taxes are gonna go up to pay for this? It's not right
- Any excess money would be better spent on existing infrastructure.
- Our economy in Calgary isn't strong enough for the cost of these Olympia's. Our taxes will be so high we will have more people moving.
- Transit is to expensive and ineffective, money needs to be invested in that not the Olympics. This is all for the Mayor's ego.
- cost, no benefit
- Over budget
- The risk is the cost of the games. Every host city goes way over budget. Our taxes are high enough without having to pay extra for them.
- There is no money available. Live within your means.
- Debt is too high
- Cost overruns; traffic nightmares; unpredictable weather can show the city in a poor light internationally
- Too much spending at the risk of raising taxes.
- It is to expensive and we should be using tax payer funds to help all Calgarians. I am strongly against hosting the olympics
- The largest risk is the difficulty in preparing a proper estimate of costs without having all of the details. The cost will likely be more.
- Top risk: total costs unknown and unknowable. We are in too much debt (at all 3 levels of gvt) already to even consider this.
- It's not going to generate more crime in the downtown core. Too much risk.
- Higher taxes and long term debt by various governments
- There has been a lack of transparency regarding the full costs in hosting the olympics.
- The cost of living and taxes are already are causing Calgarians hardship. We cannot carry the burden of these costs; our wells are empty.
- potential cost over runs that are not uncommon with past games. City trying to come back from a deep recession, Fed / Prov govt have lrg def
- 1. Taxpayers will be saddled with billions of debt. 2. Complete lack of transparency. 3. Millions already spent with no accountability
- Increased taxes are a huge concern to me as a pensioner. The potential for the city and/or the province to go further into debt is a concern
- Money would be better invested in making everyday life better, instead of a party for the rich and privileged
- Huge waste of money
- I did not see a solid identification of need for security and cost for same.
- We are broke and suffering a 8% unemployment rate a nonexistent commercial tax pool and ever increasing public sector budgets. Secret meetin
- F#ck all you brain dead liberal b@st@rds. We'll all be completely broke because of you. Go put up another CalgaryCockRing you f#ckin idiots!
- Spend the money on subsidized housing, low income housing, help the homeless, spend the money on health care, education. Important things.
- The Olympic Games are expensive and Calgary is not in a position to afford them. We do not have the support of the Federal Government.
- The IOC are corrupt. The Olympics have lost their shine. The amount of money needed is insane and unjustified.
- "Economic Risk.

- Calgary is not in a position to take the huge economic risk associated with hosting the Winter Olympics."
- City council is failing us. There is a lot more important work to be done than trying to convince Calgarians to pay for their party.
- I wonder if Nenshi and the gang are reading this site? Currently only 19% of people responding want it, yet they are still going at it.
- NO NO NO people still have no jobs and we can't get a straight answer on the cost for this.. No more debt. The average Calgarian is crushed
- New idea! Taxpayers pay for VIP access for city council to attend games in Sweden or Italy. Taxpayers save billions, Council still get party
- Olympics ,meant for AMATEURS initially.Not drugged cheaters,Not to mention corruption,I also the focus of nationalism as opposed to prowess,
- Increased financial burden on families already struggling - costs set in Oct/18 will not be what it ends up in 2026
- CTV says it is unlikely Calgarians will know the fed commitment to funding prior to Nov 13. How can the vote proceed without that?
- The gains in infrastructure, jobs, tourism, pride in Calgary far outweigh the costs. The 88 Games put Calgary on the world stage - 2026!
- Exposure to a city which is still struggling after the turndown. New jobs would be created which (even temporarily) would be helpful to YYC
- legacy in the form of needed infrastructure support by federal and provincial gov't, economic stimulus, positive social assistance, tourism
- How can anyone justify spending money on this right now. Especially when the amount is only a guess? And you KNOW it won't decrease...
- I have not met one Calgarian who thinks hosting the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games is a good idea.
- Since Calgary's downturn there are too many calgarians struggling to pay taxes, the money on security could go to low cost housing,etc.etc.,
- I have not met one Calgarian that said that hosting the 1988 Olympics was a bad idea, and it was straight out of a recession. Let's do it.
- We as taxpayers don't have the full picture about the true costs as everything associated with the cost is kept "top secret". No, no no!!
- City can't afford it , infrastructure falling apart
- If the organizing committee partners with the Flames to build a new arena, I would support the bid.
- Unless it includes a new hockey arena all it will do is cause traffic nightmares for us citizens.
- The budget is understated. The Province is already heavily in debt and hosting the olympics will add to the municipal and provincial debt
- The city has become far too busy ever since we hosted the 88 Olympics. I have absolutely no desire to see it grow any bigger than it has.
- too many variables financially speaking. City has not been truthful in releasing correct or realistic information. Financial burden to taxpayers
- If we can't afford a new arena how can we justify the costs to host the Olympics .
- Biggest risk - no snow by 2026
- We cannot afford this .we still in recession. What about security.What about over crowding . And who pays for over budgeting.more tax no t
- There are no real benefits. Just extra debt. Every Olympic bid trots out the same lies. Council were over 100% out on the Green Line.
- No benefit
- No reason to do this other than nostalgia and that's not a very good reason.

- IOC doesn't deserve our \$. They're corrupt and with pro athletes in the games - why bother? It's a joke now.
- The top benefit will be the venues created that have lasting effects on our sporting ability and community at large.
- Considering corruption of the IOC how can Calgary expect to pull off the games for half the cost of Vancouver 16 years after Vancouver?
- Waste of community resources, creating useless infrastructure which will become a burden on the city later on. Benefits very few.
- Waste of community resources benefit to only chosen few. Creates infrastructure to be sold for pennies after game's over.
- Olympic games rarely generate any profit. WASTE OF MY MONEY
- It's like spending our money on the spoiled little rich brat who wants caviar and turning your back on the hungry and homeless - VOTE NO!
- Calgarians PAY but not REAP rewards. A rich man's con game! Don't blow our money on frivolous games, giant circles or mgmt bonus checks
- Too expensive. Look at past cities that hosted the games and the problems they faced and still have. Too many promises that will not be kept
- We are in a down economy and our city needs LRT lines and stadiums for every day use not billions in expenses for a two week window.
- I believe the Olympics should not have movable games but a permanent site, preferably in Greece.
- We need recreational facilities for everyday taxpayers. More pools, ice rinks for the everyday taxpayers. IOC is corrupt but then so is
- Not getting all the cost information. They don't seem to be Transparent at all. I need full costs spelled out before I give my approval
- There are no benefits, we can't afford it.
- We can't afford it - the costs are always way above the optimistic revenues. When Nenshi got so would up about the "leak" told me that bad
- This is the worst city council in the world, so how could you possibly host the Winter Games. Calgary is already in financial trouble>
- A two-week party with no cost ceiling, tainted with substance abuse, leaving us with a major tax burden and same decaying parks, roads etc.
- Waste of money
- There's too much construction and the city can't properly or efficiently clean roads after snow falls. How will even more people get around
- Much too expensive for Calgarians to pay for. Many Calgarians have problems paying rent/mortgage and feeding their family.
- economy is bad , too much money is been spend on construction and building roads
- The event will put the tax payer in debt for a long time///
- Legacy? Winsport removed X-country skiing for a tube park, and compromised mountain biking for skyline luge, all while ski jumps crumble.
- Building the facilities and venues for the Olympics can be pricey. Jobs are temporary (as the games end, jobs end with it)
- Cost calgary taxes are to high my tax had gone from 8000.00 in 2005 to 30,000.00 in 2018
- It's pretty obvious the majority don't want this. Why are we still wasting time on it? Let's move on already Nenshi?!
- There has not been an Olympics that have made money for the host city in decades. We are going to be left with a massive debt to pay.
- Civic funds can be put to far better uses than funding the 2026 Olympics let alone the costs of preparing a bid.
- We simply can't afford it, no matter where the money comes from the tax payer is on the hook.

- The historic over run on the cost of the games is a huge risk to this financial and political environment. We are overtaxed every year.
- Cost..city council hiding information on cost
- 1988 was a perfect time for Calgary to host the Olympics; times were good. Now, Calgary is too expensive for the average person; only get two
- People are struggling and you want to waste money on the games. We will be paying for it for years to come! Really?!!
- \$5B spent on a ten day party where we are left with a debt hangover. Most Calgarians will not be able to afford tax, why are doing this?
- Allowing the residents to vote is the way to go. This is our chance to bring the Olympics back to Calgary and benefit all of Alberta.
- All this taxpayer money spent on a 10 day party, with some venues left for elite athletes after the fact. Build facilities everyone can use!
- "too expensive. no!!!!!! just no!!!!!!!!!!"
- you have wasted 30 million so far and I think ""no""
- WASTE of money and time and won't help the economy
- While tempting, the potential for the games to result in future prosperity are intangible. The up-front costs are very tangible
- Our monies need to be spent to update facilities and infrastructure in the city which impact us daily
- I am not interested in going into debt for a 10 day party headed by a corrupt organization, the IOC.
- If Calgary does not have enough money to plow roads, we do not have enough money to host any games.
- better infrastructure earlier
- Times are economically tough. Lets revitalize the construction, tourism and hospitality industries with \$s from local, Prov & Feds!
- "I would much rather the city put money towards building the flames a new entertainment center.
- The money could be much better spent."
- I don't want to have Calgary host the winter games as the costs are larger than the benefits
- Hard economic times. People want to make ends meet, not celebrate. Use the \$\$ to help those already struggling
- Because of the poor economy in the city, province and country, we do not need the massive debit that comes with this.
- "1. Cost
- 2. Submitting a bid is endorsing a brand that openly tolerates and thus encourages corruption."
- We are struggling financially as a province and city need to focus on getting the oil and gas.
- Our economy can't support a bid - I think the cost of the olympics is going to be over budget
- Bankrupting our children's futures, corrupt IOC, no trust in City council, pathetic YES vote tactics on my dime, refusal to listen to people
- We all pay provincial and federal taxes. Every dollar will come out of our pockets, sooner or later.
- Deficit in capital expenditures on infrastructure in the decade after the games are held; similar to most host cities.
- money/cost vs. benefit
- Too many 'secret' meetings at City Hall! Come on, wake up Calgary, Nenshi has too much power!!! He will do whatever he wants, watch out!!
- Hidden fees and cost over run that the Olympic Bid committee in Calgary are lying to everyone in Calgary and Alberta as well. total FRAUD
- We can not afford Olympics. More important issues should be on the agenda not 2 weeks party. We will end up with a huge debt we don't need.

- The Olympics are an outdated idealistic platform that can only survive by massive taxpayer support. And we can't afford it.
- Rebuild our economy instead. Much more important. Federal and provincial "help" is not help at all. Its ALL our taxpayers' dollars.
- We have more pressing needs, i.e. homelessness, infrastructure & the economy as a whole. While I enjoy the sports events the games cost 2 mu
- Top risk is we do not take advantage of this opportunity and remain exactly as we are in 2030 and beyond. Let's not be shortsighted
- forget the olympics and build a new arena
- Cost of hosting the games is too much for what we get in return. Actual cost seems to be kept from us. City Hall is TRANSPARENT - NOT!
- "Financial risks/debt
- Tax increases
- Cost of living increases effecting lower income people
- Lack of international interest
- BC co-host"
- Take a drive virtually anywhere in the city and tell me we wouldn't be better off spending tax revenue on upgrading infrastructure and roads
- I believe Calgary will see road & transport infrastructure upgrades, affordable housing, revamped sporting arenas, at a much lower cost.
- increased taxes minimal benefit for cost don't trust city leaders
- "Your propose bid proposal is unimaginative, boring, gutless, uninspiring waste of money. Please go back to the drawingboard."
- The Olympics have lost their moral compass. The risk of not gaining from our investment and the high cost of security is too great.
- The cost is simply too high to host the Olympics. We won't support a new NHL arena but are willing to use taxpayer dollars for the Olympics
- Due to the high estimated cost and potential cost over-run, I do not see an equal benefit back to the city or to its residents.
- "The financial burden is too high
- Calgary must have a new NHL stadium for hockey"
- The city should take care of it citizens first, before proposing to spend billions on a party for the elite.
- The costs to hosting the games are substantial and it could be better spent to maintain our highly used and valued community centres.
- With all due respect to our athletes and their efforts. Spending 5+ Billion on a party for the elite aristocrats is a foolish investment.
- No new arena. Too much money for absolutely no benefit to Calgarians. Would rather keep flames and have a new arena..
- We just simply have so many more important things to address with the money.
- Financial risks are significant & we have other issues to solve like the downtown office vacancy problem & working to diversify our economy
- I think that this bid should be cancelled. I can see that there will be large over budget spending that tax payers have to cover. Don't
- The biggest 'risk' is that the average tax payer will not be able to afford to attend the games if we get them.
- Canmore becoming a bedroom community for Calgarians, the negative environmental impacts that have historically been associated w/ the games
- Support Calgary 2026 & the plebs should not worry about the debt - they can watch on TV as politicians & elites enjoy events in prime seats!

- This is not the time and I haven't seen the talent to keep spending under control. Accountability for cost overruns by the people in charge.
- I overheard a group of students today talking about the debt they will inherit from the Olympics & they wished they were eligible to vote no
- my greatest fear is that we end up with a large bill once everything is said and done. I never heard of the Olympics not costing a host city
- The IOC is rife with corruption and insists that host countries take on the financial risks of cost overruns - why are we supporting this?
- It is a lot of money to spend for a two week party. The money spent on the games could and should be used in other long term projects.
- Winter Olympics=billions of \$\$ for a 2-week party that most of the world has no interest in. Too many competing sports now on TV. Not 1988.
- No value for money required.
- Lying about the total cost. Look at the news today Tokyo is way over budget. Zero reason to believe Calgary wouldn't be.
- Biggest risk is cost over runs
- I do not see any long term benefits as the costs will outweigh any benefits
- If 80+% of the city votes no, council can just say 'meh, we're doing it anyway'? This is why we shouldn't even submit a bid.
- NO...The IOC have proven to be a corrupt organization, ; the recent WADA decision to re-instate cheating athletes .
- cost, corruption, security. diverting funding away from other areas to support a bid.
- costs outweigh benefits. This is a luxury we cannot afford. Already too much time and money spent. Stop the process.
- The games are a rich mans sport as is a new hockey arena. Members of council can afford to go the thousands of Calgarians out of work cant
- too risky too much hidden cost unknown!
- No solid cost projections. Security is certainly being undercosted. Willingness of olympics to allow Russia to compete disappointing.
- As a taxpayer I do not want to take that sort of risk.
- "I'm very worried about the costs, when there are other programs lacking funds.
- New arena is only benefit."
- The mayor and council have decided on this bid BEFORE asking for citizen input. Got it backwards and wasted money. Citizens first - not.
- The costs given are lowball estimates. The cost over runs will end up being carried by Calgary taxpayers
- I can't support Nenshi in this because he is clueless when it comes to controlling costs.
- The games will accelerate infrastructure projects which would have been required anyways. People are scared of a big dollar amount!
- Taxes are already too high. At all govt. levels municipal, provincial and federal, we have been subjected to large tax increases recently.
- The games are too expensive and the possibility is that Calgary will lose money and we can not afford to.
- There are many other projects that would provide greater benefit to Calgary at lower cost.
- Top risk is irresponsible spending which will impact Calgarians for years, and take away from spending on other important programs
- The biggest risk is the huge opportunity cost. We should focus on high technology, health and education instead instead of massive events.
- "Top Benefits-Children in Calgary part of event = life impacting

- Top Risk-The financial cost to Calgarians and our Children for yrs ahead"
- Raising the profile of Calgary to the world
- update and create new sport facilities and paying only a small fraction of cost locally because of other government partners contributions
- Monies should be spent to address improving the quality of life for ALL Calgarians, i.e. public transit, snow removal, jobs, housing etc.
- Not! The push by the Mayor is for his legacy alone. No way the cost is \$5.2 billion. Add more for security and athlete's housing. How much?
- Local business but I believe the Olympics are going down hill and have concerns about Countries cancelling in the next Olympics.
- Do something better. Nenshi should be remembers for making the road system top notch
- This is a "nice to have" not a need. This is too risky for Calgarians and I do not support any of my tax dollars going to this luxury.
- BS on the costs. Low balled and politicians not forthcoming with all the details
- Cost!
- Can't afford it. Taxes are already forcing businesses to close their doors. You've further failed miserably in providing a realistic cost.
- It's going to cost way to much - far mote than they are saying. I feel that council is hiding a lot of info from us
- More important needs for citizens of Calgary - low cost housing, build Green LRT line, help people with drug addictions, support immigrants
- There is simply no money for this lunacy . No profit whatsoever from the Olympics at a cost of billions . Expect demonstrations in Calgary .
- Cost to taxpayers..I know this city council and mayor, have scant concern for the cost to tax payers, but, there is only ONE tax payer.
- "No
- What part of no do you not understand?"
- Too costly
- yyc needs to start to spend their time on providing services to the residents of this city not getting cozy with European Elites
- Short term work projects that would be needed for the games are not what Calgary needs. We need long term jobs. Debt is not needed.
- Cost. We have no money.
- Short-term benefits, long-term damage.
- High taxes
- The cost overruns that you are not giving us information on. you are severely underestimating the security costs. no long term benefits
- City should concentrate on upgrading their water and waste treatment system and facilities along with other city services as a priority
- The whole Olympic thing is a boondoggle. LOTS of local corruption on the last one. Suppressed, naturally. Venues built for '88 disrepair
- Financial concerns
- Increased awareness about yyc, stronger brand, investment in city
- Benefit- economy
- Losing money, environmental impact, manpower and money to leverage tourism
- Economy
- Economic, tourism
- Not the right time, we need affordable housing first
- Economic, tourism

- Economic benefit
- Want the financial risks (debt/ratio) for city before deciding, economic benefit to tourism and City rebrand
- Risk- Security Benefit- influx of tourists
- Good negotiating position with IOC, Increase in taxes, no info on how much (if \$100 increase, ok)
- Benefits- Facilities Risk-Finances
- Financial benefit, grow economy, repeat 88 legacy, infrastructure exists and renovation will help, increase youth activity
- Increase tourism
- Finances-cost
- Vision being under scaled for future benefit
- Economic benefits; increased tourism; infrastructure improvement, but the risk is economic
- A benefit is bringing in revenue
- Benefit, all countries come into the city providing opportunity. Exports for the city
- Infrastructure as a benefit
- Pay for infrastructure upgrades
- Expenses
- Economic benefit
- Risk- crime rate . Benefit- easier to watch the olympics
- Benefit - economy... risk- cost of infrastructure and it not being used after the olympics
- Top risk is financial and benefits is infrastructure
- Generated revenue. Impact on sports - better facilities
- Legacy
- Benefit- legacy and experience of having the olympics here
- Benefit pushing for some new development in the city
- Risk- cost ... benefit- legacy factor would be cool
- A risk would be debt
- Benefit- create jobs, improve the economy.
- Benefit would be economic
- Benefit would be tourism and attraction to Calgary. Risk is people experiencing Calgary weather.
- Financial risks. If it's planned properly and promoted well it's excellent
- Benefit: the economy and it would be great to host people from around the world
- Bring business to the economy
- Benefit tourism, bringing people in. Cost of new facilities and roads that need to be improved
- N.a
- Increased tourism and international visibility
- High taxes as a risk
- Top benefit is excitement and top risk is cost
- A top risk is financial and benefit is world exposure
- The benefit would be new infrastructure
- Benefit- city on a world stage. Tourism increase and encouragement some affect on economy both negative and positive
- Economic offshoot- spin
- Employment and revenue as a benefit
- Budget as a risk
- N.a
- Calgary awareness and benefit to local business owners
- A benefit is having more city transportation, tourism and business
- Benefits would be tourism

- Tourism increase is a positive
- Benefit- tourism increase
- Benefit would bring in an international global community. Canadian pride.
- Benefit is international attention and economic benefits and a new arena
- N.a
- Benefit- tourism economy boost
- Benefit is economic and more parathleics
- Benefit- infrastructure new arena
- Economic, tourism, entertainment for Calgarians
- Hosting the Olympics would afford a city to market itself on the global stage while allowing for opportunities for diversification
- As a con High cost for the city which may affect tax payers as a pro creating few temporary jobs in the city
- Economic, advert for city
- Top benefit: economic stimulus, increase innovation and investment in city.
- Return on investment (+), dollars to cover cost (-)
- Legacy buildings for inside activities in province with 10 months of snow, increase nationalism in yyc, connects AB to rest of Canada
- Great for promoting the city.
- Legacy - new/upgraded infrastructure for next 30 yrs for our kids to use
- Benefit: gets yyc name out to the world, last city in Canada still growing. Networking economic growth, airline tourism
- Infrastructure, new environment programs, large cost but potential benefit from increased tourism, my kids inspired by the games
- Increased revenue from tourism post olympics
- Would love To have the Olympics here for the opportunity for my children however It does need to be cost-effective for Our City
- Money wise
- Excitement for city and volunteers ... also renewed emphasis on being a home of elite sports
- Get more people coming to Calgary and seeing our amazing city
- Risk of over spending
- Taxes increase
- Economic, yyc diversify economy to attract new tourists and businesses, more infrastructure to do exercise, can unite all calgarians
- needs the winter games now because we have the facilities and winter weather for the games, and we could show Alberta to the whole world
- Good opportunity to improve traffic routes and tourism. Risk would be the financial cost and increase to taxes
- Good for the city. Lots of money from tourism
- Infrastructure benefit, tourism uptick, economic diversification global image for city. Financial costs a concern and partly environmental
- Should host the games to put Calgary on the global stage and showcase our energy industry
- Increased tourism, own infrastructure just needs updating maybe
- It's would be cool having the world spot light
- Benefit toward accessibility to facility for all ages and incomes. Risk is the expected and unexpected cost of hosting.
- Economic and infrastructure.
- Economy and cultural aspect to promote yyc, update infrastructure, improved legacy
- Growth and Communiy

- Sport good for all, have lots of infrastructure
- 1988 facilities really helped my kids, will promote city and bring new facilities for next generation. Cost isn't everything
- Budget the games have never come in at the budgeted amount
- The games are just a massive waste of money. Stop wasting our money
- The biggest risk is financial
- Tax payer over exposure to debt and the IOC is a fraud
- Expensive.
- Expenses as a risk. Benefit people spending money.
- Benefit- new arena Risk- cost
- Benefit is exposure to the world (Calgary) risk is a lot of money and not a reputable organization (IOC)
- Cost
- I don't see much of a benefit I see a lot of risks. incredibly low and unbelievable. Risks is cost, higher taxes Benefit analysis is weak
- Risk-cost benefit is cool factor
- Too expensive for 14 days. No one has mentioned chinook weather as it could play havoc with the games as did in 88.
- Cost
- Risk- cost a lot of money, money could go towards better things. Risk- cost. Benefit- legacy of having the olympics here
- A lot of attention to Calgary
- Benefit improving our infrastructure as our 88 olympics did. Including a massive amount of debt. Mismanagement of those planning the olympics
- A reality is a tax increase
- Cost for such a short period of time. Calgarians are left with the bill. Money could be better spent on social justice issues or other
- Risk- financial and supporting a corporate organization.
- Risk is that it will deprioritize other infrastructure projects with little benefit to tax payers.
- The financial aspect as a risk and benefit but more as a risk. Overall it'd be a great experience
- Cost
- The risk is untold cost and secrecy and lying. They plan on lying.
- Risk- cost
- Waste of money. Spending on money on unnecessary information. Council is not transparent as they think
- Cost.
- Risks- safety terrorism . Financial risks. Benefit new facilities boost economy briefly
- We're broke. The city is broke and the mayor is doing it from his personal agenda
- Cost is a primary concern... for the money invested from Calgarians and Albertans, how will health care & education be positively impacted
- New facilities in the city
- Long term deficit from expanding costs as the games preparation gets underway.
- I do not believe that the cost is worth the benefit. All of the infrastructure from the 88 Olympics is out of date
- More wasted tax dollars and politicians pockets fattened ask Wynn
- The major risk is the cost and the security risks
- Interested in the infrastructure
- Risk is overall cost and impact on taxpayer - what this looks like? Need to know this. Challenge of upgrading infrastructure

- Increase living cost
- Runaway cost
- Cost overruns, split between federal/municipal/provincial contributions and overlapping strategies (e.g. Housing legacy vs. National housing)
- The cost is too high and there is not an Olympic Games that has demonstrated economic return on investment
- Too expensive.
- Don't want to do half a job. Putting 1988 facilities on show to the world is only adequate
- Concerned about cost. Not happy about not getting new arenas
- Debt municipally is a risk, benefit would be boost to economy
- The top benefit would be to see Canadians on the podium in my city ! The top risk would be managing the costs .
- Costs a lot
- Taxpayer cost unknown is biggest concern, do not want a burden, complex decision process (city, province, federal)
- Costs always overrun,
- Cost overruns are a guarantee and we do not have the money right now.
- Lots of car crashes because of weather and tourism, cool to host the games, economy
- Cost and how it will be recovered
- Our current sports infrastructure is ageing and requires upgrading a . Olympic housing could be turned into low income once the games end.
- A risk would be cost
- Benefit is infrastructure improvement and or expansion. A risk would be cost
- A risk would be the cost to tax payers
- "- Economic potential & international recognition
- - The funding from the Province and Federal would allow renewal to existing infrastructure"
- - Gaining infrastructure and services that are greatly needed in the city - knowing my tax dollars are spent on things I support
- -community spirit- opportunities for youth engagement- new or upgraded facilities that will bring long-term benefits to the city
- ". Promoting Alberta Tourism
- . Increased infrastructure
- . Benefits to the economy after the games"
- "1) Increased interest in attracting businesses to Calgary
- 2) The creation of jobs pre & during the Olympics"
- 2 Options: Status Quo and the Olympics, Status Quo and no Olympics. Huge supporter of the bid! Sport will benefit Calgarians for generations
- 2026 Winter Olympics will help more people know about Calgary, create more job opportunities. But how much is the lost?
- 3 billion total to be left only 1.6 billion worth in new/upgraded community sports venues and the rest for one time event - nonsensical
- A Cost-Effective Refurbishment of Older Sports Stadiums
- A dynamic city with facilities that will see further generations engaged in sports and culture.
- A lot of people have already made a lot of money just off the bid and I have to pay for it. A Vancouver company already is getting \$500 000.
- A lot of the upgrades to facilities and any new ones we'd need to build would be built anyway So might as well use it for the olympics
- "A sport community that will continue for the next generation.
- Upgrades to all venues for the cost of a fieldhouse."

- A unique opportunity to upgrade facilities so that they will continue provide long-term social and economic benefits for Calgary and Alberta
- Ability to get infrastructure built with federal and provincial money.
- Additional affordable housing opportunities. Capital infrastructure upgrades. Construction jobs in sluggish economy.
- Additional spending on infrastructure and housing.
- Advance polls November 6 th and 7 th. Vote!!!!!!
- All events should be in Calgary and surrounding area. Forget Whistler, B.C. Bad idea!
- All the visitors would bring money in for our city.
- Although I do not believe it should be the games at all costs I feel that the benefits to the infrastructure and spirit of Calgary is great
- Although I'm in favor of any sports activities, hosting the games will create a burden in tax payers, specially in a rebuilding economy
- Amazing opportunity for our city, province and country. To bring us all together
- Amazing opportunity to showcase our city. The jobs, investment and energy created will benefit everyone. We can't afford not to do this!
- An amazing opportunity to be seen on the world stage, people from around the world are already talking about Calgary.
- An event like this can help revitalize the economy and bring new opportunities to our province
- An Olympic bid would provide a positive way for our city council to spend while providing construction stimulus that isn't bike lanes.
- An on going legacy of facilities for the city
- An opportunity to invigorate the City, improve infrastructure, improve community spirit and worldwide recognition.
- An opportunity to showcase our city to the world and a way to get much needed infrastructure investment.
- Another milestone for Calgary and for being Calgarian, it will be costly but the city would greatly benefit from the event
- "Another Olympics in our city would be energizing and exciting.
- Funding for facilities and housing would come from prov. and feds"
- Approximate 3 B dollars in infrastructure and upgrades to facilities; and, approximately 3 B dollars in free advertising for the city
- As a Calgarian since 1967, I am concerned that we take care of our people first before spending millions on games. House the homeless first!
- As someone born in 1990, it'd be great to host the Olympics as I grew up hearing about the '88 all the time.
- At this time Calgary CANNOT afford the olympics and an increase in taxes to pay for it is unacceptable. I see no benefit at all!!!
- Attract investment dollars that otherwise will either be spent in other Canadian cities or in another city that will host the Olympic Games.
- Attract significant investment in Calgary by private development. Significant investment in community infrastructure.
- because it makes sense to have Calgary rejuvenated! it's not a "party", it's an investment in my kids' future
- Because we can! I want to be part of Calgary's Olympic legacy!
- Being able to benefit from provincial and federal funding that will be invested in Calgary instead of going elsewhere.
- benefit - more infrastructure, revitalize bow valley as a winter sport training mecca

- Benefit - National and international presence for our city to increase tourism and potentially entice companies to move here.
- Benefit. World class facilities. Boost to tourism. Improve economy in Calgary. Lasting positive effect economically for Calgary.
- Benefit: A more comprehensive transit network, including LRT links to the airport .
- "Benefit: facilities
- Risks: unknowns, lack of information"
- "Benefit: some economic activity possible.
- Risk: far too many cost unknowns directly and indirectly associated with the games."
- Benefits - revitalization of venues, legacies for sport, culture and education, bring a vibrancy back to the city, help reboot the economy
- Benefits = opportunities for my family to volunteer & host & meet people from all over the world.  
Risk = arts/environment funding loses
- Benefits don't justify the costs. Distracts from focus on more important issues.
- Benefits of infrastructure for future generation and promotes active lifestyle
- Benefits of the world seeing again how great Calgary is
- Benefits to Calgarys infrastructure, spirit, and increased tourism
- Benefits would be the potential for affordable housing. The risks could be the costs and increase taxes. Can't afford increase in taxes
- Bid if nobody else does, and then use the position as leverage to get a better deal that uses less taxpayer money,
- Bid makes sense largely from the standpoint that we desperately need a new arena/field house and this seems like a promising route.
- Big opportunity to build on our 1988 legacy. I'm especially interested in opportunity for more affordable housing.
- Boost the economy
- Boosting the economy, jobs and bringing the communities together.
- Boosts economy, jobs, pride, patriotism, etc. When olympics are over we have more housing and top facilities for our athletes to train.
- Both proposed new facilities are required. Upgrades to the several existing venues will extend their life and encourage future use.
- Bring back purpose and positivity
- Bring more work and money for calgary people and around.. good for tourism. Restaurants and all business
- Bringing in more education resources and events around sports and culture along with more tourism not only for Calgary but surrounding areas
- Building infrastructure that will benefit calgarians after Olympics is over
- Calgary & Alberta are currently "lost" on the world stage. The games will draw attention, investment and jobs beyond oil & gas.
- Calgary benefited greatly from hosting the 1988 games. The city's knowledge of sport has only increased since then.
- Calgary continuing to be an elite sport training centre for Canadian athletes and the ability to continue to build grass roots interest
- Calgary is 100% Awesome and Canada represents Winter Sport to the Globe. My kids would get what I got in 88
- Calgary is at a crossroads: we can choose to sit back and stagnate or we can choose to invigorate our city and our spirit. We need this.
- "Calgary is in a downward spiral in everything from tourism to road congestion to community sports to entertainment.

- This would jumpstart it"
- Calgary is in defiant need of upgrades to its sports facilities. Which will be used long after the Olympics are done. By all Calgarians.
- Calgary is more than just a factory - a strong city has culture, history and a global audience. I believe in the cultural benefits.
- Calgary is not the centre of O&G anymore, that industry is dead. It needs a new stimulus and we can build a green energy identity from OWG.
- Calgary is still languishing after the recession and needs something to energize it, give it a goal and bring out its can-do spirit.
- Calgary needs the boost that hosting the Olympics would provide and improvement to our sports venues/facilities.
- Calgary was in a financial slump and depression going into the '88 games. We came shining to the world and Calgary was out of the doldrums.
- Calgary would be far better off spending money on a new sports and entertainment complex rather than this 2-week party for the IOC.
- Canadian and international athletes at this level performing in our venues in our city can revitalize our community and promote globalism.
- Can't afford it conceited one. Look for glory elsewhere. We know you want it more than life itself.
- Cause it is fun and I want to volunteer this time around.
- Cause we need a new hockey and football arena and the only way that will ever get rebuilt is if we host something like the Olympics.
- City council meeting in camera, hiding costs, hidden costs... now the province won't pitch in FORGET IT
- City exposure
- Civic pride
- Civic Pride is desperately needed. Short-term construction jobs needed. Facilities needed. Low-cost housing needed. New arena needed.
- Community engagement, civic pride (if it is a success), lasting infrastructure
- Community involvement, civic and national pride, hope, peace
- Community pride and legacies.
- "cool yes
- --->"
- Cost No demonstrable long-term benefits. Nothing in works that will solve yyc financial issues. We need permanent full-time jobs for youth.
- Cost to tax payers and over budget
- Cost too much and it not worth it. You do not have a right to keep going into my pockets to take my hard-earned cash. We need cuts.
- Cost vs profit is NOT the only consideration! If that were true, nobody would ever host a celebration. And the world would be very dull.
- Cost, just a few would benefit from it.
- "Costs
- Funds better spend to improve roads
- And public facilities such as golf courses"
- Costs! No realizable economic benefit. We are already known for sport. We need energy and ideas centered on diversifying our economy.
- costs, renovations and new buildings with conflict with outdoor track and field events, our city needs a field house more than another arena
- Creates a legacy for future generations.

- Dear CofC. I'm humbled to serve the elite at the olympics for min wage. Plse get trains running on time, and I will plow my own road.
- Development and investment in Calgary and the other venues will be beneficial in the long term.
- Displays the city at a world stage. Province is giving money that they would usually give to Edmonton
- Diversification of our economy as oil & gas decline and tourism, sport & culture fill the gap
- Diversification of the economy
- Do you really think the public can afford an increase in their property taxes when the economy is still not well in calgary I say no.
- Economic and job related growth and positive business impact
- Economic and social development
- Economic benefit and long lasting infrastructure after the games are held for public use.
- Economic benefit to the city and province
- Economic benefits after the games
- Economic benefits for the city and province.
- Economic development, especially diversification. Opportunity to put Calgary on map. It will be FUN!! (The single most important benefit.)
- Economic stimulus and lasting legacy
- Economics
- Economy boost
- Employment, new structures
- Enhance sports infrastructure and affordable housing in alignment with Calgary's priorities. Positive energy and economic boost.
- Every time we're told about how great the benefits will be for the citizens of Calgary, no one bothers to list the negatives.
- excellent opportunity to add life to 40 yr old facilities (2026) at no cost, and build 2 new \$800million facilities that are planned anyway
- Expedited infrastructure projects, new facilities, put Calgary's name on the map!!
- Facilities, economic tourism benefits, athletes
- Facilities. Long term reusable facilities
- Fantastic opportunity to showcase Calgary to the world
- Fantastic opportunity to work together as a community and create a shared experience that can serve as a positive foundation of engagement.
- Fast track of infrastructure investment that Calgary needs, attracting non petrochemical interest to our city
- Federal and Provincial funding injected in city. New infrastructure. Tourism. Excitement!
- For new facilities - using \$ from other levels of government & IOC
- For the years leading up to the games it would promote a lot of activity and jobs in Calgary
- Fun and boost economy
- Funding and money generation for addressing new infrastructure, new sports facilities and making Calgary a world class city.
- Get Calgary healthy! Doing more sports.
- Get the city of Calgary on the minds of all Calgarians to realize how great this city is and the Olympics will help put us on the map.
- Getting new world class sport facilities.
- Give me a new ski hill
- Global events of this nature have the potential to market future tourism to our city and surrounding area.

- Government funding for multiple infrastructure projects needed regardless of the olympics (ie/ LRT, BRT, road improvements, etc.).
- Great exposure for Calgary ,we should go for it
- Great facilities for future Calgary public to use.
- Great for morale of the city. Inspires attitude of volunteerism that flows to other organizations. Renews training facilities. Good fun.
- Growing sport in Canada starts in Canada. Hosting the Olympics can only further athlete development and raising a young generation athletes.
- Growth.
- Happiness, civic and national pride.
- Having a large spotlight on Calgary could encourage different future non O&G investment and different people moving here
- "Help to kick start a new arena and entertainment district for the Flames and the City.
- Job creation."
- Hopefully a new arena
- Hopefully it will bring money to our struggling economy. Downside is of course cost. Will we have unused buildings/villages/venues?
- Hosting another games will help keep our sports venues viable and may add to them. It will also help Calgary assess how and where to grow
- Hosting the 2026 Winter Olympic Games will bring a generation's worth of legacy facilities, infrastructure and iconic images seen worldwide
- Hosting the games puts your city on the map. Although the games often run an initial deficit, the long term benefits are definitely worth it
- Hosting the Games will give a powerful push to city's economic, mental and cultural mood. Not saying this is a once in a lifetime event.
- Hosting the Olympics is great for the City, the initial cost will be outweighed by tourism, trade and business for years to come.
- How much economic benefit does Calgary see from the '88 games speed skating rink and ski jump? Expect the same or less from the 2026 games.
- I believe it can revitalize the city. Create jobs in the construction field and build facilities that will serve Calgarians for decades.
- I believe the city should submit a bid. The olympics play an important part in unity, which our country (and the world) sorely needs.
- I feel the benefits far outstrip the negatives. I would welcome us hosting the games again. We can make them bigger and better than before.
- i like olympics
- I like the benefit of affordable housing for those like myself on a fixed income (senior). But for the average Calgarian , higher taxes.
- i like trains
- I only wish the bid were more ambitious. I'd like to see a passenger train to Banff and a beautiful new train station downtown.
- I strongly believe that especially at this time from recovering economy, the city should invest in infrastructure for Olympic Games.
- I strongly support the bid. Benefits from these Games will include: facilities for world class athletes, subsidized housing, tourism, ...
- I think Calgary will get benefit because of a boom in Calgary's economy and people will enjoy new sporting facilities for many years to come
- I think it could be good on creating jobs, developing infrastructure and diversify the economy.
- I think it is a great opportunity to host the longest running sports event while boosting our city's name on the world stage.

- I think it's important that existing venues are upgraded so Calgary can host international events for more decades to come.
- I think the budget is a farce and there will be overruns in the billions which we will be on the hook to pay for decades with no net gain.
- I think the games should return to Calgary - the Olympics give Canada a chance to voice its national pride and compete at home.
- I think we should submit a bid because it will be a legacy for the city like the 88 Olympics were, with new infrastructure and facilities
- I think we SHOULD to help gain funding and approval to further our infrastructure and to build new facilities and upgrade existing ones
- I was 15 when Calgary hosted the 88 Olympics... optimism, city spirit, global connections, athletic and recreational opportunities, legacy..
- I was a volunteer during the 1988 Olympics at the age of 16. Still today it was by far one of the greatest times of my life & this city's!
- I was a teenager during the 1988 Olympics. I fell in love with winter sports and still ski with my children today. Cost is worth the benefit
- i was here in 1988
- I was too young to remember the '88 winter Olympics and i would love to see the winter games come back here and i would go to them
- I would love to live where the Games are being hosted. I understand there's a cost and I'm prepared to dish out some \$\$ for the opportunity
- I would vote yes only if it included green line as far north as at least the airport, but it doesn't. Needs to have REAL long term benefits.
- I'll never forget how great the 88 games were and want my kids to experience this as well
- If Calgary is to remain a top world class city, it needs a strong sports and artistic presence!
- If there is no guarantee for a Saddledome replacement, new football stadium and a direct LRT line to the airport then NO.
- If we don't go for it we are admitting we are too small and not a world class city.
- If we get a new venue for sports and concerts (similar to Edmonton) then I'd be supportive. Otherwise no. Too expensive/no long term benefit
- If we have a strong leader like 1988 Olympics there was a huge rush to volunteer and people worked together to make it a great olympics
- If we host the games then we will have to build a new arena....
- If we turn down Provincial and Federal fund offerings to help with facilities, Calgary will never see those funds again. One time offering.
- Improve current facilities and keep our athletes training at home.
- Improve infrastructure!
- Improved infrastructure for future.
- "improved infrastructure
- tourism
- Making Calgary into a world class city"
- "Improvement to existing 1988 legacy structures.
- Remain competitive to host diverse sports events and draw revenue."
- Improvements to well used (and a little outdated) athlete training centers. A potential ctrain line to the airport.
- Increase in community spirit and gets Calgary back on the map for tourism
- Increased infastructure, and potential tourism gains.
- Increased revenue and tourists coming to Calgary
- Increased tourism and updating aging facilities

- Increased tourism and upgraded infrastructure and upgraded facilities for the games that can be used for future olympians
- "Increased tourism can lead to a good influx of tourist dollars. We managed to do so while turning a profit in '88.
- No recent Olympics has."
- Increased tourism increase in potential investment in the city after the games. Infrastructure improvements
- Increased tourism. Even though we've had the Olympics 30 years ago, young people today aren't even aware how beautiful this place is.
- Infrastructure and international engagement. The 1988 Olympics brought Calgary together as a city - I'd like to see that again.
- Infrastructure- both updating our old facilities and development of new facilities
- Infrastructure funding.
- Infrastructure would be main benefit
- Infrastructure, facilities and professionals remaining in place after the games
- "Interesting - what are the ""five topics of conversation""?
- - Will bring positivity to the city
- - Renovating facilities that need it"
- "International prestige
- Economic investment in local infrastructure
- Economic gains through increased tourism
- Civic pride"
- Invest & commit now while construction costs are low & IOC is frankly desperate for good host candidates.Vault YYC onto global stage again.
- Investment from all 3 levels of Government in much needed low income & seniors' housing.
- Investment in community. Strengthen 1988 legacy, training and new facilities. Bring community together, volunteerism. Jobs.
- Is Time for Calgary to be known as strong city for major events. Also will put Calgary at the top of popularity and will bring more than O&G
- It had been really difficult to recuperate for the economic turn off, so the games will be a good opportunity to diversify the economy.
- It makes sense! It's for my kids (who cannot vote), not for me.
- It was tough economic times leading up to the games in 1988, we pushed through and left a legacy that still bears fruit 30 years on
- It will attract tourism.
- It will be a once in a lifetime experience
- It will be an economic benefit for years to come and bring community spirit.
- It will be great for our city for many reasons!
- "It will benefit our city, economically with tourism that will not stop when the games end.
- And communities with the new facilities"
- It will bring Calgary once again on the map. It will also boost local business
- it will bring in more trade and tourism to the city and more companies could invest in Calgary
- It will great for our city both economically and socially!
- It will help us out of this economic slump; improved accessibility for the disabled; legacy venues; showcase the city; improve civic pride.
- It will put Calgary on the world stage and draw tourists here long after the Olympics are gone.
- It would be good for the economy bring in more money
- it would be most beneficial (long term) to share with other cities in co-hosting these games. This will ensure lasting legacy of facilities

- It would be such an amazing experience for Calgarians and Canadians. And an incredible boost for the tourism and hospitality industries.
- It's a great opportunity for the city.
- It's important to me that Calgary is in the spotlight, as a recipient for all opportunities that the Olympic Games create.
- It's sad to see Edmonton become a more visionary, forward thinking city than Calgary! Calgary IS Calgary today BECAUSE of the 1988 Olympics!
- Job creation
- Job creation in the construction sector.
- Job creation to build/refurbish venues; Upgrading/new sports infrastructure for future generations; highlight YYC's responsibility to world
- Job growth to build new buildings ie hockey/concert venue, upgrade old buildings and it could attract other events in the future. X-games,
- Lasting sports infrastructure. Holding events outside of Calgary is no benefit
- Legacy
- Legacy facilities and increased revenue for business during the games
- "Legacy facilities from the games
- New hockey arena and urban entertainment area
- International recognition"
- Legacy infrastructure that will benefit athletes of this and the next generation.
- Legacy is the best benefit. The new or improved facilities benefits Calgarians and Canadian will come to live and train here as they do now.
- Legacy!
- Legacy, increasing Calgary's international profile, potential for increased investment, Infrastructure upgrades
- Let's fuel the future of determination, dedication and community. We are Calgary, we will be the best at throwing this party. GO CANADA GO!
- Lived in Edmonton in 1988. Moved to Calgary that year. Positive effect then and could have now. We need something besides oil to grow.
- Long term benefit for youth in the City is not measurable, it brings pride in one's city and pride in oneself. I opens our hearts to dreams.
- Long term Outlook for tourism and diversification of the economy away from oil!!!!
- Long term plans for new facilities sound beneficial for the city and citizens.
- Lost opportunity for an Lrt line from the airport to downtown or directly along the Deerfoot to the far south
- Maintaining our culture of sports excellence which is vital to the identity of Calgary. Our facilities are aging and need a cash injection.
- Money spent on the Olympics is an investment. Life is short, the Olympics will be an amazing and rare experience for the people in this city
- Money will be spent to renew the cities infrastructure, and re-vitalize public spaces/public centers.
- More head offices transfer to Calgary, better investment in Oil and Construction. More affordable house for seniors. More jobs
- More jobs, business improvement
- Moving away from energy centric economy to diversified base
- Much needed funding into sports, arts and culture, as well as transportation.
- Need new facilities anyways and would be good for the city. We can do it the Canadian way and not go over budget!
- Need the infrastructure in place. Arena for football basketball soccer and track & field this will open doors for new investments.

- New and badly needed sport and event facilities.
- New and upgraded infrastructure. World spotlight on the city and tourism dollars being spent locally.
- New Infrastructure, exposure to the world stage.
- NEXT could be built in partnership with our professional sports teams partnering with money from the Olympic budget.(tax writeoff4everyone?
- no benefit it is only going to cost taxpayers for the next 20 years.
- No economic benefits
- No new arena
- Not only Calgary would benefit from another games. All surrounding towns would also.
- Obviously it brings Calgary and Canada to the world, which is probably good for business.
- Olympic legacy leading to long-term benefits
- olympic r kool
- olympics = good
- olympics are dank
- Once in a lifetime opportunity to inspire our youth and showcase our city to the world. We need it now more than ever.
- Other host cities est. 1 thing then SPENT 3 times as much. Most either lost money or only had net profit of about 1/3 of 1%. DON'T DO IT!
- Our economy needs it and we need to be put back on the world map to grow and diversify it! Plus it is an amazing event and good for people
- Positive step for the city, leverages local money for federal investments
- Positive world wide views of Canada, Alberta, Calgary and oil and gas
- Positive, innovative, exciting opportunity - outside of the normal 'oil and gas' experiences our city usually faces.
- Potential economic benefits, such as job creation, infrastructure development, and boost to the tourism industry.
- Prioritizing needed capital infrastructure
- Promote Canada & Calgary; upgrade facilities for sport
- Promote tourism and inspire our kids
- Promotion for Calgary tourism industry during the games, then people around the world will learn about Calgary
- Promotion of the City to the international audience. Promote Tourism, attract Investment.
- Proposal should include new NHL rink for Flames
- Providing jobs in a city with the 2nd highest UNEMPLOYMENT in all of Canada and provide proven opportunity to redefine yyc from a brand
- Put our city on the map again...
- Puts our city back on the world stage. The infrastructure and facilities for 1988 have served the city very well
- Recognition
- Refurbishing facilities and building some new ones - creating community - creating pride in the city - making jobs
- Rehabilitate previous facilities, which will leave a lasting legacy in Calgary. This helps promote Calgary's global image.
- Reimage Calgary as a modern, multicultural city but still 'caring'. Away from the Calgary of 30 years ago to the city here and now
- Reinvigorating and reinvesting in Calgary's image as a centre of sports excellence.
- Rejuvenate our community leadership, Refresh our assets, Focus on Sport and Culture
- Rejuvenation of facilities and halo effect

- Renewal of sporting infrastructure that is central to the lives and livelihoods of many Calgarians.
- Renewed energy in the city. Revitalized infrastructure.
- Return on investment is uncertain and the likely outcome seems it will be an overall loss to the taxpayers
- Revitalizing the training facilities for all Canadians and being a winter sport high performance location after the games are done.
- Saw an update today. Budget is based on 30,000 line items. With support from IOC, Feds and Prov, YYC has more upside than downside.
- Say yes to the games
- Security and cost overruns, biased bid committee, having my taxes pay standard olympic bribes
- Sharing the games with Edmonton and Whistler is insulting. This bid is a huge bill for no material benefit to the community.
- Should. To support athletes and Calgary as a whole. Enhance the sense of community that already exists and to increase business and tourism.
- Silent majority says yes. Grumpy people make noise great. But don't equally weight their concerns with the silent majority.
- So many unemployed in Alberta - govt is putting tax money into high risk bid which I do not believe the estimate is clear and reliable.
- Spend tax dollars on infrastructure that will provide calgary/long term benefit. Calgary could not even maintain roads during storm.
- Sport brings people together from all over the world. What a great way to show off our city!
- Sport facilities for the future
- Sporting facilities and creating a culture physical activity & sport
- Stimulate infrastructure, growth, and development, beneficial to our city. Stimulate interest in participation by our citizens
- Sure it will be costly but the city will make much more in the revenue
- Tax dollars could be spent on more worthy causes.
- Terrible investment spending
- The 1988 Olympics really united the city. I would like to see a new generation experience this. Why the poor funding from the province?
- The '88 Olympics centered the world's attention on Calgary and resulted in the facilities we enjoy today. It can happen in 2026 !
- The affordable housing plan is a huge bonus, on top of the usual list of ancillary benefits.
- The benefits are great - more taxes for all of us, less money for the things the City of Calgary should be providing.
- The boost that the games will give to the pride in the city as well as an economic boost to the region
- The city needs to rebuild the spirit in this city; bring people together. I feel the atmosphere would be similar to that in 2004 flames run
- The city should host the games. The benefits of hosting are that existing infrastructure can be upgraded and new building can be built as we
- The City will spend monies and taxes will raise regardless. We need facilities and would lose out on Prov and Fed assistance.
- The community spirit, patriotism and collective experience of 2010 was a lifetime highlight and I would love to experience that in Calgary!
- The economic benefits could well outweigh the potential risks. Would bring the world and tourism back to Calgary and Alberta.
- The facilities that would be in use after the games. I started snowboarding at winsport and have been doing it for almost 20 years.

- The fact that certain economic benefits are difficult to quantify does not negate their existence (ie - global exposure, private investment)
- The field house would attract many great sporting events we haven't traditionally seen in Calgary! But make it accessible for everyone
- The finances are not in our favour.
- The financial plan is excellent with plenty of contingency, the refurbishment of existing facilities will benefit the local economy. Jobs!
- The funds proposed could be better used, both in favour of Calgary's image and in benefits for its citizens in community sports facilities
- The games bring in huge tourism \$\$.
- The Games provide a shared-cost opportunity to upgrade facilities that provide lasting social and economic benefits to the city and province
- The Games will showcase Calgary and is an opportunity to expand potential business opportunities from just the oil industry in the future.
- The hacking of this site by those opposed is shameful, particularly when a common reason for opposition is lack of transparency.
- The infrastructure created with last for years. Canadians in BC and Alberta are ready to support a National issue together for a change.
- The investment in sport for the city. From infrastructure upgrades to enhancements in coach education. The afterglow for the NextGen is huge
- The long-term benefits of having state-of-the-art training and competition facilities long after the Games are over benefits all Canadians.
- The money could be much better spent on other pressing and emerging municipal issues. The cost compared to the benefit is too high.
- The money that will flow into our city from tourism & business during the pre, during & post years from the Olympics will a lot build jobs!
- The most encouraging thing about the bid, in my opinion, would be the legacy infrastructure.
- "The Olympic spotlight will be our chance to highlight our Oil and NatGas to the globe.
- Cheap, reliable energy for the world from Calgary!"
- The Olympics gives Calgary an opportunity to showcase this amazing City on a world stage
- The overall experience of hosting something of this magnitude
- The positive Impact that it'll have on our construction industry as well as the retail benefits.
- The province needs a "shot in the arm", as well a venue to showcase its diversifying economy.
- The top benefit from Calgary hosting the Winter Olympic Games is that we get to welcome the world and this invites tourism & investment.
- The top benefit I think will be like people will see Calgary as a better city. We may get more people coming to Calgary.
- The top reason is to promote economic development for the City of Calgary through facility development (both new and enhanced) and tourism.
- There are numerous studies done world wide that show host cities reap little benefit. There will be NO long term economic benefit
- There is money better spent elsewhere. Infrastructure, transit, police and fire, roads, sports venues (not speed skating) - drop this BS
- There is risks in everything. If Calgary is know for anything, it is coming together like no other city. It's been proven again and again.
- This big audacious goal will bring out the best in our community. The 1988 games were great for our city, and the legacy lives on.
- This is a great idea. I can't wait to have the Olympics.
- This is a great opportunity for Calgary to get back on the world stage and show off our beautiful city!

- This is an opportunity to enhance our sport infrastructure for the next 30 years. We are the top winter city in Canada for winter athletes.
- This is an opportunity to showcase our city to the entire world. It will drive future business and could help diversify our economy.
- this is cool
- This is such a wonderful and positive opportunity for Calgary to host the Olympics again. Something so optimistic to look forward to
- This will bring money back to both the government as well as small businesses. Tourism can be great for a city and this would give us that!
- Though expensive to start, I believe the tourism would later balance the cost and have continual visitors in the future
- To continue making Calgary a destination for high performance winter athletes. To keep high level events coming to our city.
- To create an Olympic legacy and a mindset that future generations will embody. This is the spirit of Calgary!
- To instill the spirit of volunteerism in a new generation of Calgarians
- To rejuvenate the city brand on the world stage and inject new life in well used and loved facilities that are used by all manner of athlete
- To show the rest of the world how great a city we are. Plus the venues that would be built would be a great asset for the citizens of Calgary
- Too costly vs benefits
- Too expensive for our city ! Use the money more wisely for other city issues !
- Top benefit is to bring economic activity, not to mention great talent, to our city pre-games, during the games and for the decades after.
- Top benefit would be working with the Flames on the new facilities. Unfortunately Nenshi doesn't play nice and refused the Flames. Arrogant.
- Top Benefit: Housing for people in need.
- Top benefit: World Exposure demonstrating how Calgarians can work together to host a stunning event.
- Top Benefit would be the international exposé to bring new potential business to Calgary.
- Tourism dollars
- Tourism funds and attention on a global scale
- Tourists and the money that they could bring into Calgary to help with housing, roads, schools and other things
- Unlikely the benefits will exceed costs at this point. BUT, if it does make sense, include new buildings for the Flames and Stamps.
- Update the facilities that need to be updated already. Add a hockey arena and field house.
- updated athletic facilities
- Updated facilities. A legacy of spring excellence propelling the youth of Calgary into meaningful action, in the lead up to and after the Ga
- updated venues for current and future athletes, money needed for city infrastructure expansion of the LRT, road upgrades housing.
- Upgrade current facilities. Affordable housing. Victoria Park revitalized. Enhance Calgary's image on world stage. Tourism. Diversify economy
- upgraded facilities
- Upgraded facilities, tourism.
- Upgrades to our sports facilities will help to serve future Calgarians and Canadian athletes better for years to come.

- Upgrading facilities and ideally a new fieldhouse. Invite the world back to Calgary, benefit from Prov/Fed granting exclusive to hosting.
- Upgrading facilities. Reach out to other nations, and increased volunteerism.
- Useful infrastructure such as field house but worried lots of \$ will be spent on things with limited benefit after the games.
- Vancouver's real estate it's a clear example of what good international exposure can do to a city, Home prices will rise in price.
- very good indeed
- Very sound to pursue Federal / IOC monies for new facilities, renos and programs considering it will be spent elsewhere if we take our share
- Waste of money with no benefit. The figures are lies. The cost will be much higher. Stop hiding the truth mayor and council
- "waste of tax money, the income generated from the Olympics just not justify the cost.
- we don't even have a new hockey stadium...."
- We badly need a catalyst to rejuvenate our infrastructure.
- We can NOT afford to spend so much money for 3 weeks of some thing that only few will benefit from.
- We can't afford it and there's no benefit. Just a feather in the cap for politicians.
- We cant afford it a d I am not wiling to put my kids in to debt
- We had it 30 yrs ago and still see lasting benefits, with world class athletes coming here to train. Plus we're world class & should show it
- We have an annual party with the Stampede, why not host the world on a bigger scale? Calgary is the best and we should show the world why!
- We have more pressing needs that the money could be spent on.
- We need something to show our city to the world because quite frankly our facilities and events are pretty middle of the road
- We should be focusing NOW on a education strategy that focuses on science, tech and AI
- We should bid because there's more to life than worrying about taxes.
- We should host as it will draw investment from the provincial and federal governments that we would otherwise not receive.
- We will be able to have so many tourists from all over the world. Then, it's really good for the economy in Calgary.
- We will have a legacy of renewed sport facilities and a couple of much needed new facilities that will benefit all Calgarians.
- We won't have the high level of investment we would if the City doesn't bid for the Olympic.
- We're broke.
- What price can be put on national pride, also the sport facilities need a renovation to stay competitive with global competition.
- What the games bring to Calgary before and after the games is more important than the games themselves. Economic action & legacy facilities.
- What will we do if it does not snow sufficiently, as happened during the 1988 Winter Olympics?
- When existing facilities are the foundation of the venues, it means lower capital cost & risk, while we still get tremendous global exposure
- When was the last time the federal government spent seven hundred million in Calgary that wasn't tied to nation wide program!
- Who will lead the way, as exemplified by Frank King's leadership in the 1988 Winter Olympics?
- Will put Calgary on world map and attract tourism and business investments. Calgary and Alberta will benefit in the long run.

- With bandy, you would go down in history as the city which gave the 2nd biggest winter sport justice. Without bandy, DO NOT submit a bid!
  - With the huge costs, I would have expected a new CFL stadium and a new NHL hockey rink.
  - "World wide exposure for our city
  - Very good for our economy
  - Community pride"
  - =+\$6 Billion dollars for a two week party and some useless facilities is the perfect definition of insanity. This is simply a vanity project.
  - Would leave a lasting legacy for people of Calgary.
  - Would solidify our tourism industry, which a counter-cyclical industry to oil and gas.
  - "- cost certainty is virtually impossible and downside is much more likely
  - - games benefits only special interest groups"
  - "- cost overruns that are covered by increased taxes
  - - current budgeted funds could be used on other infrastructure projects within the city"
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  - "-Cost over run
  - -Security of games is too complex"
  - "-Financial state of city/province/country: No level of gov't wants to commit funds
  - -Non-transparency: Should not be any closed door meeting"
  - "Hey kids, we won the Olympics!" "Mom, what is the legacy the "Yes"people are talking about?" "
- Decades of debt for you kids to pay off!!"
- "Hosting" the games will hinder our city and its citizens. Just as you have limited how much we can comment in this little box shows that!
  - "My kids would get what I got in '88." NO!! You are dreaming! They will get massive debt to pay off (and your grandchildren as well)!!
  - "The history of financial difficulties and future inconveniences after hosting an Olympiad is too frequent. We should abstain."
  - "We came within/under budget" said no Olympics, ever. Lukewarm support from current and prospective provincial governments.
  - "Yes" side, there will be a legacy from the Olympics for our children and grandchildren...every time they open their annual tax notice!
  - \$
  - \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Calgary, Alberta and Canada cannot afford this wasteful extravaganza.
  - \$
  - \$3 billion could be used in many better ways. \$3000 for every woman, man and child is ridiculous.
  - \$3B so we can be complicit in the IOCs support for doping in sport and setting the worst possible example for our children - not with my\$\$!
  - \$3B+ for only \$1.58B in venues and facilities. Can't imagine the city will see >\$1.5B in intangible benefits from hosting the games.
  - \$5BN with overruns works out to \$9000 in taxes (not incl interest) for every man woman and child in this city
  - \$700 million for an Olympic bid that does not include any new infrastructure to the city is insane and pointless.
  - \*Cough cough\* BC Olympic riots. \*Cough cough\* useless athletes village.
  - "1 There are many better ways to spend 3 billion dollars.
  - 2. The IOC is an org headed by far right families."
  - "1) Inevitable cost overruns are paid in more taxes to Calgarians
  - 2) The International Olympic Committee has such a tainted history."
  - "1) Lack of transparency on cost; games are not economically sustainable

- 2) Environmentally damaging; risks are vague and incomplete"
- "1) Overly optimistic estimate of security costs.
- 2) The IOC is fundamentally broken and does not value clean sport."
- 1)The city will not come out with the actual cost of the games!!!! 2)The province is only pitching in \$700,000,000 instead of the One Bi
- "1. Added Debt. Without knowing all the economic facts, I believe this will incurring more debt.
- 2. Too much development & too many people"
- "1. Cost "" spend \$4 billion in affordable housing instead.
- 2. IOC and WADA corruption
- 3. Decision to let Russia back in"
- "1. Cost overruns.
- 2. I do not trust our administration to effectively run these games.
- 3. The IOC has proven itself to be corrupt."
- 1. Distraction from the real issues facing our city. 2. Using up financial resources that could help our city today. 3. Corruption issues
- "1. Free world smart cities are running away
- 2. Not attractive ROI
- 3. Drastic drops in corp sponsor as economies r soft
- 4. Losses > Gains"
- "1. Government ineptitude and corruption
- 2. Severe cost overruns
- 3. Tarnished legacy of ""88"
- 1. Increased cost to citizens 2. Infrastructure upgrades 3. Competency of leadership to manage the games 4. Paid leave for Volunteers
- "1. The IOC is hopelessly corrupt. Calgary is not going to change that.
- 2. Far better ways to spend billions for far greater benefit."
- 1. The province, the City and the majority of large companies are financially distressed and are not in a position to take on the risk
- "1. Total provincial and federal debt at \$1.24 trillion plus
- 2. Debt servicing fees \$60 billion/yr. plus.
- 3. Every person in Canada \$35,000"
- 100% of winter games since 1964 are over budget. There is also no proven long term economic benefit. Too risky.
- 1988 venues were not well built nor maintained and are now unusable or inadequate. That money was wasted. A 1920s bungalow is more durable.
- 1-IOC corruption 2-Drugged up cheating athletes 3-taxpayers on the hook for cost overruns 4-hidden agenda/non-transparency at city hall.
- "2020 Tokyo saved billions using existing venues
- Original Budget 2013 \$6.6 Billion
- Dec 2017 \$12.6 B
- June 2018 \$19 B
- Oct 2018 \$25 B"
- 40 years of DEBT and interest on it
- 5.23 billion proposed with that going over budget very likely. Not worth the money for 15 mins of fame.
- 8 years away, to far to estimate costs and needs. Costs take away from the needs of the City.
- 88 games were corrupt. 2026 will be moreso. All costs, public & private will be borne by taxpayers & consumers - one in the same

- A bid should not be submitted due to inevitable and exorbitant cost overruns that will be incurred which the IOC CARES NOTHING ABOUT !!
- A big waste of money for something totally useless. It would only benefit a few Calgarian's and make some rich one's richer. Definite no!!
- A city in as big of a recession as Calgary should not be spending billions of dollars on hosting a 2 week eventv there is so much other need
- A City which can't afford to effectively remove the snow from City property without massive tax increases can't afford to host an Olympics.
- A disjointed Olympics over lots of cities with minimal assistance from provincial and federal governments. Too many hidden costs.
- A few rich people get richer and many more get pushed closer to the poverty line and beyond Sound familiar?
- A great investment in the city's infrastructure and amenities; however, I am concerned about the split for public funding and cost overruns.
- A huge investment from tax payers money with little likelihood of benefit. Massive effect on our environment
- A lot of cities that have hosted end up worse off financially. I don't think the potential benefits outweigh the potential risks for Calgary
- A lot of financial risk very little possible benefits.
- A mildly fun distraction for WOW A WHOLE 2 WEEKS, costs too much money for what it is. Also there isn't enough room to make a comment
- a NON-binding plebiscite is a BIG RED FLAG and underscores the level of corruption/vanity already manifesting.
- A NON-BINDING Vote? Are you kidding??!! The city has, basically, admitted that the taxpayers' opinions are worthless....they mean nothing.
- A quick look around the city and province and anyone can see that we (collectively) can not sustain any more debt. We rely on p3s now. Shame
- A risk will be that people will lose money and be homeless and we would need more food for the food bank and it will be worse and run down.
- A top risk is calgarians will have to foot the bill for most of it & that makes our taxes going UP UP UP.
- A train to the airport NEEDS to be a key factor in this bid.
- A waste of money to fund a corrupt organization which hardly benefits the community in any measurable way.
- A waste of time and resources
- "A) calgary tax payers will be responsible for cost overruns;
- B) costs are underestimated;
- C) Sell job!
- D) not respecting taxpayers"
- "I don't want my children and grandchildren paying for this. I don't want to pay for it. "
- Absolute waste of money - vote no.
- Absolute waste of money that we can't afford and likely to incur cost overruns
- Absolutely horrible idea. This will cost taxpayers way too much for a 2 week party.
- Absolutely nothing but a burden to Alberta taxpayers.
- According to the Canadian taxpayers association every citizen in Calgary will pay at least \$2000 in taxes for the Olympics
- According to the recent 10 years statistics. The economic cost involving the Olympics out weight it's benefits.
- Actual Cost will be too high. Benefits will not justify the actual cost. Huge long term debt

- ACTUAL evidence (vs aspirational estimates) points repeatedly to utter economic failure. How about investing directly in affordable housing?
- Additional infrastructure added to the total project cost after the bid - like a new \*free\* arena for CSEC/Flames -courtesy of the taxpayers
- Against for two simple reasons: 1.) We can't afford it, period. The numbers are VERY clear. 2.) The IOC is a horribly corrupt organization.
- Aging infrastructure, out of work O&G sector, should be doing something for the people of this city looking for work.
- Alberta is broke we have sky high taxes already. Roads are terrible and city services already stretched given current deficit spending. No.
- Alberta is STRUGGLING but you will waste millions to lure Visa and Coke to come here for free advertising. Beijing spent 40 billion
- Alberta, the City of Calgary and the people can not afford it. Olympics lose money.
- Alberta's economic growth is very slow with a large deficit and debt..... calgarians and all Albertans cannot afford.
- All 3 levels of government are in debt. We to need more crippling debt for a wasteful 3 week party.
- All I see is financial risks for a shared Olympics with the City having to guarantee any cost overruns. Calgary is still in a recession.
- All it's going to do is screw over the middle class, costing us more in taxes, all while most of us won't even be able to enjoy the games
- All levels of government, Municipal, Provincial and Federal are operating with financial deficits. The capital just does not exist.
- All levels of govt have horrendous debt loads, so taxpayers still pay as funding from them will be borrowed. More future debt.
- All modern Olympics lose money, full costs are not understood or released to public yet. IOC is a corrupt organization.
- All of the proposed benefits assume that they cannot be achieved without relying on the games. Not true.
- All past games have been comprehensively cost estimated and they all run over. This bid is comically under estimated.
- All sweetness and light until Calgary signs on the dotted line. Then the IOC hammer falls. "This isn't good enough. That isn't good enough."
- All this money involved in the games comes from tax payer no matter if it's federal , provincial or municipal
- All three levels of government are in a deficit position, we cannot afford the Olympics in our current economic climate.
- Already the Nos outweigh the yeses. Time to stop wasting any more money on this bid.
- Already up to \$800 million from \$500 million and now absorbing 100% of the risk of cost overruns which could be another \$3.2 billion.
- Alta/City broke. Cost estimate wildly optimistic and not grounded in reality. Benefit grossly overstated. Personal vanity project of backers
- An increase in taxes. No matter who contributes ( federally or provincially) it is still my tax dollars being used. I do not support.
- An increased world reputation will be marginal at best. Calgary is already a well recognized city globally.
- An outrageous waste of hard earned tax dollars on these ego-Olympics. A Nenshi ego scam which has already squandered millions. Shameful!!
- Any supposed benefits accruing to hosting the Winter Olympics would be far outweighed by the costs. Long term tax payer debt is unacceptable

- Anyone who thinks this site has been hacked is just upset that everyone else besides them thinks hosting is a bad idea.
- Anything run by government is a joke, bloated, sloppy and wasteful.
- Are we willing to support an unethical organization to continue operating? Improving reputation is not solely on the olympics.
- As a born and raised Calgarian, I would rather we invest the time, money, and resources in addressing current concerns, not creating new one
- As a Calgary municipal taxpayer, I am hit with a triple whammy. I pay city property tax, I pay provincial tax & I pay federal tax
- As a Calgary taxpayer I cannot overstate how against this I am, the attitude of city hall is eroding my faith in our elected officials.
- As a city...we are broke. People unemployed, some 3 years and more. Empty office towers downtown.
- As a taxpayer I cannot afford more taxes for something that only lasts 10 days. We are in a different economic time than we were in 1988.
- As a taxpayer I do not want to see our tax dollars wasted on this. We cannot afford more debt.
- As an owner of a small business we are still struggling to make ends meet, hosting the games would put even more strain on our economy.
- As I said in my first response because of inevitable cost overruns that city taxpayers will shoulder for a great many years afterward!
- As monuments go, it would be much cheaper to erect 100 m gold plated statues of Nenshi and city council. And they would last longer, too
- Assumptions underlying cost/revenue projections are invisible as is sensitivity analysis done re: risk issues & validity. D Smillie Calgary
- Astronomical costs! Far too expensive for Calgarians and Albertans. Our taxes are too high already. Provincial debt is far too high.
- At the dog park with my owner. Sad to see the decline in the park. And his taxes are to go to pay for a 2 week party. Grrr!! Pee on them!!
- "At the moment we have VERY poor leadership from top to bottom in Council and management
- Financially irresponsible."
- Average taxpayers in Calgary and Alberta will pay more, with no personal benefit to most. IOC is corrupt and we should not be involved.
- Bad economy, high burden on taxpayers and corporations, unrealistic expectations
- Bad economy, unable to support.
- Bad time for olympics during a recession. Work on getting jobs back for oilfield. Do we really need more empty buildings after the olympics?
- Based on observations of the process and past games I do not believe Calgary can deliver the games on budget. We/our children will pay.
- Because billions of dollars for a party that we don't get to attend unless we spend hundreds more on tickets is a bad deal.
- Because city hall is being secretive and misleading. Stop wasting money!
- Because if we have any spare cash to invest, which we don't, we should begin with repairs to the old buildings at Foothill Medical Centre.
- Because it is far too expensive for all tax payers. There is only one tax payer, the monies all come from individuals- whether federal, prov
- Because you will burden tax payers and increase property taxes dramatically. Not to mention your being sketchy idiots about it to the public
- Been there, done that!
- Being grossly over budget, like ever Olympics has been in the past. Look at the current bid Tokyo is putting together, additional 20B?!

- "Benefit... none, except a worthless Nenshi legacy item.
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- risk... a massive debt that will take 20 years to pay down."
- "Benefit - legacy facilities & endowments to help future Olympians
- Risk - cost overruns"
- "Benefit - NONE
- Risk - huge debt, aging facilities that got facelifts but that STILL need to be replaced, no transparency from the city"
- Benefit is for those who want 14 day party, the rest- a legacy of unknown bad possibilities- this isn't 1988; the world has changed- vote NO
- Benefit is not quantifiable. Risk is. The cost can balloon as they have for every game in the modern era. No control or accountability.
- "Benefit: wealthy people get to hobnob with wealthy people.
- Risk: the average calgarian pays for years with nothing in return"
- Benefits of hosting the Olympics have been overstated. Additionally, until the IOC reforms itself I don't think their promises hold water
- Benefits will not be long lasting, eg, making the city more accessible to all ages/mobility - streets, parks, crosswalks, airport links.
- Besides taking on the debt which flows down to city tax payers there is no real lasting infrastructure that these games would leave behind.
- Between closed door meetings, non-disclosure agreements, secret documents and removing freedom of information, no way to believe info given
- bigger debt for the city, leading to property tax hike. Tax payers money should be spent in areas where CALGARIANS benefit.
- Biggest and only concern is the cost and what effect it will have on my tax bill for years to come before and after the Games.
- Biggest risk is the financial cost that will never be recouped
- Biggest risk will be taxes being way too high in the future to pay games off and not really benefit everyday people or the City
- "Biggest risk, just ask Montreal if they have even finished paying for the 1976 games.
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- Perhaps a partnership with Edmonton, Red Deer."
- Born and raised Calgarian here... NOT A SITE HIJACKER FY!! Happily will vote NO in plebiscite to prove my comments are not fake.
- Budget is not realistic and is based on too many unknowns. Possibility of debt is greater than the possibility of success.
- Budget over runs are ALWAYS occurring for host cities. Too much risk for very little reward (in my mind).
- Budget overruns tax increases, not a priority will,reprioritize other critical projects in the city
- Budget will go over.
- build a pipeline instead
- Burden to tax payers, our city is not financially in the same place it was in 1988 to support a bid, we cannot afford to risk tax payers \$\$
- Burdening our children with the debt this will generate for those in Calgary and in Alberta.
- Calgarians and humans in general are interested in more than just sports, the arts festival mentioned briefly seems to be an afterthought.
- Calgarians are trying to recover financially. This will not bring enough benefit to the city to warrant more cash from my pocket

- Calgarians' taxes will increase. Many Calgarians can't afford more increases to their property taxes and will be unable to attend the games.
- Calgarians will race the risks of all cost-overruns. With unemployment so high, and tax base so low (vacancy rate).
- Calgary and Alberta are too far in debt to support this bid
- Calgary and Provincial and Federal taxpayers cannot afford it.
- Calgary broke, Province broke. Guaranteed games will overrun estimate. Cost of Security alone compared to last games will be overwhelming.
- Calgary can not afford the extremely very likely costs overruns. Provincial government has already backed out of taking on those overruns.
- Calgary can not afford this. We are slowly climbing out of the economic down turn. Don't put this cost on the tax payers. Calgary votes no
- Calgary can not afford to waste money on the games. This is a deeply flawed estimate and bid. Totally unrealistic to expect taxpayers to pay
- Calgary cannot afford to bid/ host the 2026 Games. Focus positive attention, budgets and action more on city problems and needs please!!
- Calgary cannot afford to sign a blank cheque to cover potential cost overruns. Taxpayers are already stretched to their limit. No bid!!
- Calgary can't afford the games, and the \$\$\$ should be better spent where it is needed.
- Calgary can't invest in public art without biting at its own seen arm. Hosting the Olympics here would see Calgary cannibalize itself.
- Calgary City Council along with the Olympic Committee have been and still are too secretive about the TRUE finances.
- Calgary doesn't have the money to host. Plain and simple
- Calgary has economic issues that would be made worse by spending tax dollars on the games. Let's take care of our local issues first.
- Calgary has not recovered from the global oil and gas collapse. This money would be much better spent in diversification of our economy.
- Calgary has too many needs, now and in the future, and cannot afford the money pit that is the Olympic Games.
- Calgary is already an international destination; won't boost tourism + economy more. \$ is better spent stimulating, diversifying the economy
- Calgary is an expensive city to live in with high taxes and fees. I have no desire to pay more to fund this event and wouldn't attend it.
- Calgary is broke. Alberta is broke. I'll be on the hook for games I won't be able to afford to go to.
- Calgary is economically unstable to support the Olympics and projected costs from today will significantly change by 2026.
- Calgary is financially hurting and we cannot afford this endeavor. STOP NOW!!!
- Calgary is heavily in debt already.
- Calgary is hurting, I as tax payer do not believe the fantasy your pushing the financial cost is too great - and corrupt ICO
- Calgary is in a downturn. We have extremely high unemployment rates and taxes are already too high. Why would we go into debt for a party??
- Calgary is in an economic slump and cannot afford to host the games. They will be a net loss and will not provide sufficient benefits.
- Calgary is not in a financial position to take on the games. It is a given that they will go over budget. The IOC is corrupt.
- Calgary is still suffering due to the downturn and recently the cancellation of TransMountain pipeline construction. As a taxpayer I say no

- Calgary is unable to plow its own snow and manage that budget, therefore we have no confidence they will be able to manage the Olympics
- Calgary isn't in the middle of an oil-boom like in 1988. We do not have the revenue to invest
- Calgary needs a new saddledome for big concerts and events - something to bring in multi-year value. We don't need the Olympics. We had one.
- Calgary needs an outdoor water park that is better than West Edmonton's indoor water park. Calypso in Ontario. #Tourism
- Calgary needs to catch up on its infrastructure before it even THINKS about hosting another Olympic event.
- Calgary needs to complete projects that were already started. C-train expansion, green projects, LOCAL art investment.
- Calgary needs to focus funds to problems at hand. Just look at how the rates of water / sewer has increased in last 10 years. That is my ans
- Calgary needs to focus on economic planning that provides long term sustainable growth.
- Calgary residents are already under a lot of financial pressure and do not Need an increase in taxes to cover the shortfall.
- Calgary should focus its energy on attracting long term growth not short term rewards. Enough with the oil and olympics.Focus on tech/health
- Calgary should wait until the economy has stabilized. Now is not the time for focus to be diverted from current priorities.
- Calgary taxpayers cannot afford billions of dollars to fund these games. This money could be put to MUCH better use!
- Calgary taxpayers cannot afford the cost of the games in this economy. Federal and Provincial contributions also come from taxpayers.
- Calgary taxpayers cannot afford unexpected cost overruns! Economic benefits for senior taxpayers poor, in an already depressed economy!
- Calgary taxpayers should not have to pay billions of dollars to fund a party for the IOC. They want to have it here, they can pay.
- Calgary unemployment rate 8.2% second highest. commercial vacancy rate 27.9%. Huge financial debt from Olympics is too much, for citizens
- Calgary will lose money, tax payers money, on an event that has historically cost more than it can bring in. It will be no different.
- Calgary, Alberta and Canada cannot afford the 2026 Olympics. Because the IOC and WADA the Olympics are not worthy of our bid.
- Calgary, Alberta and Canada can't afford the games. There is no significant infrastructure legacy. The IOC are crooks. This is about egos
- Calgary, Alberta and the Country do not have the money for this council's "Vanity" games. There will be a loss, no need to risk the future
- Calgary, Alberta, Canada are broke. We can not afford it. Foodbank use is way up. Taxes are way up. Business is fleeing Canada and Calgary.
- Calgary=inept police, potholes, old schools, never-ending construction and lying city council. SICK OF THE WASTED \$\$\$ NO IOC! NO OLYMPICS!
- Calgary2026 Committee is made up of people who have a vested interest in it. All will profit on the backs of hardworking taxpayers.Shameful!
- Calgary's historical Construction cost overruns, lower than expected visitor attendance if the games get split between western Canada
- Calgary's economic condition is not strong enough to host an event like the Olympics.
- Calgary's economy is in shambles - we should be focusing on ourselves over an ultimately large costly party.
- Calgary's economy, the unemployment rate in Calgary, Crippling roads with deep holes.

- Can only see a short term benefit to hosting the games as Vancouver found out. Don't need them and cannot afford them.
- Can we bring down costs? Do we really need two new venues? What is insufficient about our ski jumps?
- Canada just hosted in 2010. I don't think we need to be the host every fifth games.
- Canada, Alberta, and Calgary cannot afford to host these Games.
- Cannot afford it....taxes will go up.....spend money on transportation projects....cannot even fix sidewalks in this city....crumbling infra
- Can't afford exorbitant costs!. Not wise to expect taxpayers to foot the whole bill (Municipal, Provincial, Federal). IOC is corrupt!
- Can't afford for 10 day event; economic spinoff limited to nil; Gov of Alberta now only will fund \$700 and NO cost overruns or guarantees.
- CAN'T AFFORD IT.
- Can't afford the Olympics!!!
- Can't fund a new rink for a hockey team and numerous entertainment venues but you can justify wasting more money trying to fool the VOTERS
- Citizens are already scraping by and we cannot afford it. I do not want to pay for this with my taxes for years to come.
- Citizens will be left with a huge increase in property and business taxes to pay for the Olympics.
- City can not afford it
- City costs/losses passed on to individual tax payers; No improvement in current City services that are currently underperforming.
- City council and City Administration appears to not understand that we cannot afford to host the Olympics because of cost to taxpayers
- City council and other stakeholders has been overly secretive; I do not trust them to handle an Olympic bid.
- City council cannot control current costs of running a city and must increase property taxes regularly, we don't need any more added costs!
- City council has not been transparent about the Olympics. I don't want a huge property tax increase for a venue that I cannot afford to att
- City Council is not being forthright and honest with Calgary citizens. Risk of financial cost over runs out weight the benefits.
- City council is not transparent.....They can not be trusted
- City Council needs to understand the message the NDP sent them on transparency and that a blank cheque from taxpayers doesn't exist here!
- City Council tells us property taxes and all other costs must go up every year because we cannot afford the day-to-day costs.
- City council/mayor not competent to manage this. council/ mayor are not able to manage our city (roads, trees, money, themselves)
- City councillors hiding behind the closed door meetings and not being transparent with the actual costs and their employers, the electorate
- City funding should not exceed provincial funding and the province provided insufficient funds.
- City Hall and council are out of touch with reality and the people they were voted to represent. We are still crawling out of a recession!
- City has not done their due diligence in informing Calgary of the expected costs and risks.
- City having to bear cost overruns, resulting in increased taxes.
- City is always claiming they do not have enough money and need to keep provincial rebates AND raise taxes. Nuff said.
- City of Calgary is already inefficiently spending its taxpayers money on basic infrastructure let alone building toward a world class event.

- City resources that will be diverted to host the games, i.e. tax dollars, staff time Etc. Should be used to make this city better FOR ALL
- City should focus on funding its own policies such as Complete Streets and Vision Zero
- City should focus on improving its current, basic municipal services rather than hosting/entertaining world's elite. Clear ALL Snowy Roads!
- City should focus on other types of economic investment like technology and green energy. Less on infrastructure. More to protect green space
- City spending is already out of control. Property taxes are already too high (talking actual \$/yr). Will not tolerate any tax increase!
- City taxpayers bearing cost overruns which will most certainly occur. Funds spent will not strengthen or diversify our economy.
- City taxpayers shoulder ALL of the risk due to unforeseen circumstances, AS WELL AS shortfalls from the earmarked '2.2\$Bn' private share.
- City won't support Race City (fun for low and middle income) but wants ALL incomes to pay for Billionaires' playground which I can't afford.
- City, province, and feds are all broke! Just more of Nenshi thinking we care about his "legacy"
- City, province, and feds are broke ! In 1988 oil companies donated a lot of time, resources, and money. Can't happen now as govt have ruined
- City, Province, Feds, all running deficits. How much does every Newfoundlander pay? Every Edmontonian? Every Calgarian, with interest????
- City/Province cannot afford this mega expensive bid! We are still in recession especially in Calgary! Not fiscally viable and tax heavy!
- City's Olympic committee and City lawyers have done damage to this bid. The default seems to be secrecy rather than openness with the public
- Clean and transparent: no hidden agendas, no perks/bribes to IOC officials, no drugs, low environmental impact, no kickbacks. Honest!
- Climate change. Calgary already exists in a rain shadow and average annual precipitation continues to drop. In 8 years it will be worse.
- Cold, hard data is lacking regarding both benefits and costs. Benefits seem overblown, costs seem minimized based on historical comparisons
- Combination of potentially soaring cost to host (as experienced in many other previous countries ) combined with unclear future benefits
- Comments containing "IOC corruption" are being removed. That is reason enough to say NO.
- Committee has already asked for more money to present bid how can we trust in their projected Games cost. No transparency.
- Complete lack of skill set / ability for city or bidCo to plan and execute the olympics (or any major project) on budget.
- Complete waste of money
- Complete waste of money that would be, and should be, directed at our city's disadvantaged and vulnerable.
- Completely misplaced priorities. Huge risk of financial loss - burden on taxpayers.
- Con: Huge potential tax burden, and cost overruns.
- Concern for funding shortfall and need for taxpayer top up
- Concern: debt if Fed/Prov funding is short. Also, no long-term benefit to Calgarians if a new LARGE stadium/arena is not built as part of bid
- Concerned about the budget being grossly higher than proposed, mainly due to a new stadium being added to the plan after the bid.
- Construction traffic, regular road congestion, is too much in the concentrated areas. Having needed security during the games - overwhelming

- Corrupt IOC and failure to disclose actual costs. I also believe this is a sneaky way to get the Flames' ownership a taxpayer funded arena
- Corrupt IOC, Corrupt Mayor, Corrupt Council (except 2 members), Low estimate for games, What could go wrong with these games?????
- Corrupt IOC. Shady undisclosed spending on the bid. If we can afford 3+ billion on the games, why not use it on infrastructure alone?
- Corrupt organization. Under estimated costs. Cost overruns on construction and security. Misdirected capital funds on inappropriate projects
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- Cost & revenue estimates are far too uncertain to leverage our future and burden taxpayers of Calgary
- Cost & security! The world has changed and the safety of participants, volunteers, and the viewing public cannot be assured.
- Cost , overruns, to host the games will be passed onto Calgarians to pay thru higher property taxes, cut backs to programs.
- Cost / redirection of funds needed for core infrastructure projects
- Cost a burden to taxpayers.
- Cost and association with a corrupt enterprise
- Cost and impacts on my taxes. The council spends foolishly, and I dont trust them. Already struggling with the lack of business downtown.
- Cost and significant financial to taxpayers.
- cost benefit is obviously not beneficial to this city
- "Cost benefit is poor
- Economy and oil and unemployment is still depressed
- you should not burden tax payers with this debt for years"
- Cost control is important, but TRANSPARENCY is more so. people will not support feeling facts are being hidden
- Cost control. We should reuse as many existing facilities as possible, and give them facelifts only where really required.
- Cost cost and hey look Cost
- Cost creep. An upward spiralling of costs due to poor budgeting, poor cost control and lack of ownership of the budget and costs.
- Cost creep; dishonest IOC; City hiding information; deficit budgets at provincial/national levels; bad economy; spread of current plan.
- Cost escalatetion is enviable & our tax base can not carry the requirements.

- Cost estimate overruns average +~160%. Some events aren't held in or even near Calgary. IOC is corrupt. Nobody cares about winter olympics.
- Cost estimate will balloon to double or triple. Calgarians will pay the bill.
- Cost estimates and security estimates are lower than previous games. Hard to believe. I can't support bid.
- Cost has no benefit. City Council should stay on target and manage the city. The Olympics are not the best investment for our money.
- Cost is almost certainly too much especially in a depressed AB economy.
- Cost is far too high
- Cost is primary. I would rather see our city have a global presence by being leaders in environment or industry.
- Cost is prohibitive
- Cost is prohibitive given our current needs in the city, already not being addressed.
- Cost is the greatest risk. Too much money for not enough infrastructure in return.
- Cost is too high.
- Cost is too expensive!
- Cost is too high and there is too great a likelihood of debt. The province will only pay \$700million.
- Cost is too high for benefits
- Cost is too high for the taxpayers to bear
- Cost is too high given current economic conditions in Calgary and Alberta.
- Cost is too high!! Not enough of a benefit for the whole city.
- Cost is too high, IOC is corrupt, overruns are all but guaranteed, bid process is opaque and secretive, seemingly biased council, etc.
- Cost is too high, most events not held in city, only benefit the rich
- Cost is too much, this is not 88
- Cost may far outweigh the benefits, especially given the massive public funding that would be required to host the events.
- Cost ---money from Provincial Government and Tax money from the City of Calgary to host games could be put to a better use .
- Cost of hosting games will exceed the forecasted budget
- Cost outweighs economic benefits. History of low financial estimates/cost over runs. Other economic priorities. NO DEBT.
- Cost outweighs the benefits. If you increase my taxes I want to benefit from it not pay because we are in debt. ie: residential snow rmvl
- Cost out-weights the proposed long term "benefits". Not a legacy project we should fund.
- Cost over run
- Cost over run
- Cost over run, already struggling economy, City already having tax problems
- Cost over run.
- Cost over runs
- Cost over runs
- Cost over runs and massive growth in property taxes
- Cost over runs and the taxpayer being responsible for the overage
- Cost over runs and the taxpayers will be on the hook. City not being transparent enough on the cost.
- cost over runs and uncertainty in funding. The city keeps saying they need to cut services and/or raise taxes. How will they mitigate this
- Cost over runs are always part of the Olympics, there is no way the average Calgary household can afford to be on the hook for over runs.
- Cost over runs in a still depressed and struggling economy.

- Cost over runs that city of Calgary tax payers will have the burden
- "Cost over runs that the taxpayers can not afford
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- BidCo has not been transparent what the true costs will be."
- Cost over runs, corruption in the IOC, perceived benefits not being realized, and being left with a huge debt to deal with afterwards
- Cost over runs, corruption involving kick backs with government / panning committee, terrorist attack
- Cost over runs.
- Cost overruns
- Cost overrun and hidden costs not revealed!
- "Cost overrun and the fiscal deficit .
- There is a reason only 3 Cities are still in the running for bid.
- Other Countries realize the cost."
- cost overrun due to security
- Cost overrun.
- Cost overruns
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- Cost overruns
- Cost overruns and dealing with a corrupt organization (the IOC)
- Cost over-runs and deficit when there is already a pressing need to pay for existing municipal and provincial services.
- Cost overruns and increased taxes at a time when we can least afford it.
- Cost overruns and lack of sufficient funding could have negative long term effects on Calgary's economy and infrastructure.
- Cost overruns and public dollars diverted from higher priorities such as education, healthcare and infrastructure.
- Cost overruns and resulting huge depth
- Cost overruns are a normal event when it comes to the games. The \$5.2 billion dollar figure seems absurdly low to be realistic.
- Cost overruns are all but guaranteed which is not acceptable.
- Cost overruns are likely. The presentation of this bid has been extremely shady, downplays risks, lack of transparency.
- Cost overruns being covered by the taxpayer. The budget number is nowhere near what will be required. Have the IOC pick up the difference.
- Cost overruns downloaded onto property tax rates - based on historical performance, the probability of a cost overrun is very high.
- Cost overruns during such a downturn. Yes jobs would be created but most will be temporary
- Cost overruns for extremely questionable returns. Taxes are already too high.
- Cost overruns have been a feature of all recent games. There is no guarantee of sufficient financial contributions from other levels of govt
- Cost overruns have been a plague to the olympics in recent years. Careful oversight is needed to manage the budget effectively.
- Cost overruns seem to be inevitable. I can't believe you are even considering this kind of taxpayer expenditure...it's insane
- Cost overruns that city taxpayers are 100% on the hook for. Olympics are always over budget. Always. And almost always by a huge margin.
- Cost overruns that lead to future increases in taxes.

- Cost over-runs that taxpayers would suffer for and other programs that would be put on hold in favour of the Olympic expenses.
- "Cost overruns that the city taxpayer will have to pay for.
- The city's portion est. at 500 million could be spent on other projects"
- Cost overruns that the taxpayer will be paying for for years. Total waste of money. Just Nenshi looking for a legacy...
- Cost overruns that will be disproportionately borne by Calgary tax payers
- Cost overruns that will be the responsibility of Calgary Tax payers. The benefits will not outweigh the costs
- Cost overruns that will have to be paid by Calgary taxpayers.
- Cost overruns the taxpayers will be indebted to for years.
- Cost overruns will happen, no backup from our Provincial Government, property taxes set to rise 4-5% per year w/o the olympics, with???
- Cost overruns, bang for the buck
- Cost overruns, burdening future generations with upkeep of facilities that benefit only a minority of Calgarians.
- Cost overruns, corrupt IOC. IOC needs to pay the majority for the games. Current set up is a non starter. My entire household will vote NO
- Cost overruns, corrupt politicians and the IOC, both are hiding costs. Plus no benefit to our city, just more debt.
- Cost overruns, corruption of the IOC and net economic gains are very hypothetical.
- Cost overruns, creating significant financial hardship for Calgarians, given the current economy & that our taxes rise significantly each yr
- Cost overruns, IOC corruption.
- Cost overruns, lack of attendance, low international engagement, increased taxes or decreased spending on schools, infrastructure and police
- Cost overruns, lack of transparency from the city, what happens to our homeless? Will they get shoved out? IOC corruption Russian cheating
- Cost overruns.
- Cost overruns. City already cannot handle overspending. It is going to get worse and not be productive to the city.
- Cost overruns. Funding is coming from taxpayers but any profits would going to private organizations
- Cost overruns. I don't have faith that the city can do it for what they say. They can't run a city budget without having to raise taxes year
- Cost overruns. Limited City budget allocated to Olympic costs instead of other essential needs.
- Cost overruns. Mayor and council hiding cost estimates from public
- Cost overruns. No Olympic bid has stayed on budget. Ever. And few break even.
- Cost overruns. The current BidCo plan and numbers are so optimistic there is no way this will not go massively over budget.
- Cost overrun, and environmental impact that cannot be accounted for until the Olympic events have concluded.
- cost overruns
- Cost per taxpayer is to high as well as the risk
- Cost projections are extremely low based on other cities' historical spend. High risk of cost overruns which the city can't afford.
- Cost revenue benefit not there
- Cost risk, taxpayer burden. Silently funding the Calgary Flames and the other corrupted development groups that control city hall.

- Cost structure (only \$5.2B)... a stretch based on other games and relying on nearly half of that privately (\$2.2B). Benefits are "wishful"
- Cost to city and people, creates jobs in the short term but long term not so good. Many host cities show economic depression 5-10 years out
- Cost to individual taxpayers is unknown and with the recently announced reduced Provincial share of cost, we'll have to pay even more now.
- Cost to much
- Cost to residents
- Cost to tax payers
- Cost to tax payers of Calgary. Increased Taxes. We can't afford, tax payers, now and going forward. We haven't been given all cost .
- Cost to tax payers, not just initially, but maintaining facilities into the future. Calgary taxpayers are already overburdened!
- Cost to taxpayers (province and federal).
- Cost to taxpayers for little benefit. History does NOT reflect well on low cost Olympics.
- cost to taxpayers, at the end of the day it is all taxpayer money even if it comes from the province or the federal government.
- Cost to taxpayers.
- Cost to taxpayers.
- Cost to taxpayers. Cost overruns that taxpayers will be responsible for.
- Cost too high and uncertain.
- Cost too high at taxpayers expense. This city barely has the infrastructure (ie transit) to support the current amount of people in the city
- Cost too high for a 2 week event.
- Cost too high for Olympics and maintenance of facilities. No new Flames/concert arena!!!! No new stadium to replace McMahon
- "Cost too high.
- Incomplete security plan.
- Some events in BC so Alberta and Calgary will not get revenues but we have to pay"
- "cost too much - we do not have the money
- we are not seeing the full picture
- secrecy"
- Cost uncertainty and the fact that the City is unable to meet current financial obligations without continually raising taxes.
- Cost underestimated. Steel tariffs have increased prices globally. Japan is 4 fold over budget - where's Calgary's safety net?
- Cost vs benefits doesn't add up.... until someone can show me actual plans and costs, my vote is NO
- Cost we are still in recession
- Cost will be higher, revenue lower, there is no upside to Calgarians. Simply not worth the risk for costs involved.
- Cost will effect all people in long time. Will bring more taxes in future to cover up that cost. Job creation are temporary.
- Cost will far outway any possible benefit.
- "Cost
- Olympics are elitist"
- "Cost
- The City has a history of playing w/ the numbers from the Peace bridge to the LRT & now the Olympics. Bus barns are perfect example."
- Cost!

- COST! Given the studies of past host cities, there is a SIGNIFICANT RISK that the \$5.2B estimate is far too low and impact us for years.
- Cost! We don't even get a new NHL stadium out of the deal. Not interested in paying higher taxes for years to pay for a 10 day event.
- Cost! I refuse to support an Olympics for the rich that at \$5.2 billion x 3 will saddle my children and grandchildren with debt for years!
- Cost!! The city is already raising our taxes year after year just to pay for things that we need to keep the city going.
- Cost, and lack of transparency
- Cost, corruption, poor venue locations!
- Cost, cost, cost
- Cost, cost, cost, and cost overruns, overruns, overruns which have been an ongoing symbol for the Olympic Games for over the past 25 years.
- "Cost, cost, cost, cost!"
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- The Flames need a new stadium."
- COST, COST, COST in the midst of our worst ever economic downturn. Need to maintain a semblance of common sense!
- Cost, lack of transparency by City Council
- Cost, raising taxes
- Cost, that the city and its taxpayers could ill afford, especially given the economic climate.
- Cost, Tokyo was outrageous. Vancouver security was over 4 billion by itself. Other countries laugh at the countries that make a bid. Housing
- Cost, we should be worrying more about our city's economy. This 2/3 week party will be detrimental for property taxes.
- Cost, We simply Can't afford it, Our taxes are already High anymore and its not affordable, Plus no New Arena Defeats the purpose
- "Cost,
- Corruption in the IOC
- Lack of transparency in information -benefits are very much overstated, and costs have been under estimate"
- Cost.
- Cost. We have massive amounts of debt that will be passed on to future generations. All of this government support will come from borrowed
- cost. I do not want my federal, provincial or municipal tax dollars to go to hosing the games.
- Cost. Many more important priorities for Calgary. Tax implications. Olympics corruption & WADA decision. Non-Calgary participation. \$ overrun
- Cost. Property taxes are too high and spending needs to be cut.
- Cost. Stop spending money we don't have!
- Cost. The estimate is a number that is an amalgam of multiple estimates. It is a guess. We pay \$\$\$ if they are wrong. They pay \$0 if wrong.
- Cost. The Olympics have a strong history of costing way, way more than projected. This City needs to take care of itself first and foremost.
- Cost. The previous Games held are known to have huge overruns and Calgary Bid Co is fooling themselves if they think this won't happen here
- Cost. There is no way this will only cost 5 billion. Security for the 2010 olympics alone cost 1 billion almost a decade ago.
- Cost. We're being told \$5.2 BILLION in TODAY'S dollars. That cost will rise in the next 8 years.

- Cost... biggest risk. 5000 seat arena with 2 sheets is a waste of seats. Max Bell, WindSport and Father David Bauer are well suited as is
- Cost/benefit
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- cost/benefit ratio is unbalanced with intangible or unmeasurable benefits weighed against underestimated real costs financed by tax and debt
- "Cost/risk too high for very limited rewards.
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- The full cost is unknown and will likely go higher."
- Costs
- Costs
- "Costs - actuals exceed budgets.
- Public impact - most vulnerable (homeless; sexual exploitation) are subject to greater risk of violation"
- Costs and cost overruns, plus inadequate contributions from the province and feds
- Costs and over spending. The Olympics in Japan is going 4x above the budget when they won the bid in 2013 and is expected to go even higher.
- Costs are far too high for questionable amounts of benefit. The Olympics is a party for IOC and political elites that the taxpayers fund.
- costs are far too high.
- Costs are OBVIOUSLY unclear. Taxes are already too high and hosting the Olympics will most likely result in higher taxes for many years.
- Costs are out of control and our Mayor is more concerned about creating a legacy for himself.....#SAYNOTOTHEOLYMPICS
- Costs are severely underestimated. Taxes are already increasing at an alarming rate. Olympics bring NO BENEFITS to the TAX PAYERS of YYC.
- Costs are unknowable, particularly with the history of every city (especially recently) going far over budget, just to give the IOC a party.
- Costs are way too high vs potential benefits. The costs are real, the benefits are merely projections.
- Costs associated with preparing Calgary for the Olympics. This could become a tax burden for Calgarians to bear for many years
- Costs being greater than expected and not delivering any long term improvement to the city that could otherwise just be done (if so good)
- Costs estimate as presented is lower than reality. Costs will likely be 2 to 3 times more by 2026
- Costs going over budget. Too expensive for benefits. IOC needs to be putting majority of funds up front. Not about athletes any longer!
- Costs of the games is much too high of a risk for Calgary to voluntarily take on.
- Costs override the profit ,Why should I have to pay for for something I don't want or not interested in.The economy should be reason enough.
- Costs overruns leading to higher taxes
- Costs presented appear to be artificial, will certainly be overrun and transparency is a major concern (i.e. removing polling results here)
- Costs seem high and overall benefit seems meh!
- Costs taxpayers too much money
- Costs that could grow beyond projections, leaving the Calgary taxpayer to pick up the tab.
- Costs to taxpayers far outweigh any potential or perceived benefits. City councillors/mayor need to ditch their egos and face reality.
- Costs to taxpayers.
- Costs too much and it might not be used after.

- "Costs will balloon past projected numbers provided in section 2.
- Province will end up with the large portion of extra costs it cant afford."
- Costs will be higher. The city does not manage any project well ie, new water plant, the green line, both double the price.
- Costs will be less than 1.25 of budget?!? ( look at Japan for example!). The city will be on the hook for more\$ since Province is not.
- Costs will be much higher than anticipated and the 'legacy' will be debt rather than good memories and an elevated international profile.
- "Costs will be over budget and revenues will be under forecasts
- Trying to do the games ""cheaply"" doesn't work"
- costs will get completely out of control
- Costs will not be able to be controlled
- "Costs will not covered by proposed budget.
- Stated that the \$2.2B is not a guaranteed amount, so that will come out of taxpayers."
- costs, and long term benefits to the citizens of Calgary well into the fiuture are a BIG negative for me.
- Costs.
- Costs. Costs are already projected to be high, the city is concealing more, the city is refusing to provide info on tax increases until afte
- Cost-there is a huge risk that calgary could be left with a huge bill when the budget runs over and we have no government safety net.
- Council always struggling to find money & always raising taxes. Olympic cost overruns will only make things worse. I will watch council vote
- Council has yet to release a proper budget that includes expected risks and overruns leaving citizens uninformed.
- Council is already proposing budget cuts. Investing in 2026 will further reduce services & delay priority investments like green line north.
- Council is not being honest with the public about the expected \*total\* cost of the games. Budget has increased over \$500M since CBEC report
- Council is not being transparent. I can't trust them with the immense costs if they can't even be honest with us.
- Council needs to pay attention and service to Calgarians NOT the IOC and wealthy benefactors. Shameful!
- Countries where hold Olympic Games always lost. Alberta economy is very bad in these years. We cannot affront to have more debts.
- Crippling debt. Increased social issues from all the extra people coming. Increase in human trafficking and organized crime.
- Current infrastructure in extreme disrepair. Need to fix what we have before spending on more projects.
- Currently the city of Calgary, the gov't of Alberta and the gov't of Canada are all spending more than they receive. We can't afford this
- Currently the city's property taxes are extremely high. We will not be able to survive with further higher taxes.
- Cutting services on budget that increase the quality of living saying that we have no money and then throwing cash for Olympics????
- "Dealing with a corrupt organization - Olympics,
- Taxpayer costs at all levels of government - we are too far in debt at all levels of govt"
- Dear CofC. Happy to pay for your elite playdate, but must get to work first. Perhaps a job and a transit system to get me there, first? thx
- Debt

- Debt
- Debt
- debt
- debt
- Debt crazy debt.
- DEBT FROM UNUSABLE VENUES BUT STILL NEEDING MODERN A ARENA AND STADIUM LIKE SUCH CITIES AS REGINA, WINNIPEG, OTTAWA, VANCOUVER, EDMONTON ETC
- Debt load is greater then return. Tax dollars are worth more then city image. Be known for greater things then olympics.
- Debt that we will have a very difficult time paying off for many generations. Risk of overruns is huge!
- Debt via overruns. Funds for Oly 2026 don't address most immediate needs of city. The proposed 5000 seat arena serves little purpose.
- Debt!!! The cost of the games will far exceed the original estimate and as a taxpayer I don't want to be paying for this for the next 50 yea
- Debt, debt and more debt. Times are tough in CALGARY and the corporate buy-in will likely be minimal as opposed to 1988 when it was the key
- Debt, debt, debt. We are not set up to handle this massive debt load and we can't even get services in communities that need them!
- DEBT, TAX, DEBT, TAX, DEBT, TAX, DEBT, TAX, DEBT, TAX... ad infinitum
- Debt, we have a enough. No to 2026. Trust in the City of Calgary to give us the straight facts is gone.
- Debt.
- Debt.
- debt. lets build our city first.
- Debt. It does not fix what Calgary really needs.
- Debts and lots of debt
- Decades of debt to simply bolster the egos of Nenshi and his cronies. No thanks.
- Deficits and debt at the federal and provincial levels of government and annual property tax increases municipally for generations to come.
- Definitely cost pressure. I would LOVE to host the Olympics but I feel that we pay way too much tax already and I am not ok with paying mor
- Definitely the cost. Billions of dollars, regardless of whether it's "on budget", is SO MUCH money that could be better spent elsewhere.
- Demand that Council release the new budget BEFORE the vote so that taxpayers have the info required to make an informed decision.
- Designed areas, such as Lake Louise have already voiced concerns about too much traffic for the space. A gross & unnecessary waste of money.
- Did we not learn form the 1988 olympics
- "Different world compared to 1988:
- Struggling economy
- Security costs
- Cost overruns
- Lack of ethics of IOC, Russian doping"
- "Dissapointed you've not given me enough characters to adqueatly express my concern.
- Tax payers cannot afford this. High unemployment."
- distracting from other priorities--economic, social, and environmental
- Distruction of the environment, will occur. Also the Olympic Organization by reinstating Russia has thumb their nose at Canada and fair game
- Do not raise my taxes, focus on local projects and infrastructure, Do not waste my tax dollars on those elitists games please

- Do not trust city council or the mayor. Way to much secrecy and no transparency. I like the idea of hosting the Olympics again but Nope.
- DO NOT USE THIS AS AN EXCUSE/REASON TO FUND A NEW ARENA FOR THE FLAMES. Billionaires do not get my taxes to subsidize their businesses.
- Do not want my grandchildren paying for a 2 week party. We cannot afford it.
- Do not want tax payer dollars used for this purpose. Even an NHL arena would be a better ROI
- Do not waste my money bidding
- Does not make financial sense. Bringing in money from province and feds doesn't make it a better deal - those are our tax dollars too!
- Dollars are supposed to be spent FIRST to improve the daily lives of Calgarians and SECOND to accommodate people passing through our city!
- Dont be cheap, build a new arena already. It will bring in far more revenue than the new library (aka city homeless shelter)
- Don't believe the cost estimates are accurate. I don't want to be paying for a new playground for the Flames.
- Don't forget there are advance polls on Nov 6th and 7 th. Talk is cheap, get out and vote
- Don't pay a terrible price in debt and taxes to reward the whims of the Olympic committee fat cats. This process is biased towards a yes
- Don't want to see Calgary tax dollars go into hosting an event that has historically shown to lose money. Corporate sponsors should pay cost
- Don't waste any more money on this Olympic bid. It's nothing but a money drain on taxpayers.
- Don't waste our tax money on the 2026 Olympics, simply we cannot afford them. Wasting our money on the Olympics, it is going to be difficul
- DROP THE BID! WE ARE NOT INTERESTED ! WE WILL BE STUCK WITH THE BILL !
- Easy. IOC is just as corrupt as FIFA. I'd much rather my HARD EARNED tax dollar go towards schools and I don't even have children!
- Eating up resources that would be better used for many other things. Also will not aid our small businesses.
- Economic and social disaster.
- economic benefits will not outweigh the total costs, except for a small handful of people.
- Economic burden
- Economic concerns - high cost, LOW reward
- "Economic debts.
- And can't afford financially.
- Also who is paying for this this stuff, Housing taxes are already for high can't afford."
- Economic impact to Albertans needs to be better understood. What will actually come from individual taxpayer pockets? Times have been tough
- Economic position is terrible
- Economic risk
- Economic risks are significant. Security risks could be significant
- Economic risks are too high. I am wholly disapproving of the withholding of relevant information from the public.
- Economically Calgary is not in a good place right now and this seems like it has potential to make a bad situation worse.
- Economically we are struggling to overcome the oil bust. Without corporate stability we don't have same \$ support from private sector
- Economics and better financial planning, fiscal responsibility of managing current debt and current projects and overruns!
- Economics. Calgary is poor despite highest paid mayor in Country

- Economists predict major cost over-runs. If affordable housing is the goal, let's just make it easier to get secondary suites approved.
- Economy in the crapper. Low Canadian oil prices. HUGE downtown vacancy. High AB unemployment. Lets throw money at the corrupt IOC ! Sweet !
- Economy is in shambles, costs will soar during the next 6 -8 years. Money should be used for snow clearing equipment and infrastructure
- Economy is in the drink - 1988 companies gave employees paid time off to volunteer and others gave donations or free services - current NOT
- Economy is not good for Calgarians. Taxes will increase and if curling and skiing not here we lose money events. Mayor still against sports
- Economy is weak enough already with families struggling. Residents shouldn't have to pay more to host games in the city.
- Elected City Officials with secret agendas.
- "Embarrassing that we are even considering it.. give your head a shake calgary politicians.
- I am sure you will all get ""free tickets"" !!! NO"
- Empty and expensive facilities
- Energy of officials and limited tax funds should be used for other infrastructure and programs to benefit the majority of citizens.
- Engagement tool kit available in English, Chinese, Filipino and Punjabi. Hey city council how about French? Really people??
- Entire process has been non-transparent. Warning bell: new budget is not being released until the day AFTER the plebiscite. Why?
- Entirely an economic equation for me. I won't support a games that will result in more debt. Show the world how to host games intelligently.
- Environmental destruction in the hills; in town, crowds, security, expense, cost overruns in a downturn - for vanity and misguided nostalgia
- Escalating costs
- Escalation of costs as we get closer to 2026. Let's look at Tokyo for instance, started at \$7.3 billion and now could top \$25 billion.
- Estimated costs are always much lower then the reality
- Event cost; huge risk cost overruns thus taxes; \$ utilized for better purposes; World already knows Calgary; not best job creation strategy
- "Event locations:
- Nakiska is a terrible and dangerous Hill for Alpine speed events. Use Lake Louise, already FIS approved speed centre"
- Every \$ into SPECIALIZED Olympic developments is a \$ taken away from more BROAD-BASED, LONG TERM social & economic development in Cagary!!
- Every city that has hosted the Olympics has seen massive cost overruns.  
<https://www.cfr.org/backgrounders/economics-hosting-olympic-games>
- Every dollar spent on the Olympics is a dollar that could be spent developing a bigger tech community in Calgary
- Every Olympics had huge cost overruns. IOC structures the bid process/event so that the host city/taxpayer take on all risks - unacceptable.
- Every other city ends up going massively over budget and becomes burdened by multi-billion dollar debt. We can't afford these games.
- Every. Single. Host City in the 21st Century has gone at least 300% over budget. No funds, and a green line north leg we've yet to pay for.
- Everything I've read and seen from previous Olympic bids indicates that Calgary taxpayers will be stuck with a massive debt-load afterward.
- Excessive cost

- Excessive cost and financial burden on taxpayers
- Excessive cost burden to already overtaxed taxpayers,
- Excessive cost to tax payers. I am not prepared to pay more in tax.
- Excessive cost to taxpayer.
- "Exorbitant cost especially for security
- It's a different world from 1988"
- Expense of hosting without adequate proof of return on investment
- "Expense. This city is not in the position to have the Olympics.
- Everything in life is going up and up except out wages."
- Expenses, security
- Expensive to host with over runs and security
- expensive!
- "Extreme cost over runs - city cannot afford to host
- No transparency
- Tax burden too high"
- Extreme cost overruns.
- Extreme debt will result, duh
- Far too expensive and too high a risk of cost over runs. Waste of taxpayer money.
- Far too high a risk that we will be stuck with the cost over runs. Plus our share now being at least \$800 million is way too high.
- far too many uncertainties to even consider this bid at this time. Calgary is approaching 10 percent unemployment, enough said!!
- Fat boys just get fatter and I am tired of paying
- Finance. As a tax payer, I refuse to let my money go toward boosting certain individual's ego and political portfolio.
- Finances. I am not interested in footing the bill for this with my taxes
- Financial
- Financial
- financial and distraction of effort on delivery of key services
- Financial and security risks are huge. There isn't enough money to clean the snow off the streets, how can there be enough for the olympics?
- Financial burden for tax payers. Why no new NHL size arena? If it is not being held mostly in Calgary not interested.
- "Financial burden
- Reduced required infrastructure due to this burden
- Lack of transparency / opportunity for graft"
- Financial burden; not priority for Calgary. Other areas far more important for investment including transportation, affordable housing, et
- Financial cost and displacement of vulnerable populations, and environmental impact.
- Financial cost is too great. The terrorism threat is too high and the traffic will be a nightmare. Too many people visiting the city.
- Financial costs
- Financial hardship for little or no gain.
- Financial if not properly managed.
- Financial implications. Calgary has been suffering over past few years with downturn in oil & gas industry
- financial losses and devastation. This is not a risk but rather a guarantee.
- Financial losses left for the tax payers to pay over the long term in an already tough economic time.
- Financial overburdened

- "Financial overrun
- IOC corruption
- City Hall becoming less transparent"
- Financial overruns
- Financial risk
- "Financial risk
- No new venues
- Curling in Edmonton
- Ski jumping in Whistler
- 5000 seat arena no one needs"
- Financial risk and better use of the funds for building infrastructure instead of hosting athletes to compete in sports
- Financial Risk and cost overrun - the Olympics are not worth it.
- Financial risk and lack of new facilities and transit expansion within the proposal.
- Financial risk is too great
- financial risk is too high, economy is not strong, all levels of govt haven't finalized their \$ contribution, Olympics tarnished by scandals
- Financial Risk! We are spending significant capital on infrastructure already and our debt and therefore taxes are out of control.
- Financial risk. Taxpayers money is needed for other services in Calgary.
- Financial risks borne by taxpayers. Olympic corruption from top to bottom.
- Financial risks outweigh all benefits in my point of view, they are wildly underestimated. 120 million contingency, not enough
- Financial security moving forward is of upmost importance. The Public shouldn't incur costs on private infrastructure upgrades!
- Financial. All three levels of government keep spending money they don't have. Salaries and pensions for each job class too high.
- Financial. The City cannot afford the games particularly in light of the Province's low funding commitment
- Financial. We are already in a deficit position. Nobody knows how much this will cost or where the money is supposed to come from
- Financially will affect tax payers Money could be better spent supporting senior citizens and low income calgarians
- Finding should not come from public funds. This city council needs to start cutting costs and reducing taxes.
- First off the full price is still unknown - one of the biggest costs will be security, there is nothing gained or left after paying for this
- Fiscal irresponsibility.
- Fiscal restraint
- Fix potholes before making taxpayers pay for olympics..... it's ridiculous. If you can't afford to maintain the city Don't host olympics....
- Focus of the city should building our economy and bring down the joblessness. Costs of olympics is more than benefits
- Focusing on and investing in the Games may reduce investment in other Council priorities and impact The City's future budget
- For \$5.2 billion, there isn't enough needed infrastructure investment into Calgary.
- For me as a taxpayer, it is just not worth the cost.
- For sure expense more than income
- "Full list of benefits: Zero, zilch, nadda, negative, no, none, nil, 0.

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- Oh, and financial ruin, and inevitable cost overrun."
- FUNDING - would have to be funded primarily by government (prov. & fed.) as private funding from the oil & gas industry is highly unlikely.
- Funding and cost overruns.
- Funding. We can't afford it right now. Why do we want to support a corrupt organization?
- further indebting our city for "Nenshi's legacy"? No thanks. Split city bid is also ridiculous.
- Future Taxation. Calgarians feel powerless in the face of city hall. Take back some control over your mounting taxation. Vote NO on Nov. 13.
- Games will be a very high risk both for our economy and the people of Calgary.
- Games will go over budget as is tradition. Cost is too high to start with before overruns.
- Games will MOST LIKELY COST \$11BN (w/ overruns). That's almost \$9,000 for every child, woman and man in Calgary. WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS???
- Genderfying low income neighborhoods and wasting a ridiculous amount of money that could be much better spent
- Geographically spread out Games. Hockey in Edmonton ok but not for games that matter. Same for sliding / jumping events in Whistler
- Get priorities straight. It's all taxpayers money that needs to be put to better use than a sports "party" that is constantly tarnished
- Giant waste of time, effort and resources
- Given current recession & it's issues of joblessness & homelessness we CANNOT afford luxuries like Olympic Games which are money pits.
- Given that the other competitive cities are dropping out quickly leaving only 2 sends a message, getting to expensive! 1 tax payer!
- Given the cost overruns other cities have experienced hosting the games, I am concerned that The City will be on the hook for unexpected \$\$.
- Given the economic status in Calgary/Alberta and the history of cost overrun in the Olympic games, I see more risks of hosting the Games.
- Given the economy and downturn in calgary, Going over budget and having to come up with the extra money to finance the games,
- Given the lack of transparency by City Council and their very secretiveness nature on the Olympic bid process - I will vote No.
- Given the track record of wasteful public spending (ie: moronic art purchases) this city's administration cannot be trusted with spending.
- GOA finds \$300 million low, GofC will do same, inevitable cost overruns, YYC unable to balance current op budget so shouldn't bid on games
- going into debt - taxpayers should not have to pay and the risk of terrorism is too great - do not do it!
- Going into debt to lose money on a best case scenario. It's a money pit
- Going into the cold winter months in Calgary, people still sleep outside and suffer. This \$4.6 Billion could surely be spent elsewhere.
- Going over budget. Process has not been transparent or realistic. The olympics will cost the city a lot more than we are being told.
- Going way over budget like every other Olympics does. Not finishing construction on time usually contributes to this.
- Google Tokyo Olympic costs and read the CNBC story if you want facts to base your decision on
- Government resources could more effectively used on other projects.
- Govts are broke !

- Greatest risk is that funding that is required for other necessities in our city/province or even country are diverted to the Olympics.
- Guaranteed cost overruns that will be passed on to tax payers.
- "Hard on the environment/resources, esp surrounding our city-natural areas.
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- Will undoubtedly go over budget."
- Have all the Olympics you want as long as not 1 ¢ of taxpayer dollars is used. Should be privately funded. Same as an arena for the Flames.
- Have you not heard the citizens you are supposed to represent? This is Alberta and our economy cannot afford it!
- Have zero confidence that an Olympic bid will be on budget. It is irresponsible to gamble tax dollars with such uncertainty.
- Having tax payers having to cover Olympic over expenditures ( we are already on a very tight budget)
- Heavily redacted city report (Recently released) leads me to believe costs are higher than 5.2b. Transparency lacking in this project.
- Hi risk of overspending, debt, and potential property tax increases. City council secrecy questions the trustworthiness of the proposal.
- "Hidden costs that city council does not release and keeps secret.
- What is so damaging that it must be a secret?"
- Hidden costs, IOC corruption, irresponsible spending.
- Hidden costs. Money we have to spend because of the Olympics will just be shuffled into other categories. True costs are not shared.
- high cost , increase congestion of roads, environmental impact of building temporary transit shelter (Bus Barns) and corruptness of the IOC.
- High cost overages, increased property taxed. High price for tickets to attend the event. As a citizen I only see downsides without any enjoy
- High cost, the money could be used for better things, such as infrastructure.
- High costs, higher risk.
- High costs, Olympics always costs more than planned, want a long term plan for Calgary. New stadium or rebuilding sections of Calgary.
- High economic risk when taxpayers/province can't afford it. We are being asked to keep our personal debt down, why not government?
- High financial risk. Not enough transparency
- High Risk - Cost and Debt - taxes will increase
- high taxes and they are of no benefit to me. All funds should be raised privately from those that support a bid
- High taxes, security, little benefit.
- High taxpayer costs that will likely go beyond what was anticipated
- higher costs and higher taxes.. bid is totally out of whack
- Higher taxes
- higher taxes
- Higher taxes for the next 30 years to pay for a failed winter games. higher risk of crime/terrorism, stressing a public that doesn't want it.
- Higher taxes for years while city services like snow removal suffer. The true cost of hosting the games won't come out until it's over
- Higher taxes on everything including house tax for all owners , hidden costs of the olympics without benefit for anyone!

- Higher taxes, debt and funding diversion from other areas that need attention - economic diversification, infrastructure, schools....
- Higher taxes. Misappropriated funds - use more wisely.
- Highest risk is City Council's secret meetings and our Mayor not keeping City Hall transparent when dealing with Calgary Taxpayers money.
- Historically from 1967 the Olympic Games seems to over run and the taxpayers have to bailout the city . In 1988 the Heritage funds and Ralph
- "Historically NO Olympic Games has been hosted at or below its budgeted cost.
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- Our City & Province are not where we were in 1988."
- History has proven thats cosrs are never recouped. Why does this council think they will be any different.
- History supports the fact that whichever city hosted the games lost control over its budget at the end and got into more debt.
- Hollywood is in the entertainment business albeit filled with sexism and hypocrisy. Calgary is NOT!
- Honestly, this money could be used for SO MANY other uses! Feed hungry kids, build affordable housing, fix roads, etc. Way better uses
- Horrible waste of money. I don't want to pay for this for the rest of my life.
- Hosing the Olympics is a nice idea, but will result in huge debts at a time when unemployment is at a high. COC should be reducing taxes.
- Hosting an event like 2026 Olympics every 38 years is a much needed especially when the life expectancy is 80 years or less.
- Hosting the Olympics again will waste a lot of money and resources, most cities lose money by hosting these games.
- Hosting the Olympics is going to require spending a large sum of tax money on things many don't care about. It's misallocation of resources.
- Hosting the olympics would place a huge financial burden on the citizens of Calgary. We have more urgent priorities for our money.
- How about sending the taxpayers a one-time bill to pay for the olympics and see how many willingly pay?
- How about we take care of our own citizens before hosting a party? Snow plows, veteran food bank, senior care, mental health care
- how much are my taxes going to go up City of Calgary? That's the number we all want to see!
- How much is it going to cost? Why is there a black out on information? How much are my taxes going up? If you cant answer, then NO!!!!!!!!
- "<https://canadiandimension.com/articles/view/the-world-cup-is-a-crime-scene>
- Games benefit criminals & corporations, not Calgarians"
- Huge cost overrun Calgary taxpayers will have to absorb for 20+ years.
- Huge cost overruns that taxpayers at all three levels of government can ill afford.
- Huge cost overruns, a huge debt burden, major spike to property taxes, and major service cuts.
- Huge cost over-runs. Calgary and Alberta can NOT afford it.
- Huge cost, very little benefit.
- Huge cost. No economic benefits. No plan. Ridiculous idea.
- Huge Costs
- Huge costs and typically cities have exceeded their projected budgets. There is very little new infrastructure proposed (e.g. new Crain)
- Huge debt after hosting Olympic events and infrastructure difficult to repurpose and sustain long term.
- Huge debt to be paid by Calgary taxpayers.

- Huge environmental costs; expect great pressure to expand/create new ski venues in Kananaskis/Banff, despite claim to use existing venues.
- Huge financial risk. Could \$\$ be better spent on city projects? Why Whistler- will they pay to host also? Do benefits outweigh?-Not sure
- Huge money, higher taxes
- Huge property tax crisis, a high unemployment rate, and a boosted cost of unskilled labour after minimum wage increase. Look inward!
- Huge risk in escalated cost. Cost overrun will be the legacy and burden on our children.
- Huge risk of a massive debt load for Calgary taxpayers to absorb. All winter olympic bids have been over run on average 143%.
- Huge risk of cost overruns and taxpayers will be responsible for extra costs. I'm not in favor of more debt and taxes
- Huge risk of cost overruns, pulling money from necessary services and infrastructure maintenance for the olympic costs.
- huge risk of large economic and reputation loss
- Huge risk to the taxpayers. The Federal current government will abandon any financial support when this project fails.
- Huge tax burden on taxpayers. Our taxes continually increase as it is. Facilities? Not what we need.
- Huge waste of money
- Hurt our unstable economy more. The cost is too high. Security cost has been under-estimated. We will lose money.
- I am a home-owner, I do not want to pay more taxes for a two-week party. I would prefer \$ to improve transit & improve life every-day.
- I am concerned about any shortfall in funding that will have to be covered by the City of Calgary's taxpayers.
- "I am concerned about human trafficking around another big ""festival""
- Costs for infrastructure & safety."
- I am concerned about the amount of money coming from Calgarian tax payers to fund this event. My vote is NO
- I am fully convinced that overall, Calgary will not financially profit from these games. We cannot afford to spend money on these games.
- I am not a BOT. I AM from Calgary, We Federally, Provincially, Municipally we CAN NOT afford this. It is as simple as that.
- I am not favour of city growth as prime method of managing and funding a community. Exponential growth always used as an easy way out.
- I am not interested in having my inflated taxes go even higher. This is NOT a priority, this money could be better spent elsewhere.
- I am retired and not in favor of having my taxes increased for these games. We are already taxed due to inept go'vt spending
- I am strongly against the bid for economic reasons. The priority should be for the benefit of all Calgarians right now, not a select few.
- I am sure the actual costs associated with hosting the Winter Olympics will be much higher than disclosed. Cost overruns will hurt our city.
- I am totally opposed to any unnecessary "upgrades" to any facilities, especially those currently used by the "millionaires".
- I am undecided. There has been little discussion on the real downside risk and who pays if the estimates are too low.
- I am very disappointed by the secrecy, lack of information on risks, lack of balanced information on the Olympics. I will vote no.
- I am worried about increased municipal and provincial debt.

- I am worried about ticket scalping thru ticketmaster et al - do we have any guarantees this will not happen
- I am worried that as a city and province, we can't afford it. I also do not trust the IOC.
- I believe that my property taxes will increase to fund this and the only people to benefit will be in the hospitality industry.
- I believe that spending that kind of money at this time is absolutely insane
- I believe that the costs associated with hosting the Games will outweigh the long-term benefits.
- I believe that the money being spent can go towards better housing and better programs for those who need it.
- I believe that, based on previous games, the estimate given is way off the mark. We, the citizens, cannot afford to pay more taxes.
- I believe the city is intentionally misleading the citizens with their lowball estimates of the costs.
- I believe the cost of this is far to much, I do not want my taxes to increase at all for this
- I believe the costs to the City are minimized at 5 billion. I believe the current cost that we are seeing in Japan will be mirrored here
- I believe there is too much financial risk. I also believe that the cost is under what the true cost will be, ie security will be higher,
- I believe we could spend half of that budget and achieve similar results without hosting the games. Calgary is already on the map.
- I believe we should wait until our province has better economic stability. Now is not a good time!
- I bid has ever come under budgeted cost. Why do you think we'd be different. We need money on infrastructure, not on Olympics.
- I can't believe I'm saying this, but thank you to the NDP. Prov. funding based on some need accountability criteria (Calgary 2026 FOIP)
- I cannot afford anymore increases in taxes.
- I cannot list the hundreds of reasons for Calgary not having the Olympics with a mere 140 character limit!
- I can't afford to pay higher taxes, enough is enough. I'm going broke as it is.
- I dislike sport, the IOC is corrupt, invest in schools and art
- I do not believe the benefits for all Calgarians is worth the massive debt load that would be incurred with an Olympic bid.
- I do not believe we are in a position financially to support the cost; many taxpayers are struggling financially.
- I do not have confidence in the ability of the mayor, council and city administration to assess and manage the financial risks.
- I do not have confidence in the city's ability to accurately tell Calgarians about the bid. Basically a lack of confidence in the process.
- I do not see any benefits. I think our money is better spent elsewhere, such as going toward the Green Line
- I do not see benefits i see costs and over spending and my already ridiculous property taxes going up .
- I do not support the Games due the distributed costs to taxpayer & concentrated benefits to IOC, athletes, and tourist economy.
- I do not think Calgary or Alberta have the economic stability for such a huge investment.
- I do not think the City of Calgary should be submitting a bid for the Olympics. It is too expensive, and we are in a recession.
- I do not think we can afford this at this time. In 1988 we were debt free and that is certainly not the case at the moment.
- I do not trust the civic leadership to keep the costs in line. Personally too much of my income goes to taxes.

- I do not trust the IOC and think this will cost far more than they say
- I do not trust the politicians pushing this bid. This is not a grass roots organic concept which is growing naturally. Too many secrets.
- I do not understand spending billions for a corrupt IOC and doping athletes yet there is no large arena that our city needs.
- I do not want tax money going towards the games.
- I do not want the city to bid because of the cost to taxpayers and because of the lack of transparency in keeping the public informed.
- I don't believe in the accuracy of cost estimates provided, or how Calgary will be so much less than previous Olympics.
- I don't believe realistic costs will be included in the bid submitted. I don't trust the city to do so. Council has not been transparent.
- I don't believe that the city will ever recover the cost of putting on the Olympics. Better to fix our roads or houses for homeless
- I don't believe there will be economic benefit. Most cities lose money on the olympics.
- I don't believe we have the financial resources necessary to submit a bid or support the games.
- I don't mind paying taxes and appreciate all the services the city provide however I do not want to have to pay taxes to support the games!
- I don't see any benefit at all, the risk of cost over run is too great. The city is not in any position to host something of this magnitude.
- I don't see any benefit. The money being proposed would be better used to improve current infrastructure, and diversifying the Calgary economy
- I don't see the economical benefit of spending 3 billion plus on a ten day event with a huge risk that we run way over budget.
- I don't trust the Mayor and current counsel, they want the games at all cost, no matter what they say publicly.
- I don't want this to be a reason that we have reopened negotiations for a new hockey arena for the Flames. Not worth tax payer's money.
- "I don't want to pay more tax, that's dumb.
- Also with any major event come a high amount of human trafficking and child trafficking."
- I don't believe the cost information received from the city is the true cost. Secondly, government agencies, still is tax dollars.
- I don't believe your cost estimate, it will end up costing a lot more and this council will mess it up, like everything else.
- I don't feel the information the public has received to date is transparent and it does not include security risk in its assessment.
- I don't see a benefit. The proposed money should be spent on what is needed for the City. Taxes will likely go up and will affect everyone
- I don't see any benefit for Calgary hosting the games
- I don't see benefits. I fear a big loss that property tax payers will have to pay for. We have current projects that I fear will be lost in
- I don't see many benefits for normal people. Not a lot of truly usable infrastructure seems to be in this plan. Seems like a waste of money.
- I don't see the city making any money, just losing billions instead. money that could be used for many other programs around the city
- I don't support embarking on a project with a high likelihood for cost overruns borne by taxpayers and questionable benefit.
- I don't think Calgary can afford the olympics
- I don't want my children and grandchildren paying for this. I don't want to pay for it.
- I don't want my property taxes to go up to further enrich the already wealthy.

- I don't want my taxes paying for this. Vote No.
- I don't want the tax hikes that are inevitable with this - on top of those council has already decided we will need for other priorities
- "I don't want to pay a single penny for this. NO!!
- NO NO NO NO NO"
- I don't want to see one cent of public funds used to support this endeavor. Since we raise less taxes than we spend, we should not borrow.
- I don't want to use tax dollars from any of the levels of government that I have to pay to, to go into debt for such a frivolous enterprise.
- I fear for the future of Calgary if these games go ahead. Property taxes could not be raised high enough to cover the bill.
- I feel like the benefits do not outweigh the costs of hosting the games.
- I feel that the money that would be spent on this, is better spent elsewhere more long term like transit.
- I feel that the true costs are not being accurately discussed. The \$ needs to include all parts of infrastructure spending.
- I feel that this cost isn't justified and funds could be put to better uses
- I feel the money can be used for better purposes like repairs to infrastructure. Roads in Calgary are horrible.
- I feel we have far too many other pressing needs in Calgary, before we commit to spending billions on an artificially-elite sports event.
- I find it absurd the City would even consider this given the current unstable economic forecast.
- I had just read that Japan backed out because the proposed costs were in excess of 20 Billion and not the 5 that the City is proposing.
- I have concerns about security (a lot has changed since the 88 Olympics). Way too expensive. Feel like we'd be financing a corrupt IOC.
- I have lost all trust and respect in the civic politicians who are leading this project. Their motivation is questionable. Too many egos!
- I have lost trust in the Mayor/ Council to effectively manage our City's ever challenging issues. Why would we add the Olympics to the mix?
- I have no confidence that this council will be able to control the corrupt IOC.
- I have not seen or found any benefit to the citizens of Calgary other than for the few who can afford winter sports. Risk-Increased taxes.
- I love how the YES side think they're being hijacked because the vote isn't going their way. They are in for a surprise on the plebiscite.
- I love the Olympics, but we're not in an economic position where we can afford hosting it.
- I loved the 88 Olympics as a teenager. That world is gone. The economics are decisively negative and the IOC is corrupt.
- I only want us to host if we get a new arena. We are not hockey fans but miss seeing top touring acts. Spend the money on that instead.
- I pay enough taxes and am barely getting by, as are many other Calgarians. Not interested in more taxes. Look after the people of this city
- I question the integrity of Council's integrity in presenting the initiative to the residents of Calgary.
- I remember the 88 ticket scandal & corruption in ticket distribution to corporations who also used their donations as tax deductions.
- I see lots of debt left for the already overtaxed taxpayers to pay. Already too much has been spent on this promotion. Get out already.
- I see no benefit except for more debt load to the taxpayer. Spend the money elsewhere for a better return on investment.
- I see no benefit. The fact that the transit system is so behind other city's and very unreliable.

- I see no benefits to the Olympic Games being hosted in Calgary. There is a high risk
- I see our taxes go up every year from all branches of government, municipal, provincial, and federal. I don't want another expense.
- I see the biggest risk is blowing the budget and working with the corrupt IOC.
- I see the costs spiralling out of control and the economic benefits being exaggerated.
- I see the risk of other cities recently that have had huge cost overruns coupled with revenue short falls leading to economic disasters
- I see this as a massive risk to taxpayers of the city, province and nation. This is a vanity project for Mayor Nenshi nothing more.
- I strongly believe the financial risks as well as the financial uncertainties far outweigh the benefit to hosting a games.
- I think it is a joke that we are using a vintage arena that is one of the oldest in the NHL and we are "upgrading" it. Why??
- I think it people will wake up the day after the Olympics expecting a bright shiny city and instead will see a huge addition bill from city.
- I think our rising health care cost projections alone should be reason enough to not host these games and bring on a mountain of debt.
- I think that the costs will exceed the benefits. This has expensive boondoggle written all over it.
- I think the city of Calgary consul should give their heads a shake. It is not affordable. The taxes are just thrown away
- I think the cost is too great, the likely cost overruns too great. The lack of transparency from the city is concerning.
- I think the expectations for games since 1988 have become ridiculously high. Our money is better spent elsewhere.
- I think the legacy of the 1988 games cannot be duplicated. Our money should be spent on more urgent items for the citizens of Calgary.
- I think the local government should stop raising their salaries and cut the unnecessary expenses, reduce the government and change mayor
- I think the true cost of the Olympics is not exactly known.
- I think there is too much risk in cost over-runs & generally just the cost of hosting an Olympics.
- I think we have more pressing matters to be spending money on, ie helping the disadvantage.
- I understand that we may see an increase in tourism but looking at other games...their new structures were abandoned and really a waste.
- i want to see what the IOC will do if all potential host cities back out :)
- I was on board but my mind changed . With the current plan not including a new arena and lrt to the airport. Then sharing the events .
- "I will not benefit, not from direct, not from indirect engagement.
- I fear that the cost over-run will be covered by increased taxes."
- I will not pay higher taxes.
- I worry about money being wasted on unnecessary things (like strange art), being on budget, and responsible land use.
- I worry that the NO side has hijacked the website & is skewing the view. If there are any tech-minded YES voters, lets retake the site back!
- I would like someone to show me how much my tax (not in percentage but in predicted \$\$) would go up
- "I would rather see money spend on addressing homelessness and veteran issues. The games will put us further in debt.
- I am against the bid."

- I would support a bid if the IOC agree to pay one-half of the costs. The IOC takes advantage of egotistical city leaders who agree to pay all
- I'm concerned about cost of the games and worried that the process has been rushed and we don't understand everything that is involved.
- I'm in doubt that we have the support of Calgary businesses and citizens that are necessary to make these games successful.
- I'm just trying to pay my bills, get groceries and keep my job. I can't afford for athletes to come party and play on my dime.
- I'm not ok with the news that came out today regarding the leaked document with blacked out financial details. I was SO pro-olympics before.
- I'm not surprised that (Nenshi) the city is saying the no votes on here have been high jacked. Watch out Calgary Nenshi has his own agenda!
- I'm unable to make a fully informed decision until I know where the public funds would come from to cover the costs of the Games.
- I've loved the Olympics but no longer feel it's about fair competition. Now politics and money with little regard for clean competition
- If all of the projects that must be completed for the Games had enough social benefit, they should be built regardless of having the Games.
- If Calgarians vote yes we are doomed! It's too expensive and this is a different time than 88' wake up you fools!!!
- If for one second, the Calgary Flames demand "upgrades" to facilities that are unnecessary, they should be shutdown IMMEDIATELY.
- If I am not convinced that "upgrades" are necessary, I will vote NO in November.
- If our local arena density is low and we just lost our Int'l Children's Fest of 32yrs for lack funding, we're losing sight of priorities.
- If it was 2006, I'd say sure, but it's not. The city isn't in any financial shape to be trying to host the Olympics in its current state.
- If it was only Calgary funding the Olympics I have no problem. Alberta and the Federal govt are not in a position to spend these kinds of \$
- If our economy wasn't bad and we weren't in so much debt, sure. But the Games will just put us more in the hole and you can't say it won't.
- If our facilities were good enough in 1988, why are they not good enough now?
- If our govt was competent and the Energy sector was doing well this may be feasible with Corp sponsorship help but we have clowns in office
- If the alberta government isn't paying as much as originally thought or hoped - to high of a cost to tax payers
- If the city can find the amount of money to host the Olympics, we can use that money toward affordable housing.
- If the IOC wants to host a party, then can foot the bill.
- if the IOC wants to host the Olympics here, then they should be footing most of the cost. Not the city or the province.
- "If the NHL does not participate in the games ticket sales would not meet expectations.
- The IOC needs to let the city take all the profit ."
- If there isn't a new stadium in the deal and not all of the events are here what's the point?
- If they were going to give us new venues and the games were all going to be held in Calgary I would be in favour but not the way it is now!
- If we are going to host, we should host - we shouldn't be sharing with other places like Whistler. Let Calgary shine or nothing.
- If we built something of benefit for the future (new Flames/Stampeders arenas) instead of putting on a band aid, maybe I would be on board.

- "If we can't afford what we currently have (ie. cuts to all city depts), why spend money on our wish list olympics?
- Plow our roads!"
- If we go as planned, ski jumping in whistler, hockey in Edmonton, Calgary gets all the costs and no new infrastructure.
- If we have a shortage of affordable housing then deal with it now. Why wait a minimum of 8 yrs. Don't dangle it like the proverbial carrot.
- If we want to go further in debt for social improvement, why not go further into debt to make healthcare and schools better.
- If you build a new arena that will be able to host any concert then maybe we can talk. Without it...NO WAY!!
- I'm close to retirement. Its difficult enough to keep up with current tax and fee increases. I believe the bid cost is estimated far too low
- I'm concerned about even more (endless) tax increases and delays of existing initiatives that would lose funding.
- I'm concerned about the cost to taxpayers. We have more important projects such as the north leg of the LTR that will benefit the public mor
- I'm concerned that an Olympic bid would dampen our economic growth; the costs would outweigh the benefits, even in the longterm.
- I'm concerned we will treat our homeless like Vancouver did theirs. We need to help them, not ship them away because of the Olympics.
- I'm still choked about the \$50m snatch, huge circus ring for planes & disproportionate # of mgmt vs employees, etc. City can't manage money!
- I'm tired of having MY pockets picked by city of Calgary. Can't hardly put food in my families mouth and you want to waste more of my money
- I'm worried about cost overruns. I need confirmed FACTS on who will pay, with written confirmation from the IOC, to cast an educated vote.
- I'm worried about the cost. It is so expensive and I don't see there being any significant longterm benefit for such a great cost.
- Immense cost and reduced revenue due to IOCs increased cut despite \*some\* scaleback from the IOC because their older model was so abhorrent
- In my opinion the benefits are far outweighed by the unknown costs and unknown sharing structure. Who ends up paying? (taxpayers do)
- In the economic state we are in...there is little risk. NOW is the time for expenditures such as this....just like in '88.
- In the last 20 years the Olympics have promised to generate value, but have come up short
- In these economic times to make a bid like this has to be the stupidest thing I can possibly imagine completely ego driven by city Council
- In this climate and economy there is no longer any benefit to hosting an Olympic games.
- In this economic downturn and discussion of budget and service cuts and increase in taxes it does not make sense. We CAN NOT afford this.
- In times of fiscal uncertainty it is negligent of council to push their pro agenda just to have a legacy.
- Inadequate financial support from all levels of government with City ultimately responsible for cost overruns.
- Inadequate return to the city for funds spent. Credibility of the cost estimate for the games is suspect; likely cost overruns.
- inbalance between benefits and risks is the problem for this bid. not enough facilities and infrastructure to be built for amount of money .
- Increase in taxes

- Increase in taxes for average citizens, housing prices would increase which would result in even more property taxes for the resident.
- Increase taxes and slow city down with increased construction
- Increased property taxes. New facilities that will not be used after olympics.
- Increased taxation & cost blowouts from underestimating the initial budget.
- Increased taxes
- Increased taxes at all 3 levels of gov't
- Increased taxes when we are already overtaxed.
- Increased taxes, downtown condo market being even more saturated. That we will likely go over budget and be on the hook for the difference
- Increased taxes, rent costs, food & other needs will cost more. More crime. More people
- Increased taxes, wasted money when the city already has unresolved issues that need to be fixed.
- Increased taxes. This city is teetering on the edge already. Tax increases for something like this is not a smart move for the average Calgarian
- Increased taxpayer cost to Calgary residents; magnitude unknown. Much higher infrastructure priorities exist (e.g., LRT Green Line + to YYC)
- Increasing costs, especially as it pertains to security, do not make economic sense for the majority of Calgarians.
- Incredibly poor use of tax-payer money. The Olympics as it knows it are done, every other city has realized this and pulled out...why not us!
- incur long-term debt for short-term gain.
- Incurring a large debt
- Indebtedness...for years. Government finances are in the red. Games don't make money. Taxes don't spur the economy.
- Inevitable over-budget olympic games negatively impact taxpayers. Also, supporting the extremely unethical & corrupt IOC is irresponsible
- Inflated costs that Calgary can not afford, other cities outside of Calgary will need to host certain sporting events and benefit from it.
- Infrastructure and costs to maintain post games and increased traffic and taxes
- Instead of building several, multi-sport facilities throughout the city, we will invest in existing facilities of limited use.
- Instead of wasting money on useless Olympic infrastructure why not just spend the money on infrastructure our city actually needs.
- Invest in a pipeline that will make us money. Not the Olympics whose legacy will be billions of dollars in overruns that we don't have
- Invest the money earmarked for the Olympics, for Calgary in other ways. And not \$5 billion either! Too much!
- Investing public money into areas that don't benefit Calgary and could possibly fall into the hands of private ownership
- Investment required does not match with the top needs Calgary currently has.
- Inviting corruption into this city is bad.
- IOC is a corrupt body and we cannot afford it.
- IOC is a corrupt organization that turns a blind eye to human rights, cheating and the environmental degradation.
- IOC is a corrupt organization, estimates are always too low. Past olympics leave unused venues and debt.
- IOC is a proven corrupt organization. Why would Calgarians want to put their hard earned tax dollars into their greedy hands? Vote NO.

- IOC is corrupt. Costs will be more than what has been presented. City should have other priorities when it comes to spending tax dollars.
- IOC is corrupt. It's not about sports it's about money and politics. Athletes are all cheating and the economic benefits are exaggerated.
- "IOC is elitist, mis-uses their funds to enrich their leadership, has not responded well to athlete doping.
- Better ways to support sports."
- IOC needs to pay more for the City to hold the Olympics. It should be 0 cost for taxpayers. Has anyone thought about Corporate Sponsorship.
- IOC should pay 100% of cost YYC can't afford to pay any money. Cost overruns huge risk
- IOC should pay for this...why are we not told of the security costs?
- Is 'getting Calgary on the map' with these games more important than taking care of our citizens and keeping our top 10 livable city status?
- Is it just me or does it feel like Mayor Nenshi is going to ram this Olympic bid through for his own legacy?
- Is there no Curling being held in 2026? There's no mention of it anywhere which is strange as it's a high profile and high revenue sport
- It does not matter what level of government pays for the games, it is all tax payer funded. We are seniors living on a fixed income.
- It hasn't worked out financially for most hosts in 30 years. Too risky. I also believe the Olympic commission is still corrupt.
- It is a big waste of money and Calgary should put that money to better use
- It is a cost we cannot afford. If we are not even getting a new arena there is not point in hosting. Security costs are underestimated.
- it is a distraction from the duties of our municipal government. such as affordable housing, homelessness and keeping taxes LOW
- It is a waste of money.
- It is a waste of taxpayer money, I believe most Olympic games in the past have gone over budget.
- It is absolutely insane to host the olympics, especially when city hall is hiding the facts and punishing whistle blowers.
- it is absurd to spend money the we don't have for a party of "elites". (i.e.: politicians, athletes and the very wealthy) . can't afford it
- It is an expense that the city cannot afford. Also there are a great many other programs that the money should be used for instead of this.
- It is clear to me that hosting the games means paying more taxes. Why are we going to spend money that we don't have? Learn from Montréal.
- It is expensive. There are infrastructure areas that I would focus on. Our economy has not recovered.
- It is going to cost a lot more than the \$5 billion estimated. Korea spend about \$16 billion on hosting the last winter Olympics.
- It is impossible to tell the true costs of the Olympics and the taxpayers of Calgary will be on the hook for cost overruns.
- It is irresponsible to add money to IOC largesse when it could be spent on needed civic infrastructure.
- It is not fair to subject citizens to such a high tax hike , when many can't afford \$2000 or any higher amount, especially if they won't go.
- It is not the economic time to be throwing money at a project like this. We need more infrastructure Dollars. Calgarians are struggling.
- It is ridiculous to spend so much money and not build new hockey and football arenas.
- It is taking money away that could be used on infrastructure. Calgary Transit is a shambles, use the money for them instead.

- It is too much money for the city to be paying for a boost in tourism and international recognition that will be forgotten in a few months.
- It is too costly and the economic rewards aren't there. Olympics after olympics have proven this. I love the Olympics, but we shouldn't bid.
- It is too costly.
- It is too expensive for Calgary, and the province
- It is too much money to spend on the GAMES
- It is way too expensive! The money offered from the federal and provincial governments is not enough. It will hit the pockets of Calgarians!
- It seems as though Calgary would lose \$1.3B off the top for reasons that do not add value in the long term for Calgary
- It seems very expensive and I'm not sure the benefits will make up for the very high cost.
- It should be obvious. We can't afford this and the lack of transparency from city hall on this initiative is disgusting.
- It will be a financial burden on Calgary taxpayers for years. Especially unfair because many will not be able to afford to go to the games.
- It will be way over budget in the end and end up costing Calgarians and Albertans more than they know.
- It will cost massive amounts of taxpayer money when it is just a public paid for party for government officials, IOC and corrupt friends.
- It will cost me too much money
- It will cost much more than projected. There are many other projects the city needs to work on that would be a better use of the money.
- It will cost taxpayers money. There's never been an Olympics where the host city didn't lose millions.
- It will cost taxpayers more than what is released openly. The games may have great profits for merchants but not for the ordinary person.
- It will cost the Calgary taxpayers too much money when most of the sports are not even played in Calgary. Build a rink, keep the Flames!!!!
- "It will cost us billions of dollars better spent elsewhere."
- The IOC is a corrupt organization."
- It will cost way more than we will be told and put Albertans in more of a crisis than we already are, for decades! No thanks to Nenshi...
- It will increase taxes, Calgary is already in debt, and Canmore and especially Whistler should not be part of the bid unless we split costs
- It won't be Calgary's Olympics as they will be spread out to BC and possibly Edmonton. Always cost overruns.
- It won't make money.
- It would be a massive waste of taxpayer money and further increase the financial strain on people.
- It would be amazing for Calgary - new arenas and facilities, new housing, tourism dollars, investment. But costs are unclear, that's a worry
- It's a complete and utter waste of money. The money would be much better used to improve the city and the lives of people living here.
- It's a large financial risk- look at all the countries struggling from hosting past Olympics. How does any of this benefit us?
- It's a massive amount of dollars spent on essentially entertainment for middle to upper class citizens. Elitist corrupt sporting event.
- It's a ridiculous waste of money that will create infrastructure designed to benefit the wealthy and well-off.

- It's expensive, taking away dollars from other necessary projects.
- It's hugely expensive & estimated budgets on all Olympic Games are blown apart. There are reasons why places have withdrawn from bidding.
- It's just too much money at a time when our province and our city are filled with people who are struggling to make ends meet.
- It's not 1988. Former corporate sponsors will not be on board this time.
- It's the 21st century equivalent of a potlatch.
- It's the economy, stupid! We can't afford this.
- It's too expensive during a time of economic hardships! Stop wasting taxpayers' dollars! Hire more police, more ambulances, more schools.
- It's a complete waste of money that could be better spent on other sporting facilities such as a new NHL Arena, stadium, and public rinks.
- It's a debt that the low income people will never benefit from.. seen it in Vancouver and it's still happening everywhere else it was
- It's a diversion of funds needed elsewhere. I fear we will be paying for this folly for years to come.
- It's a two week party that taxpayers are on the hook for, but won't get access to tickets - that will be reserved for self important VIPs
- "it's a waste of taxpayers' dollars period. i don't care what study or bs you present, it is a waste.
- it is a distraction from the duties of"
- It's bad because: Useless waste for costs, fewer volunteers, thousands of \$ debt for every Calgarian, no benefits from last "cheap" Olympics
- It's down to two bids and are the rest withdrawn because they are all dummies.
- It's going to cost more than you have revealed. I can't afford any more increases in taxes and taxes will go up.
- It's not worth the hassle. Such a waste of money, and the increased amount of traffic would be an absolute nightmare to have to deal with.
- It's nothing more than an ego boost to Nenshi and co. And a bill to taxpayers that are already stretched thin.
- It's obvious the majority of calgarians are opposed, why force it upon us like a true dictatorship?
- It's time to stop spending money we don't have on projects that don't align with the core responsibilities of the city.
- It's too expensive for what we get out of it, guaranteed costs will be much higher than estimated. Reconsider bidding when calgary is booming
- It's too expensive with no payback
- I've seen so many of these programs over the years, they're always over budget with dubious financial benefits.
- Jeopardizing the City's financial future plus little legacy infrastructure projects that are needed.
- Job stimulation would be woefully short-term and would not even come close to balancing the cost of "creating" the job.
- Juan Antonio Samaranch was the corrupt head of the IOC 1980 to 2001. Now his son JAS Jr is IOC VP. Corruption V 2 is on the way. A big NO
- Judging the responses on here it's clear calgarians do NOT want the olympics. Maybe council should listen!
- just a great event for the politicians and wealthy people.. waste of money
- Just too risky financially, as well there are too many unknowns in this bid with respect to \$\$\$ also lack of transparency.
- Keep City staff and taxpayer resources focused on serving Calgarians instead of for-profit enterprises like the Olympics.
- Lack of funding currently and long term debt it will create

- Lack of funding. Undisclosed cost overruns. Lack of transparency.
- Lack of infrastructure left after the games, corrupt reputation of IOC re overruns
- Lack of sufficient Provincial and likely Federal funding meaning big tax charges for Calgarians
- Lack of sustainable infrastructure and limited short term benefits to housing, infrastructure and utilities
- Lack of transparency by City officials and hiding financial info that may negatively affect a yes vote
- Lack of transparency by the council. They must be hiding something.
- Lack of transparency with risks. City Hall can't be neutral and share the both bad and good info. No trust in City admin, mayor or council
- Lack of transparency with the bid process and the expected cost overrun. I feel our taxes to should be used of other things. o
- Lack of transparency. As shown by the limited space to comment here. There in no overall costs of City's costs provided
- Lack of transparency. I'm supposed to pay for it but all the info is kept behind closed doors. Shame on Council for this sham of democracy.
- "Lack or LRT connection to Airport, traffic on Deerfoot will be unmanageable
- Liability risks of potential debt left by games"
- Large cost to taxpayers and little to no long term benefits to the city. There are other things we should be doing with this money.
- "Large parts of the games are held outside of Calgary. What kind of benefit would that bring to the city?"
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- Also, 140 characters is too few."
- Last Olympics were a success totally due to the volunteers that made it possible and cost effective. You won't get that now!
- lasting debt
- "Leaving city in debt
- Insiders benefiting financially
- No lasting legacy"
- Leaving my children a debt that they will never be able to pay off, just the same as the \$100. million that is still owing from 1988.
- Legacy? It will be that of the pathetic fool, ignoring reality,desperate to hang on to the glory of their prosperous days=reckless spending!
- "Less government. No more hand outs. Look after our own first.
- If it makes financial sense, business will step in."
- Let's build Calgary's reputation for ALL kids having access to rec venues, fewer homeless and better understanding of mental health!!
- Let's channel those dollars and that energy into something that will benefit vulnerable populations instead of entertaining the wealthy.
- Limited city/provincial resources will be funneled into a month-long event, leaving long-lasting impacts on communities that need investment
- Limited resources spent on things with limited use after the games taking away investment for badly needed infrastructure not covered in bid
- Limited space to leave true sentiments as per usual and the mayor wont listen anyways. Stop wasting money on this abomination.
- Limited transparency by the city. High risk of exceeding budget and seems like a high spend with limited new long term infrastructure.
- Literally cannot afford it. I'll probably die from stressing about taxes before 2026 even comes.

- Little public interest in most of the winter olympic sports such as curling, bobsled, luge, skeleton, biathlon, ski jumping.
- Living through the '88 games was fun, but those were different times. We have other priorities now and should not be funding an IOC party.
- long term debt, cost overruns, taxes will go up, economy not in favour, draining taxpayer's money. spend on education health care.
- Long term debt.
- Long-term debt. Higher taxes. IOC cost escalations are legendary.
- Look at Tokyo bid, its like a crystal ball showing our future. Stop this madness and end this bid!!
- Looking at other host cities, actual costs far exceed initial estimates - we cannot afford this risk in the current economic environment.
- Looking at past games not one has not run a large deficit
- Losing money. Inability to address current needs of Calgarians
- Loss of money
- Lots of benefits but no full scale event centre no point
- Lousy cops. Lazy city workers. Dumbass councillors. Terrible schools. Cowboy culture Yes, let's show the world how great Calgary really is.
- "Low priority
- No benefits to citizens
- Increased taxes
- Corrupt IOC"
- Lying city council and cost overruns. Olympics always cost more!!
- lying councilman, not giving the public all the information, someone had to leak info for the public to hear the truth I.
- Main risk is cost overrun, and little infrastructure to show for it. We would be better off just building the "needed" infrastructure.
- Main risk is cost overrun. Calgarians already have a weaker economy and do not need more taxes. No recent olympics have been on budget!
- Maintenance and upkeep of the city not maintained or getting worse
- maintenance upkeep of infrastructure
- Major cost over runs
- Major cost overruns and the "public funding" that will have to make up for it. Calgary/Alberta's economy is already circling the drain.
- Major costs overruns are a historical fact with past Olympics. The tax payer (Calgarians) are traditionally "on-the-hook" for these costs.
- Major overrun of costs as in the previous venues problems
- Many Calgarians are struggling to make ends meet. Please consider them before an extravanza which will only last for a couple of weeks.
- Many events will not be held in Calgary, but we will be the ones paying the taxes. Most calgarians can't afford to attend.
- Many infrastructure improvement costs have not been factored in, the projected cost is very conservative and will likely be much higher.
- Mary Moran / Scott Hutchinson/IOC are rich enough. They don't need our money City is running out of money already
- Massive bill with massive cost over runs (the \$5.2 billion figure bandied about WILL grow and we will be on the hook for it).
- Massive cost on the backs of residents and little economic benefit
- Massive cost overruns

- Massive cost overruns are the most probable outcome. Pro olympic councilors - donate your pensions then come back to tax me.
- massive cost overruns as is the case with EVERY Olympics
- Massive cost overruns for future tax payers. An IOC that is untrustworthy. No economic benefits and very little infrastructure advances.
- Massive cost overruns like the previous games over the last 12 years.
- Massive cost overruns that tax payers will be responsible for.
- Massive cost overruns to host something that's essentially pointless. We can build infrastructure without massive waste on IOC nonsense.
- Massive cost overruns to satisfy the legacy projects of a select group of influencers.
- Massive cost overruns, mismanagement of resources, and corrupt officials
- Massive cost overruns. If we could run the 1988 games again I would be all for it but given recent Olympic this seems unlikely
- Massive costs overruns.
- Massive debt
- Massive debt that taxpayers have to pay... Quit spending money the city does not have during a time of crisis
- Massive debt that we cannot afford. Cost overruns are a serious issue.
- Massive losses for few legacy facilities in return. A re-run of Canada150, with ridiculous amounts of money spent on nothing.
- Massive outstanding debt
- Massive over spending with declining worldwide interest in the games. Little value to our economy long term. It's not the 80's anymore.
- Massive taxes we can't afford
- Massive unfunded debt that Calgary citizens will be burdened with.
- Massive waste of tax payer money for something we don't want! Stop this terrible idea now.
- Maybe figure out how much in a lump sum payment each Calgarian would have to pay to host the Olympics. THEN ask if they are in favor or not
- Maybe in the future but timing couldn't be worse. Even as a business owner I don't see this benefiting the median citizen.
- Mayor and council that can't figure out budget priorities from one year to the next and expect the public to believe they can pull this off.
- Mayor is confusing he didn't ask for 1B but he needed to ask that much to get full funding from the feds. Lies or incompetence? Vote NO!
- Message to city of calgary: please figure out how to collect residential garbage before you even think of hosting something like this.
- Middle aged people wanting to relive a "Cool Runnings" or "Eddie the Eagle" moment for their kids does not in anyway justify this idea.
- Minimal benefit to ordinary Calgarians.
- Minimal Value for extreme cost. and a big risk of overruns.
- Misallocation!! Put \$20 million for enhancement into EACH of 198 Calgary communities. A fraction of the cost for a two week Olympic party!!
- Mismanagement and predictable cost over runs. This has been poorly thoughtout. All funding comes from tax payers municipal, provincial, feds.
- Money
- Money and resources could be better spent.
- Money and taxes
- Money better spent on issues for the year instead of keeping elitists happy for 15 days. the 5.1 billion will undoubtedly skyrocket to 7.5 o

- Money could be better spent towards health, roads, sports and rec locally, A NEW hockey/event centre.
- Money could be much better utilized elsewhere.
- Money from federal/provincial govts would benefit more people if spent on transit instead of on refurbishing a few sport centres used by few
- Money imposed on the citizens/tax payers of Calgary. We can't afford snow plows in our city let alone the billions of \$\$\$\$ required for games
- "Money money money
- This is another example of how Nenshi refuses to LISTEN to Calgarians."
- Money should be used elsewhere in the city.
- Money should be well spent, I see nothing cash burning and short term pride.
- Money spent on facilities that will be useless to the public later like the 5000 person arena.
- Money!
- MONEY! The IOC is corrupt and tax-free. Why would we give them BILLIONS of our hard earned dollars? For what?
- Money, incompetent city officials
- Money. High taxes to pay for overrun
- Montreal paid for 30 years, Greece's Olympics impacted their economic crisis. Overall bad business
- more debt
- More debt and burden on taxpayers
- More debt than we can handle. Not give us all the facts up front. You didn't even include security in the bid which will be huge
- More debt, taxes, construction, traffic, crime & demonstrations, "make work" projects. Beneficiaries: politicians, developers, gov't staff.
- Most every bid city has backed out. Ever wonder why? They are money losing propositions. You should be ashamed of trying to scam us
- much higher taxes to fund the project
- Municipal funds are already not allocated well. Hosting the Olympics will only make things worse.
- Must have arena solution/Saddledome replacement. Critical for successful bid. still need secondary arena like dome or new small 5000!
- My biggest concern is cost. I don't want the community to have to pay billions of dollars for an expensive showcase of our city.
- My biggest concern is the funding if the city spends 3+ billion dollars to host how will that effect current infrastructure repair projects
- My complaint is we could be assisting the flames with their new arena, who create employment, help communities, charities and give back.
- My greatest concern is the fiscal impact on our city. We are not in a financial position to venture into this commitment.
- My main concern is related to the cost associated with hosting the games. I also worry about the level of security during the games.
- My property taxes are already too high and fed up with being told nowhere to save to stop them from rising. STOP FRIVOLOUS SPENDING!
- My tax dollars should not be misspent on olympics and events to which only those with enough money can afford and I cannot afford it.
- My taxes keep going up and up. You gave \$500 000 to a Vancouver company for this? I am completely disgusted with this city council.
- My taxes would increase again. For many years and that doesn't even include increases to run the city. Raise the funds don't raise taxes.

- Necessary tax increases will impact all citizens but the games will only be attendable by high income citizens.
- "Need snow plows to clean streets and sidewalks
- We pay twice for 3 bins of garbage removal
- We pay higher taxes for less services"
- Neither the province nor the city has the money to splurge on the Olympics. Our taxes are going through the roof already.
- Nenshi only wants this as a huge party for himself and on our dime. Be smart and vote NO
- Nenshi said in July the current proposed 2.5-3% tax hikes wouldn't be sufficient to prevent service cuts. Now he wants a \$5.8B boondoggle?
- Nenshi's ego is already big enough. Property taxes are already high enough and the 2026 olympics will be a drain on financial resources.
- Never has a single Olympics turned a profit, or not turned out to be a total waste/loss of billions of \$\$\$ Reality check needed.
- New builds won't sustain selves long term. Housing won't be low income. No transit line to airport.
- No
- No Arena
- no benefit just a huge debt for the taxpayer
- No benefit with no new arena or stadium.
- No benefit, huge risk of losing a colossal amount of money that would be better spent elsewhere
- No benefit, massive cost overruns and long term debt
- No benefit, the Olympics are proven as a money pit that has no benefit for the city.
- No Benefit. Biggest risk is my property taxes going up more than 20%
- No benefit. Our economy is in the dumps, basic services in this city are going down the drain and if you want more affordable housing, build
- No benefits as we've already hosted. Risk is huge just to satisfy "someone's" ego.
- No benefits for the City of Calgary hosting the Winter Olympics Verses the benefits. Local CTV Media here is a Sham for Promoting the Games
- No benefits, has City Hall lost all concept of money and the value of a dollar. You're throwing BILLIONS of dollars around like it's peanuts
- No benefits, just debt.
- "No benefits.
- We can't even help the homeless, veterans, ECT.
- We are struggling in a recession. We Need that money for the now projects."
- No benefits... only financial risk and a larger security risk.
- No bid as the provincial government's \$700 million already leaves us an additional \$300 million short of what we need. We can't afford it.
- no bid: lack of competence, taxpayer borne cost overruns, limited one-off event, council secrecy, corrupt Olympic organization/participants
- no chance of recouping what it will cost to host. Stupid idea. Our economy is bad enough.
- No confidence in complete disclosure or rigour in costs or budget.
- No confidence that the Games will be on budget, especially since we will be paying for security in many locations.
- No due to economic climate and expense (\$15B +); lack of financial data, leadership, corporate support, volunteers, truthful information.
- No hijacker. Just want some dollars to repair infrastructure in my community and not a \$15b party that most of the world has no interest in!
- No large scale venue for our horribly dated facilities, the long term housing plan is overcosted. Was on board but have changed for those 2

- No matter how much the provincial and federal government throws in the hat, it is still ALL OUR MONEY. Just say NO!
- No matter what level of government provides funding, it all comes from taxpayers. As a city, a province and country we cannot afford it!
- No money going forward for any other service our city needs
- No money to spend on this. Why there are only few cities left says it all. NOOOOOOOO
- no money, don't trust public sector to manage and will surely go well over budget. No funding info, mayor more interested in censoring costs
- No more city DEBT. Don't spend money you don't have. I as a taxpayer are not prepared to let you run up the debt any further.
- No more closed door, we have the right to know debate and express our concern.
- No new arena and no train line to the airport. Why would we spend all this money for a 2 week party. The idea is crazy. No no no
- No new arena, ZERO interest in Olympics. Calgary no longer attracts major entertainment acts so I have zero support for a one time event.
- No new Large seating capacity NHL Size arena . No Covered multi purpose Large seating capacity stadium . FINANCIAL Costs Taxpayer burden .
- No new venues which are much needed, possibility of sending events outside of Calgary, and the city is on the hook for all the overages.
- "No Olympics EVER has come in on budget!
- Where is the money coming from?
- We are broke!
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- Council & Mayor are NOT neutral!"
- No Olympics have met budget in the past 50 years. Every 1% over is \$50M+ extra on YYC taxpayers. Current budget is \$5000 per Calgarian!
- No Olympics since 1960's have come below or met budget. These figures need to be inflated by a Min of 62% (from 88' olympics) to be credible
- No one has discussed the downside risk and who will pay. What priorities will be dropped by the city in favour of Olympics
- No one in their right mind would believe the games will come in at the proposed budget. Also, the province's is far short of what is needed
- No other countries want the Olympics. Are we the only fools? The costs and the risks are much too high. The IOC should pay us!
- No plans to upgrade public transportation faster (aka trains to airport!).
- No real benefit and high costs. Stop wasting taxpayer money we don't have.
- No return on investment. Taxpayers will be clearly affected
- No stadium, no new NHL size arena, Way to much risk with very little reward, cost overruns
- No tax paying citizen benefit. Put that money to our healthcare and emergency system.
- No thanks the people of Calgary can't afford more tax hikes and costs!
- No transparency on the budget. This money should go to desperately needed infrastructure and social programs. Survival before legacy, please
- "no transparency.
- tax increases."
- No true benefit. It's risky and higher taxes are on the way
- No way the costs are worth it. The feds will only match what AB government has put forward less the cont. so \$580M. Vote NO!
- NO world citizen associates Calgary with Olympics '88. The Stampede, Rockies, Banff, Jasper are Alberta to the world.

- No, no, no .... Calgary taxpayers can't afford to throw a lavish vanity party for a bunch of elites.
- NO. I would consider saying yes, if a new arena and stadium were in the plans, then we would have something to enjoy for many years after.
- Nobody wants it! We can't afford these games!!!!
- Non-binding plebiscite? Try ignoring the will of the citizens Nenshi, I dare you
- Non-delivery of perceived benefits
- "NONE Stop wasting tax payers money on 2 well sporting event there are much better uses for our taxes
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- There are NO Benefits"
- None. The Olympics are corrupt and expensive. I have no interest in wasting tax dollars on this.
- Not a good use of funds
- Not all events will be held in Calgary/area & why should we take the financial risk. Are we the host? How much is Whistler & Edmonton paying
- Not convinced that the payout for our city's investment would be worthwhile.
- Not convinced this is the best use of +3 B. What will not be funded that our community needs? I've lost interest in the O due to corruption.
- Not enough infrastructure built nor money return.
- not enough money for the project
- Not enough public transport at the moment and very old and arenas. Be nice to see some new arenas and infrastructure being built.
- Not incorporating a new arena for the Flames and the city is a big miss. Building a small two ice surface arena has little long term benefi
- Not likely to stay below budget, security budget too low, not enough openness in bid process
- Not really sure of a "top benefit" or, aside from a twelve day party but not worth the price of years of deficit and financial burden
- Not right timing, we don't have enough infrastructure in place to address Olympics and costs too high to accommodate
- NOT submit because: 1. the lack of transparency makes me question what isn't being shared; 2. timing is NOT right due to economic downturn
- Not the right time there are more important things.
- Not worth it. Cost is too high. The Olympic organization is a big sham. Nenshi is a goof.
- Not worth the cost to tax payers and no benefit to the average Calgarian. City has not been up front or accurate with cost estimate.
- Not worth the cost to taxpayers, and only those with means will be able to attend the events.
- Not worth the financial burden.
- Not worth the money ... even were it shockingly come in on budget
- Not worth the money. There are more important things to pay for. Too much corruption in the IOC. Why do we want to get in debt?
- Not worth the time or effort
- Nothing!! The tax will take the brunt end with taxes going through the roof!! All so the mayor can have his legacy. Atrocious!
- Nothing.
- Notwithstanding suggestions of transparency, it has not been that, with insufficient financial details and unsupported "feel good" statements.
- Now is not the time to spend money we DON'T have.
- "Now is not the time.
- When our city was flourishing, that would have made sense but on the heels of an economic downturn, save our money."

- Numbers from Bid Calgary are FICTION. Manipulating us. Final costs will be determined by the IOC's demands. Do we want that control over us?
- Of course cost to the taxpayers is primary. With the province announcing today that they will assist but well below what was expected.
- Of course the Calgary Sports Tourism Authority would recommend we pursue this. It's highly biased towards their interests.
- Olympic Bid Corp and the City have dishonest in order to promote the Olympics for reasons not in the best interest of taxpayers.
- Olympic games are a huge burden on taxpayers and should be stopped
- Olympic games are economic deadbeats. Get your priorities straight! Health care improvements, public transit, homelessness, urban sprawl..
- Olympic games are never profitable. There would be considerable overspend, there always is and tax payers would be on the hook for years.
- Olympic Games are well past the best before date. They leave huge debts in their trail for the host city/country to pay the bills.
- Olympic host cities: Taxpayers largely bare the burden. Cost projections are often misconstrued and have already shown to be inaccurate.
- Olympics are a dying institution. The city kicked up a fuss about a new arena for the Flames, but they want to host a dead horse?
- Olympics are expensive. Everywhere there were Olympics, normal folks couldn't afford tickets and the facilities were just abandoned after.
- Olympics are notorious for cost overruns. City of Calgary is very poor at cost estimates.
- "Olympics HAVE NEVER made money..EVER!
- Remove funding from govt and even the 88 lost
- Way more expensive now"
- One and done not enough lasting infrastructure. I worry about the long term tax implications as a property owner.
- One simple reason; cost. The cost completely outweighs any benefit to Calgarians.
- Only benefit is for the wealthy, plebs are going to be squeezed by the influx, and then left with the inflated mess afterwards. NoStadiumROI
- Only benefits hospitality industry. Costs taxpayers money which could be used better. Last time, services were cut for general public use.
- Opposed to bid purely due to cost factor. Provincial contribution is a joke! I do not want to pay huge taxes just for show!
- Our city does not have the money for this. Pay off debt before run and games...
- Our city is facing budgeting crisis with downtown vacancy rates and looking at reallocating those property taxes to homeowners.
- Our city is not in a strong economic position. The olympics is going to drive taxes up. No one single city that hosted these games lost money
- Our country is 1 Trillion dollars in debt. It's citizens have on of the highest consumer debt ratios in the world. Stop spending!!!
- Our current economy is not strong enough for this - We have people in this province who do not have jobs right now, thousands of people.
- Our depth will be for a long time.
- Our economy has not recovered enough. If we have that kind of money we should be investing in the whole city not just olympics.
- Our economy in Calgary is poor and many are without jobs, we cannot ask these people to pay more taxes, when they are living from pay check
- Our economy is still dependant on commodities and our country, province and city (infrastructure) are all in debt. This is not prudent!

- Our economy is still struggling and people are still being laid off - including from the city. We can't keep having council increase spendin
- Our economy, destroyed by NDP and Feds who don't value our oil based economy in Alberta, has left us in no position to take on more debt
- Our family is still feeling the effects of the oil crash. How on earth can our politicians not know this! Help people here!!!
- Our money needs to be used to actually improve our city overall and not for just a week.
- Our property taxes are way too high now. We taxpayers will pay for the short fall that the Olympics are sure to leave us with.
- Our taxes are already too high, we don't need more put on us. Our roads need fixing, have you driven on 162 Ave lately?
- our taxes have gone up steadily since mayor nenshi and this council and we can't afford any more increases small business and homes.
- out of control spending, over taxation, city province and country cannot afford this
- Over \$25 billion!
- "Over run cost
- lack of transparency from city council
- spending our money on a thing which doesn't benefit us"
- Over run cost, endless years of debt
- Over the past decade , Calgary has become a very expensive place to both live & do business. I am overtaxed. I have no more to give.
- Overall contingency should be at 30%. Calgary is in financial stress. We need pipelines built. Nakiska has insufficient snow.
- Overpriced event for elite spectators only. Will add to Calgary debt. No value to Calgarians. Disruption. BUILD ARENA INSTEAD.
- overspending , no foip on bid committee, will probably mean no foip on financials afterwards.
- Overspending.
- "Past spending data is a good indicator of future performance.
- The cost vs benefit is too high. Ive been laid off and I can't afford food."
- Pay more tax which is already so high. Calgarian barely can afford
- Pay off debts first ! There is only one taxpayer and he is all tapped out!
- "Paying the debt in an environment of rising interest rates.
- Total cost estimates are usually inaccurate; actual costs are much higher."
- People are suffering financilly this is a huge expense
- People responsible for the Olympic bid will steal everything not nailed down.Anyone who voluntarily associates with the IOC can't be trusted
- people use the city resource and do pay subsidized by the Calgary tax payer. Canmore Whistler benefit give nothing. Carbon pollution garbage
- People want to meet other people of the world thru the \$15b Olympics???? Volunteer at the Calgary Airport. NO charge!!!
- "Personal reason based on volunteer participation in 1988
- I'm now a senior & do not have the energy to volunteer - this applies to my peers"
- Personally I have had to take a 35% pay cut, my husband has taken a 15% pay cut and all expenses, ESPECIALLY TAXES, have gone up.
- Personally, I don't believe that we can afford this. How about we spend that money on snow removal???
- Personally, I think the IOC is playing us. They need us to bid to not be embarrassed with lack of other bids but we wont be chosen anyways
- Please stop this nonsense, we just can't afford it

- Please stop wasting my tax dollars
- Please, do not go with this awful plan. The taxpayers' cannot afford this mess. Already taxed beyond what we can even afford, to even meet
- Police don't respond to 911 calls/break-ins. Can't drive roads - potholes/snow. Lying councillors. Corrupt IOC. Opioid/Hunger/Housing crisis
- Poor management and communication of costs and potential overruns which will be paid for by the taxpayer
- Poor return on money...
- Poorly placed priorities! let's invest in community level infrastructure and services that will benefit a greater number of local citizens!
- POORLY UNDERSTOOD COST TO TAXPAYER. DEBT.
- "Potential cost over runs. All costs are paid by Federal, Provincial and Municipal Taxpayers.
- Bad timing. The economy is down."
- Potential host cities have dropped out. We shouldn't 'win' the honour by default without major concessions from the IOC.
- Poverty and homelessness only gets worse for those during and after.
- Pretty bad when Flakey Farrell sounds responsible compared to Nenshi and the clowns
- Prioritize spending money on city problems & people - not to support the IOC! Too many live in poverty to leave the city in debt with bid!
- Probability of cost overruns is high and the City's is already demonstrating non-transparent behavior around cost categorization (bus barn).
- Projected costs seem low and funding them with money from Feds and Province will leave our children with debts at all levels of govt.
- Property taxes increase from 5 % to 7% each year. How much more will they increase when Calgary is stuck with billions in budget overruns?
- Property taxes keep going up for basic services. I don't want more taxes to pay for olympics
- Proponents of the Olympics only offer emotional platitudes because the hard numbers and logic on hosting say NO!
- Proposed budget does not consider cost overrun. Something that has been happening in every olympic for the last 30 years
- Proposed budget of \$5.2 billion seems too low, unrealistic. The draft plan offers many "potentials" that might not arise, ie ticket revenue.
- Province has confirmed today that all cost risk will be borne by the city alone.
- Province is giving less, taxes going up, basic services cut. Enough already, this needs to stop dead in its tracks. Vote NO!
- Province isn't willing to provide any form of financial guarantee to backstop Games-related costs means HUGE risk for taxpayers
- Province/IOC won't guarantee cost overruns, as BC did for Vancouver. If City financially guarantees the games taxpayers are on the hook. No!
- Provincial Funding short by 300 million. Calgary taxpayers will be forced to make up the difference. I vote NO!
- Provincial funding shortfall creates more risk for tax payers. Lack of transparency by City officials.
- Provincial rules let council hold debt worth up to twice its annual revenue, and interest rates will likely go up. Debt is not worth it
- Public budget information is deliberately inaccurate as it understates the actual cost by not using 2026 \$ when noting taxpayers money.
- Public Debt is too high already. The past 1988 Olympics in Calgary does not equal what will transpire in 2026.
- Public funds should not be spent for highly speculative benefits like this.

- Public sports venues should be designed for the average citizen to use, not just a few elite athletes.
- Purely financial, we should not be putting our money into an Olympic bid/games when as a city/province we have bigger priorities.
- Put Calgary, our city in to deeper debt when our economy is struggling.
- Put the money toward infrastructure that isn't included in this plan. Invest in schools and LRT
- Putting band-aids on old infrastructure and calling it good for \$5 billion is a waste of money. They won't stand up for the next 30 years
- Putting our city into crippling debt with cost overruns. The forecasted numbers will absolutely be lower than the actual cost.
- Putting resources (funding and time) towards the bid and games has had and will continue to have an opportunity cost for other events.
- Putting the city in even more debt due to counsel wanting their own legacy
- Pyeongchang Winter Games - 12.9B, Sochi - 51B, Vancouver ended up with \$630 million in debt. Calgary just 3B? No overruns? Good joke!
- Question to Council: How much have the taxpayers spent to date on ramming thru this reckless bid? Answer is probably in hidden/redacted file!
- Quit wasting our money you idiots. You have spent too much already and for some reason it all has been done with no public accounting.
- Quit winning and dining yourselves and your fellow corrupt city staff with our money. OUT WITH YOU ALL.
- Raised taxes.
- raises in taxes, the updating of the old facilities. this will cost this city a LOT. money will be taken from the people with little enough
- Raising taxes to pay for something that will not bring much profit back. Forecasting profit is never a good way to run a city.
- Rather see \$3 billion invested in our infrastructure
- Really dumb idea... where is the money coming from? It is things like this that give rise to Trumpism... just my opinion.... but there is a
- Recent Olympic Games have nearly all resulted in cost overruns and revenue shortages. The risk is very high.
- Redirecting money from improving essential services and quality of life for all Calgarians to materializing our own athletic Fitzcarraldo.
- Reduced investment in other Council priorities or City lines of service. Plus many host cities lose money and go into debt to host the games
- Relies on too much taxpayer money.
- Reputation: why would we invite a crooked organization (IOC) and a bunch of foreign cheats (drugs) to our home?!
- Requiring spectators and workforce to use public transit during the Games: Is this achievable without the full Green Line?
- Research on major events like Olympics find that costs are always higher than advertised
- Research on major events like the Olympics find that benefits are always over-estimated, that long term gain for the community falls short
- Ridiculous cost that benefits select few. Corruption and cronyism shouldn't rule municipal decisions (hahahahah).
- Ridiculous cost, huge risk.
- Risk - it's not in the best interest of Calgary residents. We need to rebuild our economy not waste money on Olympics games.
- Risk - Sure that our taxes will go substantially up. This year mine went up \$100 per month. I can't afford more. That is the only reason.

- Risk - tax increases for little benefit (except for politicians and developers) when so many Calgarians are struggling already
- Risk is a Withdrawal of much better needed services only to favor an ego of a limelight to Olympics
- risk is cost burden too high. total costs not defined. cost overruns for sure. increased tax burden on city when unemployment very high
- Risk is cost. Already \$500,000 has gone to Vancouver for context research. Adverts are running at an additional cost before the vote.
- Risk is financial, especially with the recent halt to the pipelines. or put the money from transfer payments to the olympics
- Risk is putting our city in financial trouble for decades for very little benefit other than 2 1/2 weeks of fun. We simply cannot afford it.
- Risk is we do not show the world how awesome we are. Get the Invictus Games - how about the first Winter Invictus Games? Or the X Games?
- Risk of cost overruns and tax burden unacceptable
- Risk of cost overruns are too high.
- Risk of cost overruns are too high.
- Risk of games that will have too be paid for over number of years
- Risk of huge tax burden on Calgarian, Albertan and Canadian citizens. If the UCP is elected in the spring expect massive service cuts.
- Risk of long term debt...we cannot afford this
- Risk of losing millions of taxpayer dollars in infrastructure that will be rarely used.
- Risk of losing money.
- Risk of pulling money away from community groups and capital needs. Burden on taxpayer: local, provincial and federal. Benefits dubious.
- Risk of way too much money spent that could be used elsewhere. Education, environment and health
- Risk outweighs cost benefit
- Risk the Cost of the games
- "Risk vs Reward is to great.
- Only agree if tax payer (at all levels of government) dollars are not required."
- Risk vs. Reward on this one is not looking favorable based on previous games
- Risk we do not have the funds to proceed
- Risk. Alberta is broke. Build an arena.
- Risk: Cost, cost, cost, at a time we cannot afford it.
- Risk: IOC not adequately addressing issues on doping & sexual assault; maxing debt ratio; Olympics not magic bullet 4 generating business
- Risk: Not aware of anyone on Bid Calgary who has addressed the key question: WHY HAVE ALMOST ALL THE OTHER INTERESTED CITIES DROPPED OUT???
- "Risk: security costs
- Risk: still a lot of ""may impact"". This is not a business plan
- Benefit: continue to support athletes afterwards"
- Risk: Wasting far more money that we have on a party for rich people; propping up the ioc's corruption.
- Risk: will never get a return or recover the costs of the games
- Risk-City approves amidst the overwhelming no sentiment and Calgary gets branded most unfriendly host city as citizens don't engage in games
- Risks and numbers have been secretly hidden by council and Nenshi. We will lose huge \$ on these games. Would rather have schools/hospitals.
- Risks do not justify the cost of a bid or hosting the games.

- Risks include security in general and escalating costs, which are 99% likely. Those costs are unquantifiable.
- risks very high. Risk is the cost. The govs contribs will be max contribs so unknown balance by Calgary, which is huge. Calgary struggling
- Risks. Squandering taxpayers monies. Council is hiding information. Secret meetings for their own agend."Lying by ommission" is the saying
- Risky use of tax \$\$
- Running massive debts is a problem.
- Saddled with additl taxes for years to pay for The Emperor's new clothes.
- Sadly Calgary taxpayers cannot afford to pay for these games-there will be civic, federal & provincial tax increases to pay for the games.
- Same old Olympic tale, costs outweigh benefits. I'm a sports fan but Council and our Mayor need to focus on the necessities.
- Say NO to corruption. Look at IOC & WADA leniency toward Russian CHEATERS. Olympian Beckie Scott resigned to bring attention to this!
- "Security
- The business of the city with all the tourists and Olympic people. The traffic jams, the lineups, the stress."
- Security and costs to taxpayers
- Security and increased traffic
- Security cost and dangers
- Security costs are grossly understated - the risk of a huge deficit at this time is unwarranted - the cost of the new arena is not there
- Security costs are outrageous and will be far more than you are currently budgeting.
- security costs, lack of legacy infrastructure for Calgarians such as CTrain lines/arena, BC benefits from ski jump (tourism) at our cost
- Security costs, overruns, overall not a priority in this economic environment (shouldn't trump other community projects/programs).
- Security risks, cost estimates appear far too low so the risk of spending more than what is being budgeted is far too high
- Security. Lifestyle disruption. Cost. Unneeded. Better ways to get new arena & low cost housing. Better ways to increase city profile.
- See the documentary "Icarus"; the Oplympics are corrupt at the highest level. We as Canadians need to address this corruption by boycotting.
- Seriously, how many have gone to the following BECAUSE OF THE OLYMPICS: Sochi, Rio, Pyongcheng, Beijing, Innsbruck, Turin, Athens, Nagano????
- "Should be better use of tax payer dollars especially with this struggling economy
- Minority of people will continue to use these facilities"
- Should not be contemplating frivolous spending on a corrupt org like IOC when we are looking at service cuts and tax increases ourselves.
- should not because of ageing and the need for new infrastructure. Snow removal on residential roads. Programs to help the homeless get off th
- Should not go into deep debt for a sporting event when public services funding will likely be cut (i.e. healthcare, education).
- Should not submit a bid because the price always escalates and the benefits are minimal at taxpayers expense
- Should not submit a bid for the Olympics. No tax increases for Calgarians....
- "Significant cost overrun and debt for Calgary taxpayers and future generation.
- Corruption and bullying (see Beckie Scott comments) by IOC"

- "Significant cost overruns, as I don't believe the \$5.3 billion budget.
- Major property tax increases for Calgary property owners."
- Significant cost to city, province and federal governments for 2 weeks; \$ needed elsewhere; city cannot cope as-is with low tax revenue
- Significant financial risk for the average tax payer who is already burdened with 3 levels of government taxes during uncertain times
- Significant increase in taxes and we know the cost of the olympics will be way over budget than what is reported. VOTING NO.
- significant risk of unknown cost overruns resulting in significant risk of higher taxes. NO you cannot place this potential risk on us
- Simply cost is too much with no guarantee the costs will be even more than suggested. Risk not worth the potential rewards.
- Simply too expensive with very limited benefits.
- "Since the 1960s, 19 Olympics have gone over budget, averaging 156% cost overruns during these games.
- There is no money for this."
- Skyrocketing property taxes to pay for the games when they inevitably go way over budget.
- So many other priorities for the healthy future of this city. The Olympics are not what they used to be. No panache or class anymore just \$\$
- So many people struggling to ever increasing taxes and utilities. We don't need this. We can't afford this. We don't want this. Hear us now!
- So much financial risk. Too bad Spenshi hasn't done one days hard work in his life. No real cost has been given yet. Go Mr Chu!
- So the city can't assist low income citizens with water bills, but we can allocate \$35Mil to 'explore' a bid. Shameful. Wasteful. Corrupt.
- "Soaring costs for the Tokyo Olympics
- <https://globalnews.ca/news/4531547/tokyo-olympics-2020-costs-increase/>
- "YYC can't afford cost overruns"
- Spend more on infrastructure- better transit that connects nw to se. we also need better roads that are potholes and snow free.
- Spend the money on affordable housing and relieving child hunger. No child should go hungry in this province of plenty.
- Spending all this money for a 2 week event is crazy. A month after the event is over, it is all but forgotten by the world.
- Spending beyond Calgary's and taxpayers' means. Be an example of good government and not a lesson in foolish decision making.
- Spending money Alberta and Calgary does not have as well as how corrupt the olympic organization has become. Definitely a NO vote for me.
- Spending money calgary does not have on events that will be overbudget, so the mayor and Councilors can think they did some great job.
- Spending money it doesn't have on things that it doesn't need.
- Spending money you do not have and that taxpayers are NOT willing to voluntarily make available to an event that only benefits select sector
- Spending taxpayer money to host the Olympic Games is unacceptable. If is better spent improving the infrastructure.
- Spending tax-payer's money to create a spectacle for the well-heeled is unconscionable.
- Spending this kind of money to relive The Glory Days of 1988 is irresponsible and Reckless. There are other things that need attention first
- Spendshi just wants the Olympics so he can spend spend spend!!

- Stop borrowing from the future to pay for the now. Few Olympic Games have paid off for their host cities.
- Stop trying to buy a Cadillac when a large portion of your community can barely put food on the table or a roof over their heads.
- Stop with this waste of money. Just seen the ads in favour of the games, how about a shot of realism and information about the true cost.
- stressing an already fragile economy, instead of focusing on problematic healthcare and social services for people in tough scenarios
- Stupid venue locations??? Whistler?? High cost!!!
- Supporting a corrupt global institution ( IOC), spending money we do not have at all levels of government ( Federal, Provincial & Mu)
- Supporting an Olympic bid is not an economic priority and shows gross economic negligence  
Feedback constrained to 140 characters Transparency!
- Sure were going to have public funding and this and that but it's still going to cost Calgary almost 500 million and we don't need the debt
- Take back from City Hall some control of taxes for you, your kids and grandkids! VOTE NO ON THIS FISCAL INSANITY!!
- Tax burden on population
- Tax dollars and City Councilor time should not be spent frivolously when many business and individuals are suffering in these economic times
- Tax dollars earmarked to be spent in an unstable economy. Empty high rises downtown could already mean increased taxes for residents
- Tax dollars going to corporations to build buildings that aren't completely free for the public to use.
- Tax dollars need to be on immediate benefits to our City. Priorities need to be re-evaluated. Not taxing our future generations.
- Tax funded party for VIPs and the elites, where Joe Taxpayer won't have access to events or ceremonies? 25 years of debt after? HARD PASS.
- tax increase
- Tax increase... again?!?! How about you cancel this terrible bid idea and do the citizens of Calgary a financial favor
- Tax increases
- Tax increases and wasted money are non beneficial to the community and security becomes a concern.
- "Tax increases. I'm unemployed, just like 10% of Calgarians.
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- Get your priorities in order."
- Tax money should be used more responsibly and the city budget used for longer term investments to support local businesses.
- Tax payers from Alberta and Canada will be paying the biggest portion of the bill. We do not get a say. Taxation without representation.
- Tax payers money they will have better use for other projects. Cost overruns.
- Tax would increase by far and we need to spend money wisely. Return is not great as compared to what we spend.
- Taxes
- TAXES
- "Taxes already are increasing without this added expense.
- Sharing with other cities takes away even the few benefits that come with tourism"
- taxes and utility bills are already high and we need to fix Our infrastructure first

- Taxes are already increased. Why should the city/province take on more debt in our current and uncertain economy
- Taxes are already too high for average Calgarians.
- Taxes are too high already use the money to help lower taxes
- Taxes are too high already. We do not need more debt.
- Taxes from all orders of government will likely go up to pay for funding the Olympics. Calgarian taxpayers will be hit at all 3 levels.
- Taxes high already , expenses for new pot oversight aren't even taken into account yet, high vacancy rates downtown erodes tax base.
- Taxes in Calgary are already too high! (You really have to ask?)
- "Taxes will increase too much, and they are already too high.
- No useful infrastructure (no new arena for example)."
- Taxpayer funded Calgary2026 is lowballing thier estimate at 5.2b. More likely to be double or triple that amount. Not good!
- Taxpayers are already overburdened with overspending by our elected officials. Already too much has been spent on this. Time to stop it.
- Taxpayers are already stretched to the limit. More costs for Governments with little tangible returns is a bad decision.
- Taxpayers are funding all 3 levels of government and we cannot afford this extravagant waste of money.
- "Taxpayers cannot afford to pay for the Olympics.
- That includes, Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels of government. No no no"
- Taxpayers can't afford to host the games!!
- Taxpayers lose more than they gain. It puts Calgary on the map as a terrorist target.
- Taxpayers on the hook, moving Vic Park bus depot, renewed talks for a "Venue", cost overruns, minimal benefit seen after games are over
- Taxpayers pay \$billions in costs and assume all the risk while the IOC pockets the \$billions in TV revenues. I vote no!
- taxpayers should not be burdened with supporting the Olympics this time. In 1988 affordable housing & the opioid crisis was a non issue.
- Taxpayers subsidizing a corrupt organization (IOC)
- Temporary "boom" to our economy won't help in the long run. If it were 100% revenue neutral off the bat then fine, but we're guessing rn.
- Terrible amount of money to spend. Every city that horses Olympics ends up in huge debts and regretting hosting.
- Terrorist threats and financial
- That it is going to cost a lot more than we are being told and that we are not getting all the details of the cost.
- That many of the associated costs will be handed to the taxpayer and the final budgets for a large portion have not been completed. (arts)
- That the citizens of Calgary will be on the hook for billions, and our taxes are too high now
- that we are going to be stuck with with a huge debt because a bunch of politicians want to get there name emblazoned on a plaque
- The infrastructure built as a legacy does not equal the dollars invested. There will be no arena built.
- The "88 games made money, these will not. It is an inefficient use of money that doesn't exist. Only athletes benefit from this "legacy"
- The \$1.7B that is being invested into refurbishing and creating new venues is not a right approach for to grow Calgary's economy.

- The 1988 Olympics gave us a number of legacy infrastructure projects (LRT to Brentwood); 2026 bid appears devoid of these types of projects
- The 3 billion dollars that we need, from the city, from the province, and federal. Where does that money come from. It is from the taxpayer
- The "no" votes on here hijacked? Has the City ever considered that most of the people in Calgary do NOT want to go ahead with the Olympics?
- The above poll indicates that citizens are overwhelmingly going to say no to wasting this money when it could be used for MUCH better uses
- the age of the volunteers in 1988 prohibits them from doing so again - society has changed - people do not volunteer as they once did -
- The Alberta economy is not stable or strong enough yet to be taking on such a big investment with such a small return.
- The amount of money required to hold an event that won't support long term jobs or the right size scale of money generating venues is a lot.
- The amount of money that has been spent on just exploring making a bid is excessive and the process is much too secretive.
- The amount of money to pay for the olympics is astronomical. We simply cannot afford it with the %40 property tax increases since nenshi
- The amount spent on facilities for the games could be spent on developing an "Ice District similar to Edmonton.
- The amounts of trash, people and the costs going along with everything is too much. The games don't benefit the average Calgarian
- The argument that there will be a tourist increase post Olympics is one of the many FALSE claims made Calgary2026 to get a yes. VOTE NO!
- The arrogance of council members, poor transparency, & downplaying potential costs are recipes for failure. No more tax hikes. No Olympics!
- The athletes are all on steroids and the games are a sham. The cost is too high for the reward.
- The benefit is that the Olympics are great fun - I was here in '88. The downside is that it is far too much money for a great party.
- The benefit of the hosting the Olympic is not able to balance the cost. The police of calgary has not capacity to protect the public.
- The benefits simply do not outweigh the financial risks. We can make better choices with our money.
- The bid doesn't include train connection to the airport, so it's useless. Pandering to the taxi mafia.
- The bid has not been transparent enough about the estimated costs.
- The biggest risk is not knowing the facts due to the lack of openness from city council...meetings do not belong behind closed doors.
- The bow valley is already overcrowded with astronomical housing issues and this is without much foreign interest or investment.
- The budget as presented is woefully inadequate.
- The budget is unaffordable , which will impact calgary's Enconomy for decades and most of the cost will be on the public who're in deep debt
- The chance that the costs will escalate and cause economic hardship to the residence of the city of Calgary
- The citizens of Calgary will be required to pay the money that the city will lose on these games. Focus on keeping our NHL team here.
- The city and province can not afford the Olympics at this time. We need a stable and strong economy to be able to host and we do not.
- The city and the Mayor are blatantly understating the costs and overstating the potential benefits.
- The City and the taxpayers cannot afford it. How is the City going to finance this - increasing taxes. No, we cannot afford it.

- The City C, Calgary is lead by arrogance! Residential snow removal is long overdue! No more excuse! Get your priorities in order.
- The city can not afford the luxury of hosting the games The gains of a few do not outweigh the needs of the many!
- The city can't afford this and the burden on taxpayers would be too high. The money would be better spent on snow removal, transit, etc.
- The City cannot afford this at this time. The Olympic budgets are never accurate. The final cost is always over budget.
- The city cannot afford this without creating a huge financial burden for the future.
- The city cannot even organize the financing on time, and in the appropriate amount how will it manage the olympics on time and on budget
- The city cant afford to bid or host. Calgary is still in a deep recession. Tax revenue is down due to business closures and unemployment.
- "The City can't afford to staff it's corporation/ employees appropriately.
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- Just look at the lack of & loss of quality services in YYC"
- The city council process has not been transparent and the fact yyccc budget is being released after the vote is extremely sneaky.
- The City has a big debt, trains are not working properly, infrastructures are old, bridges are old. Roads collapse when we have snow.
- The city has a habit of over spending and I believe they would do it again costing taxpayers for years to come.
- The city has already made bad budget choices in the modern art program. That money should have gone into support Calgary Transit infrastru
- The city has already realized most of the positive community impact by hosting the 1988 Olympics. Hosting again will have neglible utility.
- The City has an ugly track record of over-spending and misusing funds. This will hurt the Citizens more than benefit them.
- The city has been far to secretive when it comes to the finances and other items for this bid, not all costs are known.
- The city has failed to communicate WHO is liable for picking up the tab, should the 2.2 billion IOC portion not be met.
- The City has greatly underestimated the costs of this boondoggle. Look at how much Tokyo has gone over budget!
- The City is broke. The Province is broke. The Country is broke. There is only one taxpayer. We CAN NOT AFFORD IT.
- The City is stating money is tight in all other areas. You don't redecorate your house when you're having trouble putting food on the table.
- The city is still suffering from the economic downturn which has been compounded by carbon taxes and increased minimum wage. Can't afford it
- The city is underestimating the cost, taxpayers shouldn't be funding pro level sports. I also don't feel the city is very transparent here
- The city leaders have been outted for hiding some of costs of this misadventure. What other costs and information are they hiding?
- The city needs infrastructure for ALL citizens, not just the elite. The costs are gravely underestimated.
- The city needs to get it's priorities straight...26 million just to submit a bid come on there are far better places here more in need.
- The city of Calgary (and Alberta) is struggling economically and cannot afford such a expensive event. The olympics ALWAYS goes overbudget!
- The City of Calgary and it's taxpayers cannot afford massive expenditures like this at this time.

- The City Of Calgary can not complete building one bus stop within a year. What chance do we have at building venues for the Olympics?
- the City of Calgary faces financial short falls, tax rates have increase every year and services are being cut - we cant afford it
- The city of calgary has spent over 10 million on this boondoggle already. All decisions in this have been from behind closed doors.
- The city of Calgary is incapable of doing anything quickly. We can't even get a simple transit line built in under 25 years.
- The City of Calgary's limited resources must be managed to serve our citizens, particularly those who are vulnerable, not elite athletes.
- "The city should not bid on the Olympics We can't afford the games.
- Calgary has nearly 9% unemployment and 23 % office vacancies."
- The city will lose money and our taxes will go up.
- The city, province and country have far too much debt already! The contributions from all levels of government come from taxpayers.
- The city, the province and the federal government are all deeply in debt. We cannot afford to host them. Money could be better spent
- "The cost
- Lack of intergrity of the mayor."
- The cost & the city's infrastructure which leaves much to be desired- especially transit.
- The cost analysis is vague & likely understated. I don't believe that the benefits outweigh the costs associated with this bid.
- The cost and expectations that the IOC implement are too high and unreasonable. There's a reason so few cities take interest in hosting.
- The cost as would be incurred by 2026 is grossly underestimated. There are more important priorities.
- The cost estimate for the games is far too low. I could see the final costs of the games did proceed to be at least double the \$5.3b
- The cost far out ways any potential income. It is way TOO EXPENSIVE. That money can be better used elsewhere. Too much spent already!!
- The cost for generations to come. Taxes so high, our children won't be able to afford to live here. (Eg: Vancouver)
- The cost for this won't help Calgary's future. It will have negative affect on city development.
- The cost greatly exceeds the benefit. City council is asking tax payers to cough up money for a 2 week party when we badly need it elsewhere
- "The cost implications
- Influx in tourists; taxing on transportation system
- Environmental damages"
- The cost involved with hosting an Olympics can often run over budget
- The cost is far too high to the taxpayers, we have too much debt as it is.
- The cost is going to be astronomical. The money should be put towards improving infrastructure, not a short term cash grab.
- The cost is just too high and too much for tax payers with little payoff. If we were getting a new arena there would be at least a benefit
- The cost is not worth it. The games will be over budget and general tax paying citizens will not receive any benefit just increased taxes.
- The cost is prohibitive in a province in debt. And a country in debt
- "The cost is prohibitive, Olympic Games are never profitable.
- you are not replacing the saddle dome."

- the cost is too high to host a games. I don't think it's fair for any Canadian to pay to host these games with the corruption and doping.
- The cost is too great. The cost overruns that other host cities have incurred are crippling those cities' finances, sometimes for decades.
- The cost is too high and I do not want any association with the corrupt IOC
- The cost is too high. Don't burden the tax payers with more.
- The cost is too high. The city could better spend money advertising to fill empty office space, and helping to find jobs for the unemployed.
- The cost is too much to host, plus there is no pay back from hosting.
- The cost is unreasonable with the economy as it is. We will be paying for it on our taxes for many years to come. FAR TOO RISKY to proceed!
- The cost is way too high!
- "The cost might be too high."
- There are a lot of work/improvement to do with the city now, the public transit, the schools, recycling, etc"
- The cost of any olympic games has become far too high. The province has allocated 700 million when 20 billion+ will be needed. Too expensive
- The cost of Games-related infrastructure maintenance post-Games may take public money away from other projects and programs long after 2026.
- The cost of hosting and where the funding will come from are very concerning.
- The cost of hosting the olympics is too expensive. It's better to use the existing taxes to get better equipment for the transits.
- The cost of it all worries me. If those funds are available they should be used on schools, infrastructure, and maintaining tax rates.
- The cost of the games exceeds the benefit of the games. The IOC makes bidding on the games too expensive for all taxpayers.
- The cost of the games is unreasonable.
- The cost of the games, once all funding is in place, leaves an enormous amount for the citizens of Calgary. Also do not trust IOC
- The cost outweighs any benefit we MAY see. Too risky at this point in our economy. Money would be better spent on transit & infrastructure
- The cost outweighs the benefits.
- The cost outweighs the benefits.
- The cost over runs
- The cost over runs will be significant and they will outweigh any proposed economic benefit.
- The cost overruns that host cities incur can cripple a city's finances for many, many years.
- The cost overruns will increase my taxes. There are always overruns. Olympics will provide No benefits for my family
- The cost put forward is in today's dollars. No consideration for inflation and compounded costs. 5.2 billion today may be 8 to 9 billion
- The cost risk is huge especially since the province won't help with any cost over runs. I'd rather spend money directly on community service
- The cost seems grossly underestimated and the proportion of overall public cost is much too high. There is no tangible benefit presented.
- The cost to all taxpayers. Calgary has many other problems that need attention and money. People are homeless and hungry everyday.
- The cost to citizens; with eventual funds to pay the cost having to come from the citizens. Gov'ts have only sketchy contributions defined.

- The cost to host the Olympics are far too high. “’88 was fun but financially it is completely different these days.
- The cost to the city is too large, and we are not even upgrading the Saddledome or McMahon.
- The cost to the City was \$500 million, now \$800 million but the key is that the City will absorb "all" the cost overruns which may be \$3.2 B
- The cost to the public is insane, virtually no Olympic Games has ever earned money, and most are double if not triple over budget
- The cost to the public is unconscionable. The IOC has proven to be one of the most corrupt organizations in the world.
- The cost will be over \$5B
- The cost will not outweigh the benefits. If infrastructure projects need to be undertaken, they should, without spending to host Olympics
- The cost with the olympics could balloon over budget.... Calgary is not in a financial position to do any big projects like this right now.
- The cost would be too much. Income levels for the majority of people in Calgary are low. People can not afford to assume part of the cost
- The cost! We can't afford these Olympics! Look at the people out of work and the businesses that closed! Who will pay for cost overruns?!
- The cost. It's an absolutely massive spend that should be spent on a sustainable job program. Not a short term one.
- The cost. In a recession we are already struggling to pay our taxes.
- The costs are far too high and the risk of even higher cost is far too great. We simply cannot afford it in these economic conditions!
- The costs are not fully disclosed or possibly properly assessed. There is no data suggesting that there will be an economic benefit.
- The costs are prohibitive in this day and age. Security alone will bankrupt us. “’88 was phenomenal, but we are in a different world now.
- The costs are too high and will go higher. No matter which level of government puts up the money it still comes out of my pocket.
- The costs are too variable and the return is marginal at best. Put the money directly toward infrastructure.
- "The costs are understated
- The revenues are overstated
- Lack of transparency
- This is a vanity project for the Mayor"
- The costs far outweigh the benefits. If it could be more privately funded then maybe.
- The costs from Japan came in at more than 5 times the estimates shared here, in 2018 dollars, angry mayor shows sneaky dishonesty in bid inf
- the costs to host the games are staggering with minimal economic benefit to the citizens of Calgary who hold all the risk.
- The costs to the taxpayers at all 3 levels of government are too highest. no other city in the world wants these games!
- The costs will far exceed the benefits (short-term and long-term).
- The costs will outweigh any benefits
- The COSTS, The Federal and Provincial debt is out of control, they will have to borrow the money, the negative impact on the environment.
- The costs, the poor history of the IOC to manage its budget, the unpredictability of the cost of Security. A huge debt for my children.
- The country is broke, the province is broke, the city is broke. Quit acting like a bunch of kids in a toy store with daddies credit card.

- The current cost projection is completely unrealistic. The low ball estimate is not an honest or impartial estimate.
- The current council loves to spend spend spend. Enough already. How about spending money on buses that won't get stuck in the first snow.
- The current infrastructure of the city needs a lot of improvement. Major roads like the Deerfoot needs upgrading just to name a few.
- The debt we will gain from hosting the games. Which 25-30% of will actually be in Calgary, and the rest hosted across Alberta.
- The discourse is dishonest, and I bet even this 'survey' will be used to mine data and demographics to try to sell us on this plan.
- The economic and environmental costs of the Games and the lack of attention to other things the city needs such as more transit.
- The economic cost is too much more than we would otherwise judge as a good investment in these facilities. The fame/tourism will not last.
- The economy is not in a position to support these games. I'm not prepared to pay by way of increased taxes. The IOC is untrustworthy
- The economy is nothing like it was last time. Every level of government is in DEEP debt. Give your head a shake -- wake up.
- The effort to recover our economy to date has been extremely slow and it does not seem feasible for it to be recovered enough by 2026.
- The environmental concern is high for wildlife and habitats around COP. Paskapoo slopes has already seen a reduction in its protected space.
- The estimate of the cost is completely unreal. City council is keeping too many things secrets. Why would we pay for events held elsewhere
- The estimated cost of hosting the Olympic games will be too much on local taxpayers to bear.
- The estimated costs for the Olympics that the city has provided is far too low, as well as the contingency.
- "The estimated security costs are way too low.
- There is no way that it will be like the first time we hosted it, the world has changed."
- The expense will be massive and we can't afford the tax increase required. The economic benefit will not help those who will pay the bill.
- The facilities left over from the games will be positive for Canadian athletes. Risk is higher taxes.
- The fact council has tried to hide the facts from the public, is a definite no. Remember when Nenshi ran on a platform of transparency?
- The fact that city council won't release our consequential budget until after the pleb says it all. THIS BID WILL HURT CALGARIANS.
- The fact that city council has already been caught hiding costs from the taxpayers is reason enough for any responsible person to vote no
- The fact that Nenshi actively hides council bid information from the public means I cannot trust the information. Security costs?
- The fact that the council chose to intentionally hide the true cost ensures they can not be trusted. I am not willing to have my taxes climb
- The federal and provincial governments would be using debt dollars . We are broke and I don't want to add this to the children.
- The Federal Government is broke. The Province is broke. The City is well on the way to being broke. Financially irresponsible to bid.
- The federal, provincial, and civic governments all rely on taxpayer dollars to do the work that is necessary to keep our culture and service
- The financial burden and likely risk of overruns is too great. There are more important priorities and needs in this city. No to the Games.

- The financial burden to host the Olympics is not worth it
- The financial burden to the City will be too great. I do not want my grandchildren to be saddled with the debt.
- The financial cost is outrageous. the Olympic games do not make money, and it's unfair to the taxpayers to burden them with the debt.
- The financial cost is the biggest risk. The estimated figures will inevitably be too low- who and how will they be covered?
- The financial cost that would be borne by the residents of Calgary would continue for over 20 years in order to pay for a 2 week elite party
- The financial costs and risks are too high. We have other urban priorities such as low income housing that need our attention
- The financial costs of this will weigh heavily on future Calgary tax payments. Just the \$5.2B cost in 2018 after adjustment will be higher
- The financial costs will be too high, and I think that it is unreasonable to think that the Olympics can be hosted for under \$6 billion
- The financial risk is too high with hidden agendas & costs supporting a corrupt IOC and Mayor.
- The financial risk of aiding and abetting an organization as corrupt as the IOC is sheer lunacy.
- The financial risk of dealing with a corrupt IOC is unlimited. I see this as nothing but a personal agenda for the mayor.
- The financial risk to the taxpayers is too great. It is unrealistic to expect that sound estimates today for what could be happen by 2026.
- The financial risks are unacceptably high and the add-ons from City Council and administration aren't included.
- The games are a waste and of no benefit given the economy and issues calgarians face. Stop wasting taxpayer money and work on real Prioritie
- The games have become a commercial disaster as well as a security nightmare. The costs will be much higher than expected with little return
- The games have historical gone way over budget, the olympics are corrupt and it a vanity project for our egotistical mayor
- The Games themselves are outdated. Virtually every sport has a international governing body, and "global" competitions happen yearly.
- The Games will be at the expense of other priorities for Calgary, including infrastructure and transportation.
- The games will cost more than the amount stated and the tax payers do not want it. 8 or 9 people out of 10 that I have talked to say no
- The games will cost too much and tourists are annoying. Plus not all of the games would be held in Calgary despite the price tag.
- The Games will go over whatever budget is forecast - that is the experience of every recent Games. They are too expensive!
- The Games would be great, but not at the current taxpayer cost
- The games would put the people of Calgary in debt. I have no interest in seeing my taxes go towards something that could overwhelm the city.
- The GoA just announced they will contribute a max of \$700M & will NOT cover revenue shortfalls or cost overruns ~ YYC taxpayers @ \$\$\$ risk!
- The greatest risk is financial. I'm concerned that City funds might be diverted away from services (e.g, road clearing and maintenance).
- The greatest risk is the Increase to the debt borne by all levels of government and is not good use of limited tax dollars.
- The greatest risks are cost overruns. Tokyo olympics are projected to cost at least \$25B. Even half that amt would be almost a 300% overrun

- The high cost to host & run the games will not be good for the future of Calgarians. History shows this.
- The history of Olympic Games hosting is one of consistent overspending and substantial financial losses. We can't afford the risk.
- The history of the Olympic Games, only two host cities didn't end up in debt. Why is this any different?
- The huge tax load which I will have to take on to pay for the games.
- The impact that the games will have on the economy in the future will be negative regardless of how you look at it, the games have changed.
- The increased cost to tax payers and our city that is still recovering from the past few years. We have empty skyscrapers & office buildings
- The information is too wishy washy, very confusing and no clear dollar amount of the actual costs
- The infrastructure benefit for cost isn't there. To do it right there should be a replacement for the Saddledome and McMahon and Ctrain.
- The Initial Cost and highly probable Cost Overruns. There are reasons why other cities have dropped out of this hosting race.
- The investment is a waste of resources which could be spent improving economic output. Also, condo development is harming condo owners.
- The IOC and its various ISO's are top-heavy, corrupt organisations, and doping continues to be rampant. We should not support this system.
- The IOC are corrupt elitists who like to live it up on the public dime. I saw that in the 1988 games. Olympics is a waste of time & money
- The IOC has been proven to be a corrupt organization, and regardless of how badly I'd love to see the olympics here again, I will not support
- The IOC has been shown to be corrupt. Witness the recent WADA fiasco with Russia. Two, cost estimates are historically unreliable.
- The IOC has proven itself to be a corrupt organization - we should not be supporting their agenda
- The IOC has proven over and over that they are very corrupt. not interested in supporting them on any level. I will actively denounce this
- The IOC is a bunch of thieving dirtbags and this will bankrupt our already hurting city. The WTI - WCS disparity is going to HAMMER Calgary.
- The IOC is a cartel that travels the world fleecing tax payers out of billions of dollars. Leaving the host city with massive debt.
- The IOC is a corrupt and despicable organization. Hosting the Olympics will cost the calgary taxpayer BILLIONS of dollars. NO!!
- The IOC is a corrupt organization and needs to change how the Olympics are presented - too much debt and waste. Pick permanent places.
- The IOC is a corrupt organization that has lost its core reason for being. There is no benefit for Calgary in being part of an Olympics.
- The IOC is a corrupt organization that we should not be supporting with our tax dollars.
- The IOC is a corrupt organization. Spending money on a big party is asinine given current economic conditions.
- The IOC is a corrupt organization. The cost forecast is ridiculously low. There are costly infrastructure projects that are not included.
- The IOC is a morally corrupt organization. There are hundreds of other ways to bring economic and cultural boosts to our province and city.
- The IOC is an infamously corrupt organization. Hosting Olympics has been costly and left lingering negative issues in other cities.
- The IOC is an objectionable organization.
- The IOC is an un reputable and corrupt organization.

- The IOC is corrupt and we should not be getting in bed with them again!
- the IOC is corrupt.
- The IOC is demonstrably corrupt. There is little transparency to date. It will go over budget and increase my taxes.
- The IOC is knowingly corrupt, the costs are ridiculous, and the probability of an overall economic benefit to the city is zero.
- The IOC is not a trustworthy organization. We do not have the support of major companies that we had in 1988. We are broke!!
- The is saddled with a huge bill that only benefits the Olympic organization and nothing for the future of Calgary except a massive debt.
- The known cost is too much and no one knows for sure where the cost will eventually end up.
- The known costs will raise everyone's property taxes, the unknown cost will exacerbate this even more. This is entirely unacceptable.
- The lack of Airbnb municipal bylaws creates a risk to inflated property values. Risk losing "affordability" and community fabric near venues
- The lack of proper evidence that this would ever help the economy. It seems like a waste of money that will cripple us with debt.
- The lack of transparency in cost, and unexpected increases, will have a major impact on the taxpayers
- The lack of transparency throughout the Calgary results in an inability to measure outcomes -- like all other Olympics.
- The likelihood that the cost will keep increasing is a huge risk.
- The local, prov, fed governments have lost the confidence of the people. To much wining and dining at lavish extremes on our tab.
- the main reason that i am opposed the games is that I think that there is many better ways to spend our money at this time.
- the main risk is the cost to tax payers, the capital cost of \$1.4B to upgrade existing facilities is irresponsible.
- The major risk is building a new Saddledome for the billionaire owners of the Flames who have the cash to build it themselves.
- The massive amount of money spent of tax payer money. Actually loan money that tax payers pay interest on for the rest of eternity. No no no
- The massive costs associate with the games when Calgary is in a undetermined economic situation currently and no games come in near budget.
- The Mayor and Council are woefully inadequate in running the city as is. Add 8 years of focus on the Olympics and we have many conflicts.
- The Mayor and Council continue to hide what the true cost of the games will be to the taxpayers.
- The mayor and his cohorts are corrupt. We cannot afford this.
- The modern commercialized Olympics (The Coca Cola Games) have become just a money grab for the IOC on the backs of host city taxpayers!!
- The modern Olympics (i.e. Coca Cola Games) have become a massive money grab for the corrupt IOC at the expense of the host city taxpayer!
- The money could be put to much better use than a two week party.
- The money needs to be spent on getting Calgarians back to work.
- The money people. It's all about the money! We don't have it, and you want to spend it
- The money spent on the Olympics can be better spent elsewhere, social programming, city infrastructure.
- The money would be far better spent on a new arena and stadium for hockey and football the lifeblood of our city. Pay out for decades.

- The near-certainty of major cost overruns, and the city being responsible to pay for the exorbitant cost of the games for many years to come
- The Olympic bid is nothing but a vanity project for Nenshi and city councilors who want to party on the taxpayers dime.
- The Olympic committee cant find countries to host the Olympics for a reason.they are a money pit! Only politicians want them..graft!
- The Olympic Games are an unnecessary expense to a city, province, and country that could use the money else where. Eg healthcare, infrastucr
- The Olympic Games have always ended up being a burden to the economy.
- The Olympics are a fading endeavour, fraught with corruption and exclusivity focused on the distant past, not the creative future.
- The Olympics are an expensive farce
- The olympics are not in everybody interest, is just for a small portion of Calgary population. We have families in need here that need help.
- The Olympics are nothing anymore but a venue for Elitists. They always run huge deficits. NO, and NO. NO More tax to accommodate this ventur
- The Olympics are proven to put cities into debt and only benefit elite groups of already-rich insiders.
- The Olympics are too expensive. Would sooner see the money used for local recreation programs.
- The Olympics does not address the critical fiscal priorities that council has been unable to solve, and will make the problem even worse.
- The Olympics don't carry the level of distinction they once did. City should focus on hosting a wider range of events to attract visitors.
- The Olympics end up costing cities more than the initial dollars they bring in. It's a money pit and I pay more than enough property tax.
- The Olympics have become a corrupt disgrace, with a horrific record for harming host cities for their own benefit
- The Olympics have become a very expensive party for the ultra rich elites at the expense of the taxpayers. The legacy will be massive debt.
- The Olympics have lost integrity. The IOC and WADA didn't address the doping issue. Until they clean it up we must say no to the Olympics.
- The Olympics is a horrible waste of money. The money could be better spent on other things. The Olympics will become a distraction.
- "The Olympics is a scam! Look at the last few and how over budget they all were.
- I don't want to pay more taxes for more borrowed money..."
- The Olympics might take away the city's attention from more important like re-vamping the ctrain. Debt is also a concern.
- The Olympics should only be held if no public money is used. The IOC is rich, let them pay for it.
- The Olympics will benefit the corrupt IOC & rich only and will go over budget. Bread not circuses!
- The Olympics would be a financial disaster for Calgary
- The Olympics would be nice but, other projects first! too many unseen costs. The taxpayers may be on the hook for a lot more!
- The Olympics, while once for amateurs and good-will, is now for professionals and big business. The amounts of money spent are unethical.
- The only benefit is an ego trip for some people. Only hotels and restaurants will benefit, not the people who really need help.
- The outstanding cost that will potentially impact the next 20-30 years of the citizens of Calgary.
- The over costs
- The people of Calgary do not want to be stuck with paying the outrages tab that the olympics would cost. Proposal&mayor are idiotic!!!

- The plan is deeply flawed especially in terms of ski jumping, lack of arena and short-sighted budgeting. No Olympics, not this way!
- The potential benefits are underwhelming when compared to the cost and seems unlikely for the cost to be recovered.
- The potential cost overruns far exceed the potential benefits.
- The potential negative environmental impact outweighs the short term economic benefits of an event this size.
- The potential revenue is questionable. No new main arena suggests poor attendance revenue. The fact that the Curling location has not been
- The potential risks listed (only 5 listed, therefore list is woefully incomplete and misleading) far outweigh any benefits listed.
- the price of it, there hasn't be an Olympics in recent memory that doesn't have major over runs, let alone the initial cost! No money!
- The price tag of hosting the Olympics has ballooned to the point of ridiculous. 5 billion dollars is an absurd amount of money to spend.
- The price tag.
- The proposal is vague. The "possibility of" is left open for a vary wide interpretation, with expenses Albertans cannot afford at this time
- The province and country are seriously in debt we cannot afford a party for the elite
- The Province decision to shortchange the project by \$300 million and not cover the cost overruns make the games not viable for Calgary.
- The province of Alberta is in debt and the Olympics historically are costing the tax payers no matter the location.
- The province won't provide additional funds to cover revenue shortfalls or cost overruns. Taxpayers responsible for extra costs! Vote NO
- The provincial government not back stopping losses. Putting any cost over runs onto Calgary is too big of a risk for the city.
- The reduced provincial contribution sent a strong message...the Province is not on side. Feds to follow.
- The rise in taxes. eg. so called art City of Calgary has bought. Total waste of tax dollars.
- The risk (probably more like a certainty) is an increase in property and other taxes that will remain in effect forever.
- The risk is being stuck with a large bill at the end of the games every Olympics goes considerably over budget. The cost for YYC will be at
- The risk is that city of Calgary is going to spend more money on something that isn't going to be popular in the future . So why bother ?
- The risk is that this city under the ruling of the Liberals and NDP are putting Alberta into HUGE debt and we cannot pile more on top.
- The risk is that, like nearly every other Olympic Games ever, the costs will far exceed the budget.
- The risk is what are the unknown costs to such a large event, I don't think there will be enough benefit realized for the large cost.
- The risk of cost overruns, security costs, and becoming a terrorism target is too high. City council already can't control their spending.
- The risk of huge cost overruns requiring payment by Calgary taxpayers is too high. Japan 2020 is a prime example!
- The risk of uncertain costs makes this a terrible idea. Let's wait for more IOC reform where they become partners with host cities
- The risk to the taxpayer is open ended yet the benefits are limited and poorly defined. The current Council cannot be trusted

- The risk will be huge debt we people have to pay back. And also another risk is we need to develop and improve our structure and roads
- The risks and financial costs outweigh the sliver of a hope for a profitable games.
- The risks far outweigh benefits. Local taxpayers are especially liable, regardless of which level of gov't gives how much \$\$ 3x tax burden.
- The risks of cost overruns -- which is almost certain -- is too high. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to mitigate that risk.
- The saddling of our residents with debt for yesterday to come, in order to fund any part of these games is reprehensible.
- The secrecy from city hall on this matter, time on the purported leak, the wasting resources to this point has evaporated my support. Shame
- The strong probability of huge cost over-runs which the City would be solely responsible for.
- The tax impact alone is outrageous in a time when families are struggling to put food on the table and keep their lights on!
- The tax payers of this city, province or country cannot afford spending the money. Simple.
- The tax payers paying for everything.
- The taxpayers can not afford this. Our money can be spent better elsewhere.
- The taxpayers, and all forms of Gov't can not afford this.
- The tip risk is we can not afford this.
- The top benefit. Right. Cost overruns can be anticipated, so I'd say the city saddled with debt and higher taxes will be the legacy.
- The top risk is environmental damage. I would like to see the city of Calgary incorporate green energy and environmentally friendly design
- The top risk is financial. It's too expensive no firm funding commitments before the plebiscite and too many other studies show no benefit
- The top risk is going over budget. City council is not being transparent on financial risks.
- The top risk is massive cost overruns for little economic benefit and decades of higher taxes to pay for the financial hangover.
- The top risk is money. Where is it coming from, what if/when it goes over budget then what? Will my property taxes increase exponentially?
- The top risk is obviously unforeseen cost increases as a result of facility upgrades and increased security
- The top risk is that this project will cost Calgary hundreds of millions for a 2 week vanity project.
- The top risk is that we will be left with a large debt in an economy where we simply can't afford it.
- The top risk is the cost to Calgaryian tax payers.
- The top risk is the cost to taxpayers with no realistic infrastructure upgrades that will actually benefit this city longer term.
- The top risk, and the legacy of a successful bid, is a substantial investment with a poor return. This City has much bigger issues.
- The total cost will completely outweigh any benefits to hosting the 5 ring circus. And for that reason, I'm out!
- The total cost will outweigh investments, reducing the ability for needed infrastructure to be funded.
- The true cost to the citizens of Calgary is still not fully defined, nor is funding. Provincial and Federal governments have not committed.
- The true costs are not known and will be higher than projected. The city is not transparent in the costs and agenda.
- The use of % contingencies to cover risk is reckless on a large complex project. A robust probabilistic approach to capturing risk is needed
- The vote should have been held first. Calgaryians will be on the hook for the entire cost.

- The way Nenshi is talking it's like money from Notley and Trudeau is free. This is also our taxpayer dollars so we all pay more.
- The way Vancouver hosted the Olympics was an embarrassment. I would not want my city to get the same black eye that they got.
- The whole country is debt drunk. Spending more borrowed money on a party to impress the world really doesn't sound appropriate.
- The Winter Olympics will simply be a black hole of cost overruns and losses.
- The world has changed enormously since 1988 and we can't fathom what we will be up against by 2026
- "The Yes side is going to try and "" sweeten"" the pot before the vote. It's classic
- Watch out for it and don't get fooled."
- There is no benefit to hosting another Olympics
- There are absolutely no benefits...this should not be pursued. Period. Intentional non-transparency by the mayor and council is alarming.
- There are at least 100 ways to spend 1/10th of that money to 'get Calgary on the map' AND fix other issues facing our citizens. HARD NO!
- There are far better uses of our tax dollars.
- There are far more important issues to attend to in Calgary: affordable housing; effective and affordable transit for all of Calgary.
- There are many other projects that the city can invest money into, and while the economy is still recovering is not the right time for this.
- There are more important financial priorities than hosting a party for the benefit of the Olympics.
- There are more important things that the money should be spent on, like mental health support or even just a lower tax percentage.
- There are more important ways to spend money rather than a 17 day party,
- There are much more important and pressing issues that we should be spending money on. What a waste this would be!
- "there are no benefits - only serious risks
- important to realize a poor turnout for the plebiscite indicates a lack of enthusiasm."
- There are no benefits for the regular calgarian. The wealthy will have their new arena and field house paid for with our tax dollars.
- There are no benefits for the taxpayers of Calgary and there is risk the cost will exceed budget which will become a lot of ability of the City
- There are no benefits. I do not support a group of fools who seek to hide the truth. Give me all the FACTS to make a decision.
- There are no benefits....only risks...risks to my wallet.
- THERE ARE NO LONG TERM BENEFITS OF HOLDING THE GAMES IN CALGARY. THE LONG TERM EFFECT WILL BE INCREASED DEBT TO THE CITY.
- There are no reasons to host this. It's a complete waste of tax payor money, and all the dollars already spent could have been better used
- There are no tangible benefits to hosting the games. The money should be spent somewhere else. In education or health care.
- There are not sufficient tax dollars available in this ongoing poor economy - Calgarians are not interested in paying even more taxes.
- There are other more important issues to be dealt with. Homelessness, verterns, etc. Cost overruns will happen
- There are other far more pressing priorities that the City should be addressing right now.
- There are other priorities in YYC than hosting games nobody else wants. Cost is clearly underestimated and lack of transparency is shameful.

- There are really much better options for the investment. Work with CSE on a new arena to attract world renowned acts to Calgary, at lower \$\$
- There are several areas where the costs are not revealed. I would like to make a fully informed decision in November please
- "There are so many other things that are a priority above the Olympics.
- Helping the homeless and less fortunate. Clean up our own backyard!"
- There are so many people who can't afford food, housing, medical care and taxes already and you want to raise their taxes to pay for this.
- There are so many things falling apart in the city. We should have a better transit system, save things like Heritage park first!
- There are too many "maybes" around costs, risks, and benefits. It's not worth it.
- There are too many other priorities besides the Olympics that need to be addressed with the limited tax dollars that are available
- There are zero benefits.
- There has been insufficient detailed planning regarding the possible venues.
- There is a certainty of cost overruns. Citizens are hurting financially from Nenshi's tax increases and from attacks on the oil industry.
- There is a high risk to the economy due to the high amount of cost that comes with the games. Calgary is not financially ready to host.
- There is a huge risk of cost overruns. Taxpayers are paying for businesses to profit.
- There is a reason business is conducted in secret. It's so slimy that anyone who bears witness to it is disgusted.
- There is a significant risk of the costs related to hosting the olympics going over budget.
- There is an extremely high risk of wasteful spending that realistically cannot be mitigated. This bid is a huge waste of taxpayer money.
- There is no basis to the bid committees numbers and the people involved have no experience with a project of this size, waste of money
- There is no benefit - we can't afford it - Plain and simple. We will be in debt for DECADES. Too much RISK
- There is NO BENEFIT for doing this. Yet we all know council is going to force this down our throats. We'll see how many of you get reelected
- There is no benefit to the city, province, country or taxpayers for hosting the games. IOC is corrupt, and costs always balloon.
- There is NO benefit! It is ALL risk!
- There is NO benefit, only a huge financial RISK. The corrupt IOC is RICH, let THEM fund it.
- There is no benefit, only risk- it's an enormous outlay of money that could be better used on other infrastructure.
- "there is no certainties in 10 years the cost won't increase.
- affordable housing, public and greener transportation and diversify economy"
- There is NO economic benefit from an Olympic games to calgary. Anyone who thinks there is clearly didnt study business or economics.
- There is no guarantee that investment prior to/during the Games will result in a significant return; we're likely to be in debt for years.
- There is no idea what the costs will and history shows there will be cost overruns. NO TAX money should be used for this corrupt IOC event,
- There is no money for this. Since the 1960s, 19 Olympics have gone over budget. The last thing we need are more taxes to cover over runs
- There is no net benefit. Build affordable housing without spending billions hosting a party and lining IOC pockets.

- There is no realistic plan to prevent massive, scandalous, outrageous cost overruns. Real price tag is \$10B-\$15B. IOC=corrupt/unanswerable.
- There is no risk of a cost over-run, it is ASSURED! Listen to the people! Hacked, ya right. Get out and talk to the tax payers.
- There is no social benefits associated with the games. In addition the cost is far too high. Other items should be a priority in Calgary
- there is no upside other than higher taxes for a discount olympics...
- There is no way to afford this. Nothing has been transparent and the Olympics is so honestly un-corrupt.
- There is not enough public benefit from the Olympics. Spend the \$1.6B on infrastructure & be done with it - no risk of overruns.
- "There is only one tax payer me"
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- This proposal represents a net \$1000 to \$3000 per calgarian with no overage
- Terrible idea with my \$"
- There is simply no benefit for the City of Calgary hosting the Winter Olympics for the Proposed costs associated.
- "There still is insufficient information to make an informed decision i.e.
- What is alignment with City goals plans. Is it aligned or not"
- There will be after Olympics losses as shown in Rio. Look at Whistler after the games, it was still the same, no benefit for the locals
- There will be no legacy to the games as there was in the '88 games. Folks are trying to build on the feelings of the '88 games.
- There's no money to clear snow or build an arena, but there's money lots of money available for the yes vote commercials & for Nenshi to tra
- There's little evidence that hosting will generate money for the city. The city pays, but individual companies are more likely to profit.
- "These athletes need to get a job and work for a living. no more free rides.
- olympic committee are corrupt"
- They may benefit a few areas but will NOT benefit the average citizen as we WILL end up paying for them at 3 levels of personal taxes.
- They olympics are a 2 week party, not a long term vehicle for revenue generation. Taxes and costs of services are far too high in this city
- They think they can do it for \$5B when the 2020 Tokyo has already surpassed \$25B .... really??
- They WILL be a huge burden on taxpayers, and they WILL displace and harm the most vulnerable people in our city.
- They've never been on budget. No to funding a corrupt IOC when we have bigger problems to address. This is a waste of taxpayer money.
- Think 2026 \$ - not 2018! The price will go up!! City council has not been fiscally responsible for too long - it must stop!! Think seniors!!
- Think about kids, families, communities first! They need support before we have a 2 week party that leaves us in major debt. NOT WORTH IT!
- Think about this Calgarians: Do you really WANT the world on your doorstep for 2+ weeks? Before careful what you wish for.
- This City hall is lying about everything
- This City is already too far in Debt to be flirting with \$5.5plus Billion.
- This city is not in a financial position to entertain a bid for the games. There are other priorities in this city that should be addressed.

- This City is unable to control costs in the midst of a continuing recession. Look around you. People are hurting. We don't need this.
- This country does not need to spend billions of dollars to "feel good". We have far more pressing needs for this kind of expenditure.
- This entire process seems illogical, rushed, secretive, erroneous. I do not trust those who are doing everything they can to push this thru.
- This from the city that underestimated the cost of the green line by 4.6 BILLION dollars! Double what they budgeted for!
- This is a "nicety", my concern is that we cannot afford such a luxury item with so many people struggling. Mayor is disingenuous as well.
- This is a grossly erroneous application of spending to stimulate the economy. Vote NO.
- This is a huge financial risk with very little reward. Or city has been suffering for years. And this is not the time to waste OUR MONEY
- This is a money sink, risk to Calgarians is that there will not be sufficient funding for other sources.
- This is a non-starter, i dont believe these games will help Calgarians at all. Huge financial burden not only upfront, but later too.
- This is a political idea to bury the cost of a sports complex with Olympic money rather than ask Ken King to fund one via Calgary Flames.
- This is a ridiculous waste of taxpayers money at a time the city of Calgary and the province can not afford it.
- This is a vanity project that does not pass the smell test in terms of ROI. To speculate on costs w/ only a 1 billion overrun is foolish.
- This is a very poor project that will distract us from doing something positive and long lasting for the city of Calgary. Like education
- This is a waste of public funds.
- This is all about the cost to me. I don't want future generations to pay for a 2 week party. Seems extremely shortsighted
- This is debt Calgarians do not need. The economy is still recovering from the energy sector downturn.
- "This is huge burden on Alberta and especially Calgary.
- The money shall be directed towards energy sector."
- This is madness to want to bid on the games based on an unknown economic future!
- This is my one and only submission to this site. No to the Olympic bid, in 112 characters or less. Cost is prohibitive; minimal benefit
- This is not a financially viable decision for the city or province.
- This is not about the average Calgarian, which means it wont benefit the average Calgarian. Its a "legacy" for council. Hard NO!
- This is not and nor should it be a priority for our city.
- This is not how we want our tax dollars, at all levels of government spent.
- This is not the boom times of 1988. There are no big companies left to carry the burden of funding. A total waste of money.
- This is not the right economic times to take on such an expense. If we want to host 2026 we need to find ways to do it like we did in 1988.
- This is not the time economically for our city to host the Games. We need to recover from the recession before considering such spending.
- this like wanting new arena for the flames..... the flames is a business if you want a business and want to make money why would taxpayers
- This makes no economic sense. Taxpayers are already overburdened.
- This money needs to be invested into infrastructure, transit, job creation, more snow removal equipment, (Edmonton has more plows per capita

- This plebiscite is my only chance to show my displeasure for government spending(resulting in exponential tax increases) at all levels.
- This seems like a vanity project for the current mayor and council. There are better uses for our hard earned tax dollars.
- This seems really risky in regards to the costs associated with hosting the olympics and how long it will take to recuperate those costs.
- This should not even be on the table as an option for Calgary. There is no fiscally responsible way for the city to host.
- This space is too small to put my full comments in!! The risk is too costly when they will not explore the Flames arena/Multi-sport complex
- This Survey not being listened to, all the questions are about what would be so good about the Olympics. Nothing! I'm engaged to not want
- This whole bid is ill-advised and fiscally irresponsible. We cannot afford it and the the IOC is an extremely corrupt organization.
- This will cost Calgarians in the long term rather than benefit them. The cost of security alone would be huge.
- This will cost way too much and be of no benefit for most of the residents. Hotels, bars, restaurants, taxi, transit and should pay costs.
- This will generate BILLIONS of taxpayer debt that will take 30 years to pay off.
- This will go over budget, it's a certainty. It's reckless to be spending so much on these games given the current state of the city.
- This would provide employment for a few weeks and then what? This province doesnt have the money, let alone this city.
- "Three things
  - 1) Uncertainty of Funding, lake of cost certainty
  - 2) lack of Transparency by organizers
  - 3) Mostly funded by tax payers"
- Times are hard for many families. Stop raising taxes! People can't afford it.
- To do this, would be robbery against Calgarians, Albertans, & all Canadians and our descendants. This entire country is in an crisis.
- To expensive
- To expensive. Money could be put else where
- To many risks at a time when Calgary and Alberta can't afford it
- To many unexpected cost overruns. City fathers are not being transparent. Taxes will increase to pay for this.
- To much money to spend,use the money to improve the health care.
- To much money. This is a big party for rich people. Use the money for affordable housing, social programs, helping out seniors. The whole
- To much potential for cost over runs and future debt for the city. Better places the bid money could be going!
- To much secrecy in the process, the costs are to high. I do not trust this council to keep even close to the projected budget.
- To pay for the new buildings my taxes will increase. I will not get a raise from work, so where is the money coming from o pay for the extra
- To subject taxpayers to these costs for two and a half weeks of events given the economic status of the city is simply untenable.
- To the overburdened taxpaying peasants of Calgary, Bid Calgary and City Hall are saying (historically), "Let them eat cake!"
- Tokyo is 7X over its original budget. that means Calgary's could cost \$35BN. That's about \$25000 for every man woman and child in this city

- Tokyo is the current case study showing the risk of overly optimistic cost estimates. Many host cities before Tokyo had the same issue.
- Too costly
- Too costly and risks of more costs versus little longer term benefits; new or renovated sports infrastructure is too expensive to maintain.
- "Too costly and risky.
- Only athletes and paid execs care about Olympics. I work hard to pay bills - don't care how fast someone skis."
- Too costly and we have better things to spend money on.
- Too costly at this time---there are more important priorities to attend to as we transition to alternative sources of energy.
- Too costly for a 2 weeks event. Calgary taxpayers will end up on the hook for any cost overruns.
- Too costly in relation to current economic climate in Calgary.. taxes are affecting businesses and quality of life for citizens..
- "Too costly to tax payers.
- Not enough return for money spent.
- IOC should build permanent sites.
- IOC is not very reputable.
- Cost overruns."
- **TOO COSTLY -UNAFFORDABLE** for taxpayers. For the past 60 yrs, the olympic games have consistently cost more than the estimated BID amount.
- "Too costly
- Higher taxes/fees
- No return on our money
- Money is better invested elsewhere"
- Too costly, no transparency (to date the process has been very secretive and this will likely get worse after the plebiscite).
- Too costly, too distributed (Whistler - really?)
- Too costly. Tax dollar sinkhole.
- too expensive
- too expensive
- Too expensive
- Too expensive - the City of Calgary has a tax problem given the vacant downtown. The Province's spending is out of control.
- Too expensive - we can't afford it. Our taxes are too high already. Invest in industry not the games
- Too expensive and many other higher priority things to spend money on (lower taxes, police, fix infrastructure). No benefit.
- Too expensive and money should be spent on longer lasting legacy items like a new NHL arena/public field house/football stadium/event centre
- Too expensive and no assurance that money will be made. City needs money for jobs.
- Too expensive and not building the appropriate infrastructure. Farming out too many high demand events.
- Too expensive for a mere few weeks of revenue. This city can barely keep itself running and maintain costs. If this happens, we will moveout
- Too expensive for tax payers and other priorities right now.
- Too expensive for taxpayers who will not benefit. Businesses may benefit but homeowners will not.
- Too expensive- money would be better spent on necessities
- too expensive no long term value to the average taxpayer, only helps the elite, who don't need the help

- Too expensive not enough of a roi
- Too expensive to host.
- Too expensive! Calgary is broke! Our kids will be 'on the hook' for years!
- Too expensive! Economic benefits to the city are overestimated. The money will have to be diverted from somewhere else.
- Too expensive!! Put the money somewhere else like building a waste to energy plant it will create a permanent jobs for the Calgarians.
- TOO EXPENSIVE!!!
- too expensive,
- Too expensive, City living in a dream world, not in the reality of today, money could be much better used in repairing, streets, sidewalks.
- Too expensive, corrupt games, not worth it
- Too expensive, cost overruns are inevitable, no booming economy in Calgary to support paying the costs incurred.
- Too expensive, historically the IOC has treated the Olympics too frivolously.
- Too expensive, my taxes are already far too high.
- Too expensive, the "party" benefits a small group and in particular developers, I can't afford more tax increases. IOC are crooks.
- Too expensive, unknown costs which will escalate by 2026, terrorism/security risk, better areas on which to spend my tax dollars.
- Too expensive, will not recover the outlay
- Too expensive.
- too expensive.
- Too expensive.
- TOO EXPENSIVE. Risk of increasing costs is extremely high
- Too expensive. Too political.
- Too expensive. Calgary has had the Olympics, we don't need to host again.
- Too expensive. Potential benefits from Olympics stated in this brochure are obviously unknown, and more than likely wishful thinking.
- Too expensive. Waste of taxpayers money. We are still trying to recover from a recession.
- Too expensive. Why did all the other countries pull out - same reason. We are spending at an enormous rate. Not many benefits just to a few
- Too expensive...
- Too high a burden to tax payers
- Too high of a cost to host the games.
- Too high of a cost to host! Waste of our taxes spent on an event that will leave our city in even more debt. Will be boycotting the Olympics
- Too large of a burden on tax payers
- Too many people in the city at once. It will up commutes to work by a significant amount. It will increase the cost of hotels, restaurants.
- Too many people out of work and losing their homes in Calgary. There are better uses for our taxpayer dollars. Too much money wasted already
- Too many secrets are being kept from the taxpayers. Ludicrous to even consider spending money on a two week party.
- Too many tax payer dollars from all three levels of government can be put to better use.
- Too many unknowns relative to cost and the IOC is a crooked organization !
- Too much cost to taxpayer.
- Too much cost. No guarantees on benefits.

- Too much debt load for an already struggling city with the current market of oil and no support of the government to help out Alberta oil
- too much debt municipal and provincial
- Too much economic uncertainty in the city and province right now, consider it in the future when we are more stable.
- too much financial risk
- Too much financial risk for a city that is still in the midst of an economic downturn.
- Too much financial risk for city of Calgary residents.
- Too much investment and not enough return for the City
- too much long term cost, not enough funds available, no benefit to majority of population, time for another place to do it!
- Too much money
- Too much money
- Too much money and a waste we had it once let it be. Also taxes we are already struggling hiking it will make my family of 6 homeless
- Too much money for a city that can't even afford to collect garbage on a weekly basis.
- Too much money for the tax payers more important places to put our dollars. Homeless, Seniors, Unemployed, Healthcare etc,
- too much money in a very tight economy.... the very poor IOC leadership
- Too much money that can be better spent on more important and higher impact projects. The Olympics are a luxury.
- Too much money that can be spent on more important things. Like homelessness, education, the elderly, childcare.
- Too much money that could be used elsewhere 3 billion taxpayer dollars that could be used elsewhere (infrastructure, schools etc.)
- Too much money to be wasted as all Olympics seem to be now. Not usefulll afterwards.
- too much money when we are already deep in debt
- Too much money!
- Too much money!!!
- Too much money, too much City Hall organizing it
- Too much money. Why doesn't the City fix the potholes, water the public trees, look after parks and boulevards, and cut city grass instead?
- Too much money. We need affordable housing, bike lanes, sidewalks, main street rejuvenation. Not a party.
- Too much public money. Too much debt incurred. Way too much history of corruption of the IOC and too much history of cost over-runs!
- Too much risk, no infrastructure benefits i.e. new professional hockey rink. If costs overruns we will get to pick up the tab.
- Too much risk, poorly understood benefits, proven corruption in IOC.
- Too much taxpayer money required. No level of government has the money.
- Too much taxpayer money, not enough economic benefits. Money is better spent elsewhere. As well as the IOC is a very corrupt organization.
- Too much uncertainty in regards to funding. No new arena. Really! LRT to airport should be part of this
- Too risk is further increasing the city's debt and thus further adding to the tax burden of already overtaxed Calgarians.
- Top benefit - upgraded/new facilities for sport . Top risk - COST! In the current economic climate spending money here seems irresponsible.

- Top benefit affordable housing IF they get it right. Top risk Taxpayer's MONEY!!! I'd expand but 140 character limit is nuts for a survey...
- "Top benefits: sporting facilities, physical activity/sport culture
- Risk: opportunity cost of not investing in new tech industries ie biomed"
- Top reason is because the city will be behind financially. Security is expensive and leaves nothing behind for the city (like venues do).
- Top Risk paying minimum \$2000 in additional taxes until it's paid off
- Top risk - Inadequate budgeting and funding planning leaving the Calgary taxpayer on the hook for billions in cost over-runs.
- Top risk - increased debt load for a city already struggling
- Top Risk - More costs to me. Why has the city spent a dime towards this before asking citizens for yes or no?????
- Top risk - possibility of extreme cost overruns (similar to Tokyo games), infrastructure inadequate for the games
- Top risk - spending too much money. The olympics always go over budget
- Top risk - the IOC walks away with the vast majority of the revenue/profits (minus any fiscal risks), and Calgary is on the hook for debt.
- Top risk = the amount of financial expenditure (originating from the taxpayer), compared to the minimal economic impact and/or dividend.
- top risk huge debt
- Top risk is a council hiding costs from taxpayers and not controlling spending which we have all seen they are incapable of doing
- Top risk is budget overages borne by Calgary, AB, and/or Canada.
- Top risk is cost over runs. The city and province can not afford this. Far too much of the process has happened behind closed doors.
- Top risk is cost overrun and the probability is almost certain based on recent games. Calgary needs to invest in economic diversification.
- Top risk is cost to tax payers.
- Top risk is economic - especially the ability to fund the many needed schools in Calgary
- Top risk is economic, one I do not want for Calgarians to take OR to have imposed on us by those who are supposed to represent our wishes.
- Top risk is financial uncertainty: do we understand and trust the 5.2 million estimate? All other Olympic bids have undershot by 50%.
- Top risk is huge cost overruns that the taxpayer will be stuck with on facilities that only a very small part of the population would use.
- Top risk is impact on city taxes and future cost of living.
- Top risk is it is too costly. We should not host.
- Top risk is losing money. As a tax payer I am totally against paying for a party...no matter how large. Paying tax to party is wrong!
- Top risk is my taxes, at all levels, will go up due to this celebration of total nonsense
- Top Risk is taking on more debt. Any additional debt is too much. Council needs to stop wasting our money!!!
- Top risk is the city is totally NOT providing citizens with the technical, financial or schedule details to allow any group up to decide
- Top risk is the financial uncertainty. Total costs are fluid and uncertain. Taxpayers will be left holding the bag which is unacceptable
- Top risk is underestimated cost, or using costs from business interested parties. Mega projects (\$1B+) go 100% or more over budget.

- Top Risk, High levels of debt carried by Calgary citizens for years after the money-making enterprise has moved on.
- Top risk. A gigantic bill. Let's be realistic. This will cost billions more than what is being estimated.
- Top risk: huge tax burden on all Alberta and all Canadian citizens for decades to come for little lasting benefit.
- Top Risk: Over cost on running the games. Calgary tax payers are on the hook for all losses. AND ALLOWING ONLY 125 CHARACTER responses is BS
- Top Risk: too much money for not enough value to Calgarians. We should just build LRT to the airport and fund cultural events instead.
- Top Risk: We go overbudget and do not see a return on investment. Increased taxes to Calgarians.
- Top risk? The utter failure of the City of Calgary to have full and open disclosure of all details, budgets and so on...
- Top risk-cost over runs. Ultimately it doesn't matter which level of government pays whatever they promise-it all comes from one source-us.
- Top Risks - costs. Province is only committing \$700MM and won't cover over-runs. IOC does not cover over-runs. The costs appear very low.
- Topics do not go into a lot of detail. How will enviro impact actually be reduced? How exactly will this provide low income housing?
- Total non transparency for starters. Secondly the City cannot afford the games. Thirdly totally incompetent dishonest council
- Total real cost to all taxpayers, 13 - 18 billion, will end up being paid for by our great grandchildren. Official estimate is fraudulent.
- Total Waste of Taxpayer's money
- Total waste of time and money. As a taxpayer I am vehemently against the hosting of the Olympic Games.
- Totally incompetent committee this includes the mayor and incompetent city council, to much secrecy . Proposed costs are so under estimated
- Transparency is non existent. Stop closed door meetings. Cost is to high. Overruns. My taxes are paying for this.
- Transparency of City coucellers is not trusted.
- Transportation - Calgary desperately needs better transit options. Budgets will be blown away and Canadians will be paying for far too long.
- Travel the world, ask people about Calgary; 90+% say Stampede, Banff, Rockies; 0% say 1988 Olympics. 15 billion\$\$ for a fleeting memory?????
- Tremendous cost for little benefit.
- Trying to get information thefd are no open houses in Lake Bonacista area or south part of the problem is alousy alcermzn
- Two elections with province and federal government coming up that doesn't guarantee support for Olympics with government money.
- Ugh, can't you see we are fed up with the lies and manipulation. Honestly, only a few will benefit while the majority suffer (as always)...
- Ultimate cost is for the benefit of a few and I don't trust The City and their ultra secretive motives. I also don't like the question.
- Ultimately it will cost taxpayers more for years to come. We have food banks, high unemployment, homeless people, etc. STOP THIS NOW!
- Unanticipated costs leading to increased taxes during a time of massive unemployment.
- Under estimating cost
- Under funded by government, there are hidden costs in the billion plus range that have yet to come out and will be downloaded to citizens.
- Underestimated costs of bringing old infrastructure up to modern standards

- "Underestimated
- -\$300M short funding from province.
- -\$300M short from 2010 actual Security costs
- -low ROI 2016 baseline growth vs olympics"
- Unemployment at a high, the cost is too much for tax payers to handle.
- Unforeseen cost overrun
- Unfortunately this is not the right time. Try again after Alberta can afford to direct funds to games, when our economic future is secure.
- Unknown cost over runs.
- "Unknown financial risks. Calgary is in the midst of a serious economic downturn.
- We should not be putting ourselves into further debt."
- unknown measurable economic benefits to city/business.
- Unnecessary debt in hard economy
- Unnecessary incurred debt heaped upon the residents of Calgary. Why should we use or tax dollars for corrupt elites to have a party.
- Unpredictable costs in an environment when the city & province are challenged to balance their books & diversify the economy.
- Unrealistic cost structure and misinformative info on the \$5.2B. And only a \$120MM contingency? This is something Nenshi is forcing upon us.
- Until all funding commitments are in, especially the Federal Government, this bid cannot go forward. Business does not operate like this.
- Until everyone has a warm place to sleep in this city, there should be absolutely zero investment into unnecessary events like the olympics
- Use existing facilities; no new venues are actually required. Except for housing. Build less
- Use McMahon Stadium for opening and closing ceremonies. Really? When I think of thousands who attended recent ceremonies, world will laugh
- Using 2018 dollars to calculate the cost of an event in 2026 is naïve. Stop wasting money now.
- Using taxpayer money is ridiculous
- vancouver didn't have a good turnout overall. did Calgary learn what not to do from them? will we do it better? I think it's not worth it.
- Venues but wait you're not building new venues. Just sending athletes to other parts of the West.
- Very expensive advertisement for the City of Calgary without a guarantee return to the tax payers.
- very expensive, the city spends too much tax payers money for nothing that will bring only more debts for each Calgarian and tax increase!
- Very large cost over-runs. No long-term benefits to the city. Inaccurate, biased or misleading communication from Olympic Bid committee.
- Very little benefit, huge risk of cost overruns and debt that we cannot afford. Let some other city host it.
- VOTE NO- If this was a great deal for Calgarians, there wouldn't be a need for all the closed door meetings.
- Vote no. Indebting our children, attract terrorist attacks, underfund social services, not fund infrastructure, cost over-run. Vote no!!!!!!
- Vote's a joke, lacks data, unclear who votes, & is done knowing it doesn't make a difference anyway! Pie-in-sky assumptions, incl climate.
- W have no money!
- Waiting on the yes group to go cry to the city so we can cough up more money for them to block the no votes from speaking
- Wanton waste. The possible money you would be spending on this farce could be allocated to services within the community.

- Waste of money
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- Waste of money and resources to pad politicians egos with no tangible long term benefits. Just more debt for a province and city.
- Waste of money on a corrupt organization. No lasting benefit outside a few new buildings.
- Waste of money that the city and province quite literally do NOT have. Learn some simple economics. You want social change? Invest elsewhere
- Waste of money where it can be put elsewhere.
- Waste of money, higher taxes! IOC is corrupt. Games will be held OUTSIDE of Calgary. NHL isn't even part of the games anymore.
- Waste of money, host city always lose money despite what Olympic says. Try to fix more pot holes.
- Waste of money. Give us a new rink that can bring music acts and more to the city for years to come.
- Waste of money. I have zero confidence we will be able to complete this project with the current budget and believe it will cost us billions
- Waste of money. We have to shoulder cost over runs which are highly likely. Also Nenshi's been nothing but an asshole over this.
- Waste of resources. Money should be spent on infrastructure, housing etc. We've had our "15 minutes of fame" let's not turn it into shame.
- Waste of resources. Why not just build affordable housing, fund local culture, and invest in infrastructure directly?
- Waste of tax dollars in time of economic downturn
- Waste of tax dollars. 90% of cities go into a lot of debt after hosting olympics. Long term Benifits for alberta are in oil and gas.
- Waste of taxpayer money. Calgarians do NOT want the games. Listen to US!
- Waste of taxpayers money
- Waste of taxpayers money for a chosen few when it could be spent on things that are actually needed.
- Waste or money
- wasting our money on an event that will not benefit calgary tax payers.
- Watch out Calgay, first Nenshi said a month ago that if we host the Olympics a new Arena wouldn't be included, now he said it is! #payingus
- Way to costly. No matter which government level is helping, it is still all taxpayers money being wasted for an event no one else wants.
- Way to expensive
- Way to high of cost for calgary
- Way too costly for a short party that will only benefit a select few.
- Way too much cost for negligible / subjective gain. Taxpayers across Canada will bear the brunt of the costs and cost over runs.
- WAY TOO RISKY! I can't PAY ANY MORE TAXES. It is a COMPLETE WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY! STOP throwing our money in the garbage! DROP the bid!
- Way, way too expensive given the short-term fun and modest long term benefits. Way too risky also. Terrible idea!
- Wayyyy too expensive, especially if it's using taxpayer dollars. The money could be put to better use elsewhere.
- Wconomics
- We already have an abundance of unused infrastructure and after the olympics leave we would have even more. Not to mention the cost.
- We already pay enough taxes, do we get free tickets since we're funding it?

- We are broke as a country government spending is out of control. How about cutting spending, our interest payments are ridiculous. get real
- We are already being lied to. The most transparent process in Olympics history yet every week more info is leaked.
- We are already drowning in taxes and you want to add further burdens? Absolutely NO!!
- We are already in debt..
- We are already out how many jobs because our economy is unable to afford them. Hosting the Olympic Games will do nothing but take away more
- We are already way in debt, city and province. This is not an investment. Leave the money in the hands of people who can make actual investm
- We are behind on ending homelessness, cutting department budgets, raising taxes, yet have money to spend on a party. No.
- We are being railroaded into this. The plan is ridiculous provides no reasonable benefits. Cost is insane assumeing no increase (Ha!) moronic
- We are broke and over taxed already. Spending 8 billion on this is just wrong.
- We are broke! There is not enough financial gain to be had.
- We are broke. We can not afford this
- We are broke. We cannot afford it at this time!
- We are going to end up in a deeper hole moneywise than we are already in. NO!!!!!! To the Olympics
- We are going to lose money just like other Winter Olympics in the past. This is will throw Calgary into a further slump.
- We are in a recession! The province just can't afford it. The debt will take decades to pay off.
- We are in an economic downturn and this will have no benefit except add additional costs to the citizens of Calgary. TAXES are too high now
- We are in debt. This is a want not a need.
- We are just coming out of a recession where oil prices are still depressed and employment stats tepid at best. We can not afford it! Simple!
- We are not in a position to spend more tax payers funds on this.... especially considering Nenshi just gave away 100 million jerk!
- We are not in an economic place as a city, province or country to do this. We will lose money and Calgarians are going to have to pay for it
- We are NOT in an economic position. Montreal just made it's last payment this year! Think of the people living in the city first.
- We are still in a recession. Jobs are not stable and the taxpayers simply cannot afford this, it's already too expensive to live here.
- We are struggling as a city with high unemployment and a deserted downtown core. The city says they may have to cut services to help pay. No
- We are taxed to death by all levels of government and the Olympics are corrupt as is our municipal government, most Councillors & Mayor
- We are told to pay off our debt and not get in deeper. The government should practice as it preaches. Spend the money on affordable housing
- We as a city, province and country cannot afford it. It is too high of a financial risk.
- We as taxpayers can absolutely not afford this cost. Too risky.
- We as the tax payers funding this would NEVER see a respectable ROI in hosting.
- "We can even look after our local sports teams!
- Why should we pay for the olympics!
- Huge debt for Calgary!"
- We can get more infrastructure and other projects funded without the throw away costs of hosting.
- We can ill afford to spend \$800M that the City does not have and take on the liability of overruns.

- We can NOT afford it.
- We can not afford it. No upside to hosting the Olympics and who pays for all the upkeep after? The ski jumps are just rotting away already.
- We can not afford it. The city is talking about an austerity budget (ie cutting services) yet we have millions to spend on an Olympic bid?
- We can not afford the Olympics. It's been proven the economics of hosting the games doesn't work. Tax payers will be on the hook for this.
- We can not afford this. It will cost a lot more than the bid. Let a city with the money and resources to host this pay for it. Purple Trump
- we can wait until 2030 or later, may be in better financial position then, no reason to rush in a bid for 2026
- We can't afford it and will be paying for it for years. I believe that the budget is understated.
- We can't afford it.
- We can't afford it. Better use of funds elsewhere
- we can't afford it. Taxes are too high plus we're in debt no thanks
- We can't afford them!
- We can't afford this. We can barely keep services running without constant cuts to quality and raising taxes
- We can't divert tax dollars away from Calgarians in order to benefit the billionaires who run the IOC.
- We cannot afford it. Our economy is in shreds, and the city wants to throw an expensive party. Distraction from the real issues facing us.
- We cannot afford it. All three levels of government are taxing us to death and they still can't pay the bills.
- We cannot afford it. Citizens will be on the hook for huge tax increases
- We cannot afford it. We have pipeline issues that need to be resolved which cost a lot of money. We are building the Tom Baker cancer centre
- We cannot afford it; Council has clearly been hiding information to try and push this through. We will never recover if we go ahead, vote NO
- We cannot afford someones legacy project on the backs of tax payers for the long term.
- We cannot afford the games, costs now listed will be far higher by the time by 2026
- We cannot afford the games. We are all ready in enough debt.
- We cannot afford this
- "We cannot afford this Party!
- Simple there is only one TAX payer in Canada.
- And I really hate Austerity measures!"
- We cannot afford this.
- We cannot afford to bid. We have too much debt without a plan
- We cannot afford to do it. There are much higher priorities that need our attention.
- We cannot afford to host a 10-day party for the elites.
- We CANNOT afford to take this on. All of the secretive meetings and hiding of the actual costs should make everyone very wary
- We cannot even support our oil economy in Alberta why is it more important to pay for tourism and not our workers who are the backbone in AB
- We cannot handle our infrastructure now look at the snow storm fiascos. How are we going to manage during the games. We cannot afford it!
- We cannot trust our city's future to such a growingly controversial organisation. Better to invest in Calgary at our own discretion.
- We can't afford it
- we cant afford it the Olympic organization is to corrupt

- We cant afford it!
- We can't afford it, and the risk of cost overruns is far too high to gamble the future of the city on this.
- "We can't afford it, especially since the full budget is not open to citizens.
- There is only one taxpayer. The benefits are overblown."
- We can't afford it, We have a HUGE tax shortfall from the depressed property values downtown. Cant pay for snow removal, can afford a party?
- We can't afford it.
- We can't afford it.
- We can't afford it. period.....
- We can't afford it. There are better uses for \$3 billion in tax dollars such as health care, education, diversifying the economy.
- We can't afford it. Too many other needs, ie: infrastructure, health, education, etc, that must be looked at before wasting money on games.
- We can't afford it. We need more hospitals, homes for seniors and replace old community schools
- WE CAN'T AFFORD THEM
- We can't afford them and will likely be cost overruns as well. Should replace the Saddledome instead.
- We cant afford these games.NO.
- We can't afford this. Smart cities around the world are dropping out of the games bidding (Boston, Stockholm, etc.). Terrible idea!
- we can't afford this... you might be able to do some creative accounting so it looks like we can but we can't so don't even try
- We can't afford to be spending that kind of money when we are bordering on a national recession. Our oil is at \$15/bbl for God sake.
- We can't afford to spend all that money on the olympics. Too much corruption in the IOC. More transparency needed.
- We can't afford to throw a party for others when we cant afford basic affordable services for out own citizens.
- We do not have the economy to support these games and all prior games have gone overbudget. Cost to taxpayers is too high.
- We do not have the financial resources. Big business is in trouble so lack of sponsorship there. Will put us in too much debt.
- We do not have the money
- We do not have the money for it!!!!
- We do not have the money to pay for this. And we will not receive any benefits as you are planning to have it with Banff, Edmonton and Van.
- We do not have the money.
- We don't get a whole lot from this bid. Might as well just spend the same money to get the same things without risk of over runs.
- We don't have enough money to support basic services already. Taxes are already too high, they shouldn't go up for non essential spending
- We don't have the Money at any level of Government to support this. This is a "topic" that can't be brushed aside.
- We don't have the money. It would all need to be borrowed by the three governments adding to our debts and falling on the Taxpayers to repay
- We don't have the money. The weather here is so changeable it could end up the pushing costs up exponentially because of equipment needed
- We don't have money for day to day items like snow clearing, doctors, teachers. Spend the money there.

- We don't have money for needed fundamental municipal services, yet we can find money to host the games - our priorities are wrong.
- We don't have support for 3B. These always go over budget. This is financially dead. insurance = taxpayers future. vote NO!
- We don't have the money to pay for it!! My taxes keep going up when will it end?? Higher income families will be who benefits!
- We don't have the money to spend on it
- We don't have the money! It will cost way more than what you have for a so called budget
- We don't need the Olympics. We need police, fire protection, and other services best provided by the city. A billion just for security! NUT
- We don't want to waste money on games, when our basic necessities. We need better transit services, better school bus services, LRT services
- "We get absolutely no legacy buildings.
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- No new arena and no airport train line basically killed this for me."
- We have a 28% vacancy rate in downtown Calgary. We simply can't afford it. As a taxpayer there are other priorities that need attention.
- We have a massive dwindling business tax base and there is no Olympic game history that suggests it is profitable, in any way.
- We have been kept in the dark concerning cost.
- we have better economic needs in this city. I honestly don't know how any government can rightfully justify this. Look to any past host city
- "we have had the games already and it was a huge mistake
- big elite con job to strip money from governments and taxpayers"
- We have homeless veterans and kids that go to school every day without food. Spend our taxpayer money on something that actually matters.
- We have immediate needs for soccer fields, field houses, more and more recreation culture services. No to corrupt IOC
- We have no business putting in a bid. Calgarians and the city are struggling to pay their bills and keep the lights on. we can't afford it.
- We have not the money for this type of follie
- We have optimists creating an estimate. My concern is that the Calgary taxpayers will be paying from many years. NO THANKS
- We likely will have huge taxes to pay for the cost over runs and under estimations, pretty common for all olympics these days.No Gaurantees.
- We need new venues, not renovations to old and outdated ones - we shouldn't bid until we know we can guarantee the infrastructure we need
- We need to borrow plows from Edmonton, but feel like we have extra money to host Olympics? Get real.
- We need to concentrate on building our city employment rates over the next eight years.
- We need to focus on rebuilding our economy, not spending billions on one single event that will without doubt incur extreme cost overruns.
- We need to study how other cities create future-focused community projects with international appeal rather than joining a failing venture.
- We pay enough taxes. The games will benefit and entertain only a small chunk of the people here.
- We should be able to deliver badly needed infrastructure, housing and transit without a pretext, let alone one as risky as the Olympics.
- We should not because it's too much money on the local taxpayer for too little a benefit for most of us (just the elites; they get enough)

- We should not spend our tax dollars on the bid or the event. Our taxes keep going up and hosting the games will only add to the tax burden.
- We should not submit our bid. Economic status of Calgary is bad due to recession and oil price drop. It will impact on property tax.
- We should not, because our City Council has not been honest about the true costs
- We shouldn't submit a bid because this city is suffering enough & it's stupid that they are using Whistler instead of Banf
- We simply cannot afford the massive debt load that would be incurred for the benefit of a small number of people. Don't submit a bid!
- We simply cannot afford this. There are still so many people who are unemployed.
- We simply cannot afford to host the games. City taxes are already outrageous as are the provincial and federal taxes. Cost overruns inevitab
- We still don't have the money. There is no transparency by city hall. Shame on the city accusing the no side of hacking
- We taxpayers are the three levels of government supporting the Games. Also, I wholly disagree with Russia being allowed to participate.
- We will be stuck footing a massive bill afterward and propping up all this new "infrastructure" for a marginal and unmeasurable benefit.
- We will be the laughing stock of the world if we bid on these games that the rest if the world turned down
- We will go over budget and will not bring anything but dept to an already suffering Calgary.
- We will lose way too much tax money that should be spent on other more necessary needs for ALBERTANS. not just Calgary.
- We would be spending money we don't have. If it's a good idea, save for the next 10-12 years (earning interest) and then consider a bid.
- We would fill all the hotels near the resort that is hosting the Olympics. We would get money what about people who want to see the olympics
- We, the city and the province, simply cannot afford these Games.
- We'll have to pay for years for a few week event. No thanks. Too expensive
- We're broke. Unemployment issues won't be solved by a two week party. The IOC is corrupt. I'm worried about being stuck with crippling debt.
- We're in a recession, spend the money on useful items!
- We've been warned that Notely's government won't save us if incur costs above the forecasted costs. Still a good idea?
- Website says \$5.2 billion cost. Province just came up \$300m short. I have no confidence in budget - city responsible for short falls yikes!
- We'll be paying for those 2-week parties for the following 10 years. No level of government has the money, so it's the taxpayers...again
- We're already failing to serve our citizens; diverting money into a vanity project that will primarily benefit the rich is a disgusting idea
- We're broke. A little girl died at an LRT crossing because we don't spend enough money building proper LRT crossings.
- We're broke. We're already having to cut back on services just for this \$40M bid. The games will bankrupt the city. Fire council!
- We've done it already. Why not host a games that will bring infrastructure that we don't already have? How about some form of summer games
- We've not recovered from the recent economic downturn and adding this exorbitant cost to taxpayers is reckless and only helps the elite.
- What bothers me is that only 2-3 councillors are saying this isn't a good idea - makes me wonder about other city decisions...

- What is the amortized cost as no level of government has the money thus the cost will be add to their debt.
- When the budget incurs overrun what is the cost sharing plan on all 3 levels of government? Is the IOC committed to share in this as well?
- When the costs will ACTUALLY exceed \$9b & the big money events will happen elsewhere, anyone in favour needs to give their head a shake!
- When the NO voices to this bid are heard, and in the majority, we had better be RESPECTED and HEARD!
- When was the last time you knew someone who used the ski jump or skated in a really fast circle? Facilities for this don't help citizens
- When we hosted the 1988 Olympics the economy was doing very well and a lot of private sector money was invested. Now the economy is dead.
- Where are the curling events supposed to be held? Edmonton?
- While I was very young when the 88 Olympics were in Calgary and I'd love to see them again. The IOC is a joke with how much it costs. Vote no
- While people (homeless and working poor) are starving and/or freezing to death, have no place to live, children going to school Hungary and
- While the games are an admirable concept, the IOC and WADA have proven themselves corrupt and not deserving of my financial support
- While the notion of games is appealing, I have serious concerns about the lack of ethics shown by the IOC, and don't want to support them.
- Why are cities (e.g. Boston) running away from the Olympics? Because final costs are determined by the IOC and not city, province or Ottawa!
- Why are we considering this? And stop giving fake fluffy answers like "for community" and "spur the economy" because we all know it's BS.
- Why are we not getting a new saddle dome? We absolutely do NOT need a 5000 seat arena. We want legacies and that should include the flames
- Why are we using Whistler? Can't it be all in Alberta? BC should not benefit if it's not paying in as well.
- Why are Winsteps ice facilities not part of the proposed venues? Build a field house for figure skating and short track? Puzzling.
- Why build a field house that will not support an NHL team after the fact as was looked at prior to the Olympic Interest?
- Why do taxpayers always have to pay? Cannot the IOC develop a different funding model based on private enterprise funding? Coke, TSN, etc.
- Why do you think there is only two countries left in the bid? Because it's too much of a financial burden. Vote No
- Why is Edmonton in this bid with Calgary Calgary pays the cost but not Edmonton too. NO!!
- Why pay higher for infrastructure? Just make the investment without the potential over run of an Olympic event.
- Why should I have to pay higher taxes that won't put a new arena or stadium up? I'm voting a hard No and so are a lot of friends and family.
- Why should we be subject to city hall and their outrageous spending spree's! They can't even keep up with road repairs, etc!
- Why should we host these games when most of them won't even be in our city anyways???? NO NO NO to olympics in yyc!!!!
- Why so many closed door meetings and hidden financial reports. Tell us the real cost so we can tell you NO
- Will cause hundreds of millions of dollars in debt for our next generations.

- Will go over budget and affect our household incomes for years to come via property taxes with short term benefit to residents and businesses
- Winstone would need a new bobsled track would need to be rebuilt, it is no longer a competitive track. new ski jumps not used now.
- With an expanding population we need to look at housing, road infrastructure, public transit and healthcare rather than the olympics.
- With an over 6% unemployment rate Calgarians shouldn't be exposed to more taxes to cover over costs.
- With high rates of unemployment and debt we aren't capable to support the Games which usually go over budget.
- With inevitable cost overruns, ROI would not be realized for a very long time and the tax and environmental cost to residents of Calgary
- With Tax revenue falling, our citizens can not afford the cost without significant financial burden.
- With the amount of projects that could use funding, hosting a 2-week party for billions shouldn't even be on the table
- With the City likely planning tax increases and service cuts, it seems financially irresponsible to take on an Olympics.
- With the current downturn in our economy there is no way to justify the high cost of the games. The people always end up paying
- With the current political climate and state of the economy any big investment is a huge risk.
- With the economy, the money is better spent on lasting infrastructure that benefits everyone, not just people who can afford to attend games
- With WADA's recent ruling on reinstating RUSADA, why should we support a corrupt event!
- Without a new arena I can't see hosting world elite athletes in the Saddledome for the gold medal match.
- Wonder why there are so few cities "competing" for the right to bid... do we know something all of the cities declining don't ??
- Work with the venues you have with out heavy extra taxes put on people. This is only for the rich.
- World championships in almost every sport, every year. Why do we need the Olympics ? Security way to expensive. Not worth it.
- Would rather build a proper nhl arena that employees Calgarians than waste the money on a bunch of free loading athletes.
- Would the Promoters be willing to risk their own monies?
- Wrong infrastructure to develop. Demographics of city don't support Winter Olympic activities. No on bobsleds or ski jumps or speed skates
- "y'all took away my tax rebate on bus passes
- tokyo's olympic games cost 4x as much as planned
- you guys have been really shady about budget"
- yes side mad about no hijacking this site, yes side totally funded by city, shouldn't they have funded a no side as well then?
- Yes, the Olympics WILL bring a lasting legacy to Calgary. Massive debt for generations of Calgarians!!
- You already raise my property taxes every year. Raising it even 1\$ to pay for a 14 day party is a huge NO from me.
- You are not being upfront with the public in providing all costs. Terrible stewards with our tax \$\$ on so many levels.
- You keep saying the funding will also come from the Prov & Feds: it's all taxpayer funded - we pay all 3 & Calgarians are already hurting.
- You said it yourself the private funding may fall through! That's a huge risk. The cost won't pay off, longterm. We need longT tourism ideas

- You see the voting above, not even close. Same as the CTV and Herald surveys. Yet council wants to spend \$2MM plus on a 1 question vote??
- You will not see one dollar of Olympic money in your local community unless it is an Olympic venue or on an access route to a venue
- You'll never get enough volunteers for this one.
- Your estimates are low, we have better things to spend funds on rather than a corrupt vanity project.
- You're not just wasting Calgary and Alberta tax dollars with this poorly thought out idea. You'll add to the federal debt too. Hard NO!
- You've already wasted \$30M of our tax dollars. You fail to account for the massive cost overruns endemic to every modern Olympic event.
- YYC has been through a lot of economic turmoil in the past decade; I think this may be untenable to our current economic climate.
- YYC sees itself as a world class city, however, we struggle with transportation issues as transit and roadways and basic needs for homeless.
- Zero benefit to Calgary., Our City/Province had no money. Maybe invest the 800mil to fix our transit crosswalks. A 7year old girl died.
- Zero transparency (and honesty) in this process which means I will be happy to vote NO!
- \$\$\$\$\$\$ The feds have none....the province gave sweet nothing.....and the City is broke. Need I say more?
- \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
- \$3 billion would better spent on improving the healthcare system, decreasing wait times for doctors & hospitals.
- 1. cost to citizens 2. competency of leadership to manage the games 3. paid leave for volunteers 4. infrastructure upgrades 5. IOC demands
- 5 of 7 original bidders have already withdrawn, Stockholm just today. How stupid does council think we are!? IOC is OVER. No more \$\$ on this
- A city recovering from a devastating down turn in economy does not need to add this to household debt which it ultimately will
- a City that can't even clear their streets after a snowfall putting together olympics worth over 5 billion, you have got to kidding!!!!!!
- A document showing the REAL costs was leaked. Olympics committee is shady with poor history. City council holding actual costs from public.
- A legacy of debt for years to come!
- A terrible economy, too many unemployed, too much debt, this will only add to it & is irresponsible. Nenshi trying to create his legacy.
- Advance polls November 6 th and 7th folks. Tailor your schedule so you can vote
- Alberta is a trillion dollars in debt. Time to pay it down
- All this comes from tax dollars....Fed, Province and City. NO MORE TAXES! The Olympics are not like they used to be 'back in the day'
- Almost all of the past venues ran a shortfall for the olympics which left taxpayers with debt. Calgary will be no different.
- Angle it this way: Each and every Calgary taxpayer will be forced to pay a minimum of \$5k- personally-for this sham. Still game? No thanks.
- Approx. \$340Mm/day down the toilet ... a gross, disgusting waste of our hard-earned money. What about the astronomical cost of security?
- Arts? We hardly have anything of the sort in a city of our size. Spending hundreds of millions for Olympics won't improve that sad fact.
- As a Calgarian and a taxpayer I will be paying 4 times for a 2 week party. Municipally, provincially, federally and then all the cost overru

- As a taxpayer, I feel the city should focus on more important things than a two week party for the wealthy.
- Basic economics. Even w/o Olympics Calgarians are in for decades of higher taxes/paying down debt. Stop spending money we don't have!
- Basically, it boils down to the money that needs to be spent in order to do this!
- "Benefit - showcase Calgary to the world. Opportunity for new investments.
- Risk - cost."
- "Benefit - world class facilities, legacy, community spirit, driving the economy with building projects
- Risk - costs, increased taxes"
- "Benefit: potential for long term economic and social advantages
- Risk: cost overruns and extreme environmental impact"
- Bid seems to be backed by Nenshi, a few city counselors and the Yes committee. This is crazy for us to pay for their ego gains.
- Big drain on a very struggling economy. The games have partly become a platform for hosting countries like Russia + China to propagandize.
- Big waste of taxpayers \$. The money already spent should have been used directly to provide the housing and facilities it boasts of.
- Billions of \$ for a 2 week party for elite athletes and then they want to do some of it in Vancouver and Edmonton? Have those cities agreed?
- Business and homeowner unreasonable tax increases yet the city wants to spend even more money, thanks to the BS spouted by the IOC. DO NOT S
- Calgary is hurting right now ,we don't need the burden ,absolute garbage!!!
- Calgary = The Stampede and Gateway to the Rockies. Everyone knows of Calgary. No Olympics, tourists will still come regardless.
- Calgary 2026 has come up with a very prudent bid. If anything, it could be more ambitious.
- Calgary can not afford the expense and the unknowns, particularly after the major tax increases of the last few years. Enough!
- Calgary can't even keep it's roads clear and signals timed for the current traffic. The addition of olympic traffic would be horrendous
- Calgary has a very high unemployment compared to all areas of the country and it appears to be a very slow recovery. Need to fund now.
- Calgary is in a recession and very bad financial straights. Taxes are going up and up and council is continually meeting in secret
- Calgary should not be bidding on costly projects during times of economic hardship. This will not provide a sustained economic recovery.
- Calgary should NOT bid for or be awarded by default the Games it will be a huge taxpayer debt burden will not help our city in long run.
- Calgary should not bid on Olympics due to high cost to Calgary taxpayers.
- Calgary2026 is targeting students to vote YES: WAKE UP, in 6 yrs you'll all be taxpayers and will be paying for the rest of your lives! NO!
- Calgary's can't support this, with our economic engines worsening monthly = No private or gov't support = YYC in debt = taxpayers gouged
- Can't imagine how little else will get done if this council has to focus on a project of this scale, nothing for 8 years except huge debt!
- Cannot afford it. Money better spent elsewhere. High chance of overrun. Cost/ benefit is not worth the risk.
- Citizens are struggling. Rich days are over. The world has changed. Olympics are no longer feasible. Security risks are too high.
- City Council continues to spend taxpayer money foolishly. Taxpayers at all levels are under tremendous burden already. My vote is NO.

- City is saying that post Olympics, we'd benefit from more affordable housing. I just laugh. Get funding from AB gov't and bypass Olympics!
- city is with holding information, I feel like we are not getting the whole story, Why closed door meetings, let's be transparent with our \$
- City should not spend money when we are already in debt
- City won't support Race City (fun for all incomes) but wants tax \$ to pamper elites at games I can't afford? Oh, I get the \$15/hr job...Thx
- CO\$T\$ vs current economy; good luck finding 1988's volunteerism; today's punitive TAXES are already diminishing peoples' standard of living!
- common sense, people! Let that dictate what to do next. Do we want the legacy from this to be widespread poverty? I think not!!
- Concerns about the cost
- "Construction and the Games will be good for Calgary's economy.
- The Games will boost Calgary's image."
- Corruption and cost
- Corruption, waste, and they always go over budget. Why not spend money of the arts for a change?
- Cost
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- cost and cost overruns
- Cost is too high
- cost over runs. not shown are costs for doping collection,storage, expertise, analysis etc. housing for media . international security
- Cost overrun
- Cost overrun for every project the city attempts, no one can estimate the security costs eight years out.
- Cost overruns are a certainty when hosting the Olympics. There are so many reasons the other counties are declining to bid.
- Cost overruns are absolutely going to happen. Just look at every other Olympic games. We need more transparency every meeting is in private.
- "Cost overruns in security costs could be 2-3 X the cost stated. Huge global risk uncertainty!
- Municipal mismanagement."
- Cost overruns that become the taxpayers responsibility. We simply cannot afford to tag on more debt load to our taxes.
- Cost overruns. The IOC demands too much
- Cost overruns-Risk! Calgary/Alberta economy not good at present and outlook does not guarantee a strong enough economy to support the costs.
- Cost to tax payers will be extreme...Money from provincial and federal government is tax payers money.
- Cost, cost overruns, inefficient use of tax payers money
- Cost, increased taxes to cover cost overruns
- Cost,with no return
- COST. Look at the reason Stockholm withdrew yet again. IOC has NOT delivered on their promise to lower cost for hosts.
- Cost/benefit analysis makes the bid a questionable decision but also be realistic about WHO bears the costs and WHO gets the benefits...

- Costs of an Olympics are intentionally low-balled to get people onside. A city is selected and then the IOC hammer falls. \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
- costs will exceed budget. 3 levels of government will pay for the games. All 3 have huge deficits. Taxpayers will pay all 3. ENOUGH! ENOUGH!
- Costs will exceed the estimates. Why invite the level of corruption demonstrated by the IOC into the city?
- "Costs.
- The taxpayer is already over taxed and yet our city council just keeps on spending money on nonsense!!"
- Costs. Already the province has not lived up to the amount of money the city expects. Also skiing a big money earner will not be anywhere cl
- Council hiding/fudging costs, presenting one-sided view. More transparency needed, release true costs so people can decide. Shameful!
- Council should be focusing on meeting Calgarians needs and running the city more efficiently/effectively. That's what they were elected to do.
- Debt
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- Debt and terrorism destroying our city, athletes stealing vehicles and destroying taxpayers property like the Canadians did in SKorea
- Debt we cannot afford
- debt. You have a council that can not organize an election, how can you expect them to competently organize a logistical challenged olympic
- distraction from fixing the basic problems with Alberta
- Do not need Olympics in order to spend billions. Build field house, fix roads etc. We have lots to do without them. Cost overrun will happen
- Do you want Calgary tax \$\$ to go to provide deluxe 5-star conditions demanded by wealthy IOC bigwigs who come to "inspect" the facilities??
- Does you know where Innsbruck is? They had Olympics twice, it sure put them on the map. They dropped out for 2026. It's in Austria BTW
- Doing so may put our fabulous city in a positive light as we continually seem to be knocked down these last few years
- Don't ask for opinions and comments then suggest that it's a hijacking when the result isn't what you expected. Calgarians do not want this.
- Don't have enough first responders for the size of our city. Funding Olympics will affect future hires, and I will not stand by to allow it
- Economically not feasible
- Elite playtime at expense of normal people. NO!
- Enough of the out of control spending by Nenshi and council. It needs to stop so my vote is No.
- ETHICS: No dollars should go to the corrupt IOC which is working to undermine the work of WADA for a drug-free Olympics. See Russian fiasco!
- Ethics: the IOC has corrupted for \$\$\$\$ the very purpose of the modern-day Olympics. Calgary is a better city to be a participant in that.
- Everything is a secret and behind closed doors at city council so you know that taxpayers will be getting the shaft on this deal.
- Far too expensive! Calgarians have seen property Tax increases over the past 8 years. City government needs to reign in spending.
- Far too expensive. We do not have the money to give to European millionaires to give nenshi a legacy.
- financial risk - difficult to vote with many unanswered questions
- financial ruin no olympics period ever

- Financially not acceptable when governments are running deficits and core government responsibilities are not being fulfilled.
- First off just to clarify I am not a bot, I am a tax paying home owner in Calgary. I vote NO on a bid for the 2026 Olympics !!!!
- For me there are none other than more increases in taxes for a town that is already too expensive.
- Funding; seems the City is holding the "potential" infrastructure projects as reason to host the Olympics.
- Further Taxpayer funds absolutely must not go toward Calgary hosting the Olympics; so many real needs/priorities now & in the future looming
- Future operating capital budget- major concern. We barely had the funds to allow hiring of first responders without the games at it is.
- Games are too costly, they have become too corrupt" with the athletes becoming mere political pawns for their governments. Moreover, all ma
- Given the potential debt, going after the Olympics illustrates once again how completely out of touch with reality our councillors are.
- Having Civil Servants running the show will be a disaster. Our economy is still in recovery.
- Hidden debt! Billions of debt!
- High potential for cost escalation beyond the initial estimate will result in higher local taxes
- Highly likely cost estimate is too low. Reference past games and great book Thinking, Fast and Slow by D. Kahneman.
- Hosting events in British Columbia will send money, jobs, and tourism away from Calgary with no benefit to our city. Too many hidden costs
- Hosting the games is too expensive! As a homeowner I'm tired of property tax increases and service reductions.
- How could we consider hosting the Olympics when we have such a need for affordable housing. Let's spend the money where it would do the most
- How much money is being budgeted ? The abstract is very interesting, that is just a theory, not based on reality. Too much has been spent
- Huge shortfall in revenue and increase in taxes. Why are other cities backing out. Is it because the olympics are a big time money loser.
- Huge tax increases plus increased debt for the city province and federal govt. looking at past games I do not believe the clear costing model
- I see going into further debt as negative
- I believe the cost of the games will far exceed the amount we are presently told to believe. I don't
- I can not afford an increase to my taxes. these games are for the elite, run by the elite, so they can feed their hubris and megalomania.
- I don't see enough long term benefits for our city. If we're paying that much we need to have more infrastructure left behind.
- I don't want Calgary to pander to the IOC again. All the countries that were to submit bids have backed out. I see you have limited my com
- I don't want the Olympics so no benefit and will consider leaving Calgary if they move forward.
- I feel the cost doesn't justify the return
- I get to pay even more taxes than the 30% increase i've experienced the last 3 years in a row all the while being unemployed.
- I have no confidence that the current mayor and most of the counselors have any concept of the cost, and what it will do to our taxes.
- I have to ask. Will Mr. Nenshi & council really listen and be transparent with the results of this survey? Unfortunately, I'm doubtful!
- I have yet to see any convincing data to show that ROI gained by the city's economy will even come close to the money spent to host.

- I remember the 1988 Olympics and it put Calgary on the map. We gained some excellent facilities that my family has used over the years.
- I see no lasting benefit
- I still don't know.
- I think Calgary has lost its identity over the passed 20 years since the last Olympics. We need something to boost the city's overall appeal
- I think it is important to support the Olympic game. Due to our economy.
- I think it will help build pride in our community. That a multi-cultural city can host such an event
- I think the City has many more pressing areas that the money for the bid could be spent on.....infrastructure, education, homelessness etc
- I think we should submit a bid, ask the number of other counties having a successful bid is getting smaller so our chances increase to make.
- I will move from Calgary id they have them
- If Council wants trust and has confidence their BUDGET open up transparency and make info available to Freedom/Information and taxpayers!
- If Council/Calgary2028 intention is to confuse the public they're passing with flying colours. Doesn't bode well for a project like this.
- If the long term benefit is improved infrastructure, this can be funded for less over time without the overhead costs of hosting any games.
- I'm completely tapped out due to Nenshi's reign of massive tax increases. I cannot afford any more in taxes. No to the games.
- I'm not sure what the purpose of this even is. Not like City Hall listens to the taxpayer anyways. They think our pockets are bottomless.
- I'm skeptical of the initial outrageous cost claims. Many know substantial cost overruns happen every time. Tax payers can't give anymore!
- Improved infrastructure and facilities to ensure we remain a world class cities and are able to host world class events.
- In a recession, when governments are in debt, it is not the time to waste taxpayer money on something as frivolous as hosting the olympics.
- In seeing the heavily redacted bid report, I no longer trust any of the parties pursuing approval of a bid. What's being hidden?
- In the current and future economic circumstances, especially considering predictions regarding resource future, we cannot afford the games
- Increase taxes
- "Increased tourist dollars.
- Temporary economy boost with construction."
- It has become to corrupt with the doping problem and the top officials and the expense so no I don't want the olyimpic games
- it is very likely that the "costs" have been low-balled right now to get public buy in. Verges on outright lying.
- "It will cost too much!
- It will increase our province debt and will increase our property tax for Calgary for long time !"
- It would be a good time for Calgary to show that it is willing to host no just the main games but the Paralympic ones as well.
- Just wait the cost is going to be much more than Nenshi saying! We already know from the news that He is hiding some of the costs!
- lack of direction and leadership
- Lack of transparency by the city on the full scope of costs related to hosting. Security costs are an absolute wildcard which will go up.

- Let's just roll all 5 topics into one: make theme of Calgary's next art project =our mayor. That should pacify his ego and save us mega \$\$\$!
- Limit benefits, but huge financial risks. Just look at the cost overruns for the 2020 winter Olympic in Tokyo. In addition the 5 billion p
- local taxpayers paying for politicians dreams, so called affordable housing does not take into account future upkeep, too many children nee
- Look at the economy of Alberta. Oil price. We cannot even take our oil to tide water, cannot build pipelines. Waste of tax payers money.
- Looks like Stockholm is about to pull the plug. I suggest we do the same.
- Lot of financial risk
- Low wage jobs and/or volunteering while the rich get richer, only to claw it back in taxes. Corrupt IOC. Lying city councilors. NO OLYMPICS!
- Major overspending and tax payers on the hook. Funding has not been finalized and yet we are planning on bidding????!! Ridiculous.
- Massive cost over runs (This is not the time for Calgary to be considering/hosting an Olympic Games. Perhaps in the future)
- Mayor Nenshi if you are reading this I think you are the best mayor EVER! Keep up the great work!
- Mental health hospitals need to be built to get self medicating addicts of the streets. So many more places to spend that money.
- Money
- money can be better spent on roads and other infrastructure that is falling apart. ie storm sewers blocked with dirt and debris
- Money could be better spent in many priority areas. Been there, done that. The world is a very different place. Let someone else do it!
- Money pit
- Money. If there are 1.5 million in Calgary and the games cost 5 billion, that's \$3,333 each. Future civic/prov/fed taxes.
- money. No reason to spend so much on a two week party when we have needy people in Calgary. Alberta has a +10 billion dollar deficit.
- Monies used for a bid or the Olympics themselves would be better spent on infrastructure, affordable housing, etc.
- My biggest concern is 5.3 billion in costs will likely balloon to 8.3 - 10.3 billion and Albertans can't afford this with our fragile econom
- MY QUESTION IS "WHY IS THE REFERENDUM NON-BINDING"? IS IT BECAUSE YOU HAVE ALREADY DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS NONSENSE BID ??????
- My tax dollars go up every year due to you greedy councillors. You are out of control with the people's money.
- My taxes are so high at present and with everything this city requires, I do not feel spending money on Olympic Games is right.
- My taxes have increased tremendously since Mayor nenshi took took office. Big thanks to all those who voted for him. I will vote against.
- My taxes keep going up with nothing to show for it. MY family is no further ahead. Facilities outside of Calgary? No NO NO! Not on my dime!!
- My vote is no and you can blame Nenshi. The taxpayers are broke. The games are nothing more than a bid for his personal legacy.
- No benefit whatsoever. Risks-financial to Calgarians with no legitimate legacy items. Money is required for day to day needs of Calgarians.
- No benefits for the general public - high cost and overruns likely - Olympic games are passe.
- No Fieldhouse or legendary projects in the bid, council has hidden true costs from the public.
- no good financial case

- No money
- No Olympics have come in on budget and definitely not at calgary's estimate.
- No one but the City of Calgary wants this. The province basically said no. Taxpayers cannot afford this. WHY is CoC pushing ahead?
- No one can tell me which portion of the Govts will be looking for my tax money (all three). I as a senior can not afford this amount of money
- No to this. Economic benefits are phrased as potential and hopeful. Costs are unknown. Funding is iffy. Transparency and trust lacking
- No top benefit. City taxes are increased every year. All three levels of gov have huge dept loads and cannot afford the Olympics. Very risky
- None
- Not a true Calgary Olympics as we do not have the facilities for it, and lots of event would take place outside of the city. Why pay for it?
- Not at present economic condition in Alberta.
- Not clear what the burden will be to taxpayers.
- Not enough words to describe the flawed system, lack of organization, transparency. John Q Taxpayer should NOT have to foot the bill.
- Not sure how Calgary thinks we can do an olympics on budget when every other city is billions over budget. Risk to taxpayers is huge
- Not sure whether Calgary residents should shoulder part of public costs, be through taxes or municipal borrowing. Current uncertain economy
- Olympic Games generally cost twice as much as the original estimate. I do not want to be left holding the bag for a massive bill afterwards.
- Olympic host cities leave wonderful legacy's. People all around the world still associate Calgary with one of the best Olympics in history!
- Olympics would provide the boost the construction industry needs, plus incentive to improve transit. Don't like sharing with Whistler.
- only one advance voting poll in each quadrant. How are seniors and citizens suppose to get from Hamptons to Bow valley, need more polls
- Other levels of government have large deficits. Now is not the time to increase these amounts by holding Games.
- Our governments have too much debt already
- Overall, it will provide a significant boost to the City. The offset risks are not, I believe being fully discussed.
- Parasite Politic Class gets free meals and travel
- People are projecting success based on the 88 games. Times are different. Volunteerism is not what it was in 1988, could be a challenge
- People pushing this thru dropped the ball on the 1st play. In the long game taxpayers will get slaughter by the final buzzer and decades on!
- Philosophically, I disagree with the entire Olympic organization.
- Please do not spend any more of my tax payer's money in the idea of hosting the olympics. WE CANNOT AFFORD IT MAYOR NENSHI!!!!!!
- Pork-barrelling by a privileged elite.
- promote city
- Province kicks in \$700M, and Calgary taxpayers make up the shortfall. Plus we make up the shortfall when the games go over budget. Wake up!
- Province saying NO + NO political gain for Federal Liberal dollars into Olympics in Alberta = STOP THE INSANITY NOW!!
- Public schools have to fund raise for library books. Literacy is at an all time low across younger generations. Let's fund THAT, instead!

- Question to Council: How much have taxpayers spent to date on ramming thru this reckless bid? Maybe check the redacted file if unsure.
- Ridiculous waste of money
- RISK - MOre taxes, It seems when ever you tell us the proposed cost it always goes into over runs, I don't trust you any more. No more taxes
- Risk of unanticipated or increased costs which will be unfunded and which will ultimately fall back on Calgary taxpayers.
- Risk outweighs any benefit in this economy
- Risk: Excellent point. What is the figure for long-term debt financing over and above the original estimate?
- Saw that the CoC thinks this process is flawed because so many people are against the Bid! Maybe the reality is that we don't want the games!
- Shame on Calgary2026 for zeroing in their RAH-RAH show at students who have no skin in the game! Can't wait until they work/pay taxes!
- Since you didn't give us much space to respond,,, I guess you fon't Want negative responses. Grow up people
- So glad that all that money would benefit the athletes... what about your average joe. High tax bills at this time is not the answer
- Spiralling costs
- Stop this madness. No more tax hikes.
- Stop wasting our money on personal agendas.
- Stop wasting tax dollars
- Survey socio-economic split: middle/lower classes=tax burden. upper class=even more and nicer amenities for a small % of city population.
- Tax increase
- Taxpayers are on overload as it is... the money already spent on the "'idea' could have gone towards less property taxes that are going up
- Thanks for all your time today. I think it will be a great volunteering opportunity and community builder.
- thanks for limiting the reply spase for your impartial ruery
- The amount of money needed to host could better be spent in helping those who would never be able to afford to attend the games
- The benefit was supposed to be increased funding from higher gvmt, of which we're not getting enough. Better off paying for venues we want
- The bid will cost money. We pay very high taxes already and we don't have a proper transportation system in place, we have to use cars to
- The biggest risk is debt.We as a province and nation are falling behind economically when compared to other first world nations.Don't have \$
- The city can not afford this. Why would we have th Olympics when we can t host all events. Why pay for BC and Edmonton events
- The city cannot afford the additional burden of millions of dollars for the Olympics at the same time as funding the Green Line and others.
- The city could use the money spent elsewhere and for a longer investment
- The city is ruled by losers and mediocrites. They will lose or waste our money as usual
- "The city is understating the risks while overstating the benefits.
- They are not providing an unbiased source of information."
- The city isn't being honest with the costs. No one wants their taxes to go up even more.
- The City needs to tell taxpayers before the plebiscite how much each household will have to pay in extra taxes in TOTAL to host the games.

- The city of Calgary will inevitably be in DEBT for generations to come.
- The city will not break even versus cost for the games. As well the economy is still down and you are asking people on limited income to pay
- The city's long term goals as stated could be better met through using public funds directly to help develop sport, house homeless, etc.
- The CoC will do whatever they want, the vote is non-binding and they now believe that this process is flawed because so many are against it!
- The constant overspending by Nenshi and city council has come home to roost. The taxpayers are tired of footing their bills. Vote No.
- The cost estimate is not realistic and the shoestring approach to upgrading McMahon and the Saddledome is underwhelming
- The cost is exorbitant and will only benefit a few as usual such as big business and wealthy.
- The cost is too high and that money could be spent in better places, ie. roads, schools.
- The cost of the Olympics that will be mostly paid by Calgary and Alberta when we are in a recession 8.3 percent unemployed in Calgary
- The costs are too high and benefits too little. Most of the cost is borne by taxpayers. Not many big companies left to sponsor.
- The costs associated with the games outweigh our benefits. We need to be responsible with our resources.
- The costs outweigh the benefits. Support from the Federal and Provincial gov't is lacking leaving the risk to the local taxpayer.
- The Council Directive: "A Well Run City" needs to be applied to city taxpayers not the corrupt IOC. Vote NO!
- The current state of the City and Alberta economy is definitely not that of 1988. The word "boondoggle" applies to any bid consideration.
- The dollar amount from Fed and prov gov do not add up to what the city is giving. Who pays the shortfall. Should be outlined and made clear
- The economy in this city/Province is not one that can sustain such expenditures neither can the taxpayers. 1988 had support from large corp
- The economy is still not back to where it should be. Those in charge have NOT been transparent with cost/dollars. Too many possible overruns
- The estimated cost for the Games is unaffordable, and the risks of costs increasing are high. Taxpayers cannot be expected to support this.
- "The flames can build their own arena at their cost.
- Who else is driving this insanity?"
- The flim flam is that costs spiral out of control as a result of IOC demands on the host city AFTER the selection is made.
- The Games are needed to invest in new and current facilities. Calgary's reputation as a winter sports city is at stake. We need this.
- The games budget is seriously under valued. The numbers don't add up City Council has proven themselves to be secretive and untrustworthy.
- The greatest risk is spending money we don't to host an event that no one wants.
- The immediate cost and long term costs do not make the Olympic bid worthwhile.
- The IOC is corrupt and the results of the competition is skewed by performance enhancing drugs. Better use of taxpayer money can be found.
- The lack of honesty and transparency is appalling, the estimated cost is so far from reality that it borders on the ridiculous.
- The loooooong term benefits that came out of 1988 can still be felt across Canada. It was done right with an eye to the future.
- "The money that would be spent on the games

- should or could be used for other needs in the city such as social programs, infrastructure ext."
- The number one risk is crushing debt for the taxpayers without any benefit, or benefits that accrue only to elite athletes and politicians.
- The Olympics are not what they were in 1988. I don't want to have any part in modern Olympics, let alone help pay for it.
- The olympics are the apex of criminality & perhaps the greatest wealth re-distribution scam ever devised.
- The project costs do not have escalation, ie, they are based on 2018 \$.Add another 15-20% in inflation over the next 8 years and how much??
- The projected cost number given seem very low. We'll go over budget. No long term tourism benefits - Are you planning to go to South Korea?
- The province did not give enough \$. Calgary can't afford to cover Notley. Why isn't Edmonton and Canmore chipping in. Not enough info fr cit
- The resources fir this bid could be used elsewhere
- The revenue brought in to this city is not enough to keep jobs on a permanent basis - it only leaves a huge deficit after the fact
- The risk is not worth the reward, the cost to the average Calgarian could be used in so many better ways.
- the risk of cost overruns are huge and we are already too deep in debt
- The roads in my area are third world. Millions are spent on IOC "fat cats" to "inspect" facilities and expect five star, luxury level. ?????
- The top benefit is financial from tourism. The biggest risk, and reality, is expense. The proposed new venues are unnecessary, with no value
- The world had no idea where Calgary even was until the "'88 Olympics. Put us on the map as being a fantastic city filled with selfless people
- There currently isn't a defined Economic benefit from the \$3.2 to \$5 Billion bid. The majority of the funding is from tax payers at 3 level
- There is also the option for the city to add on the NHL arena into the deal. That will bring additional costs certain to put us over budget
- There is little to no long term benefit for the taxpayers of Calgary to take on this kind of risk. Proposed cost not even close to reality.
- There is no benefit in hosting the games. i am totally against the idea. The cost over runs will be a heavy burden on taxpayers.
- This city and province has been decimated economically without backing by govts for the O&G industry. Bad outweighs the good.
- this city cannot afford the upfront costs of hosting anything so big & expensive at this time. Job layoffs & increasing cost of living!!!
- This city can't run a civic vote properly or manage the Calgary Police force, why would anyone vote to have them run an Olympic program.
- This information in this document is so high level, vague, minimizes risk. I will vote no. Cost over runs are a HUGE risk.
- This is not the right time to be wasting money on these games
- This site is a referendum on City Council performance. Based on all the poor comments, council has bigger issues to worry about.
- This Survey should of conducted before the City spend Millions in the Research associated as to whether there is public interest ? Wasteful
- This would be a terrible waste of our resources. If we want to stimulate our city it is more effective to invest directly to existing groups
- To bid is to put Calgarians at huge financial risk with no significant upside.

- too expensive in current economy, city & province. Sparse public dollars needed for basic infrastructure & services for regular citizens
- "Too expensive
- Cost always overruns
- Not enough benefits for the public."
- too expensive, no guarantees re costs
- Too expensive.
- too expensive.
- Too expensive. As a senior, living in my own home, I do not want my sunset years to be diminished by huge tax implications.
- Too many risks, primarily financial, and the city will be left holding the bag "" not the province, not the feds, and certainly not the IOC
- Too much downside financial risk for Calgary taxpayers. Make a deal that the IOC pay any cost over runs. We'd need useful legacy facilities
- "Too much for tax payers to pay for.
- Millennials are not on the whole a generation of Volunteers.
- Money needed for capital costs in City"
- Too much money for a 2 week party. There are far more pressing concerns where this money could be spent to the benefit of all in our city
- Too much money spent when the unemployment rate is still so high. Too many people haven't found jobs since the big 2015 layoffs.
- Too much money very little long term benefit. Calgary is already known world wide. Corruption of IOC
- Top benefit is upgraded infrastructure and facilities. Top risk is definitely financial.
- Top benefit would be infrastructure. Top risk is financial.
- Top benefit, NONE. Top risk MANY, it's too expensive to host and not many people attend the events. Waste of money.
- Top benefits are bringing the community together. I was a volunteer in 1988 and it was a wonderful experience. My top concern is cost.
- top risk - our city and provincial governments cannot afford such an expenditure at this time. City officials seem to want this bid regardless
- Top risk is vast cost overruns and diversion of funding from necessary, useful projects that benefit all layers of society.
- Total waste of our money, AGAIN
- transportation issues and security costs for tax payer too great
- Traveling? Get your mail-in ballot NOW! Couriers available.  
<http://www.calgary.ca/vote2018/Pages/Voter-information/When-and-where-to-vote>.
- Unaffordable and unpredictable costs to Calgary taxpayers.
- Unless there is more revenue share from the Olympics then my taxes should not pay for games
- Until there is more transparency from the IOC I do not think Calgary should bid. The cost is far too great.
- Upgraded facilities is good, but I am concerned that important costs are being omitted by city council. I want the whole picture, or its no.
- Volunteerism will be WAY down from 88. Anyone who has a job will need to work to pay off huge debt incurred. Taxes are going up w/o this sham!
- waste of money
- "Waste of money
- We are in a recession we can't justify this recklessness
- Furthermore the IOC is corrupt and should not be supported"

- Waste of money!
- Waste of tax dollars that could be put to better use for low income housing and funding programs to help the homeless.
- Waste of tax payers money
- Wasted money, neglected services and infrastructures. Risks far outweigh any perceived benefit.
- Way too expensive ,hidden cost, other Cities have backed out due to the tax burden left behind after the games,not worth it
- way too expensive,
- Way too expensive, we do not need this added burden at a time when the City is still recovering . Neshi needs to find a cheaper pet project
- We are facing service cuts and/or higher taxes from the city already. Use the funds for things needed not a party for the rich.
- We are still in a recession and hosting the games will do nothing but put us further in debt and raise taxes even more. Don't do this!!!
- We as Calgarians need to know the exact cost per person that this will cost. Adjusted for inflation which nobody seems to mention.
- "We can't afford it and we have had it already!
- Cost overruns mean an underestimate of costs!"
- We can't afford it under our current economy
- We can't afford it! The very minor benefits do not negate the ridiculous cost.
- We cannot afford it!!!!
- We cannot afford it. Mayor is hiding the true costs from us.
- We cannot afford the luxury of the games when we have the debts and deficits we have in the City and Province.
- We cannot afford the massive deficit that the Games would create, which would be absorbed by taxpayers.
- We cannot afford this as the corrupt IOC always over demand!!! The costs are too large for the benefit of very few athletes!!!
- "We cannot afford to host at this time.
- Too many people underemployed"
- We can't afford it.
- We don't have money for snow removal on snow routes so we don't have money for Olympic bids
- "We don't have money.
- WCS is selling at \$15 per barrel. On what planet does this make you think Alberta is flush with money for the IOC?"
- We have a great legacy from '88. Doesn't mean we need to get knee deep in debt to do it again. First responders --we need more of them!
- We have NO idea how much it will cost! Cost overruns are probable; the city will be on the hook for them. In "'88 they were volunteer based
- We have too much debt and no way out. Recent world Olympics have proven to be a huge waste of money with very little pay back.
- We haven't recovered from 2015, what makes the city think that's the best place to put our tax dollars when people are unemployed still?
- we need a new hockey arena, and football stadium
- We should bid if it's determined the city will benefit substantially and help recover from the economic slump; decrease the unemployment rat
- We should not bid because we don't have the money.
- We should not have expensive games like this until we have the social problems in calgary addresses. I do not want to pay additional taxes.

- We should not submit a bid because the organizing committee has no feasible financial plan for cost over runs or significant benefits .
- We should not submit a bid primarily due to the uncertainty regarding budget, cost, and broader economic impacts on the city at large.
- We should use all available funds to transition to a low carbon economy before it is too late. Hosting Olympics is trivial in comparison.
- We shouldn't host the games because we can't afford it. We're already in debt.
- We simply can't afford it. Our prov gvt has a huge financial hole to climb out of and we are facing a civic property tax/spending crisis.
- What else would you like Calgary to bring to the world and it's own people? Oil and gas? Really? You have to look into the future.
- What happens when we commit to the games and the provincial or federal governments change their mind? Then Calgary taxpayers are paying all!
- What is the operative word? "GAMES" Really?? Put the dollars into improving day-to-day lives of Calgarians. "Olympic" refers to the costs!!
- What will the final cost be? There are a lot more sports now than there were in 1988 and there are also the paraolympic games as well.
- When there are so many serious problems that need attention, wanting to give us a circus in 2026 is insanity.
- When was the last time a city cost estimate came in under projected costs I do not believe the accuracy of estimate for a venue 8 years away
- Where can i put my name? total bollocks !!!!
- Who is going to pay for it
- Who pays? Taxpayers, all hard costs. Who benefits? Our reputation? A bread & circuses to divert the need for serious economic change?
- "Why are we spending so much money for only top athletes? Let's get everyone active instead!
- IOC is a mismanaged organization."
- Why has the direct link to such an important discussion forum been taken off the City Home page? Too strong a NO position with valid points?
- Why has the poll results feature been removed? It says reload the page to get results but nothing happens.
- With the Tokyo Olympics now topping 25 billion and other Olympic having enormous cost overruns in the past the taxpayer will be left to pay.
- Without the Games opportunity there are no added revenue tools coming our way to support the needs we have now and in the coming years.
- Would you agree to buy a house without certainty as to the final cost? Of course not.
- Yay - MORE paramilitary police in YYC! Gotta protect the \$rich\$ & their assets (\$\$\$+cops=oppressed99%). Billions to be spent on guns/bullets
- Years of paying for the olympics. Already almost highest unemployment in Canada. There is no benefits for the city if we can't afford it.
- You are crazy. This city is suffering from lack of employment, offices empty etc. During our last Olympics , companies donated money and tim
- You paid someone to setup this site, i'd ask for a refund
- You realize that Whistler-Blackcomb is owned by the US.Vail bought it a few years ago and they will want the advert money, etc
- -85% of venues already exist, and are ready for upkeep investment. They continue to be used and contribute to our economy
- A great way to push to improve our public transportation system "" to the airport, to the southern communities (Green Line).
- A legacy for future athletes and to showcase Calgary on the World Stage again.

- A legacy!!
- a new place for hockey and other venues. build down towns east village,
- Advance polls November 6 th and 7th. Don't forget.
- After living the games in London in 2012, I was amazed how much it brings to a city!
- "All the negative comments - sad.
- Let's do this Calgary! Show some spirit."
- Apart from the spectacle of The World Coming to Town, I would personally have great job opportunities on the AV side of things.
- As a top training city (and area) for Olympic athletes already, it is important to update infrastructure to continue to compete.
- As Calgary may be the only serious bidder for the 2026 Games, aren't we in a position to ask the IOC to increase their contribution?
- Based on info avail, benefits include legacy programs, new facility & upgrades, some housing and infrastructure, plus local economy boost.
- Beneficial for the social and economic life of the city.
- Benefits Economy housing and venues.... The risk is that the bid isn't presented to voters in a way to make an informed decision
- "Benefits: Job creation and infrastructure upgrades
- Risks: Increased taxes over what period of time?"
- Boost in economy for years to come due to increased tourism during and after the games is too lucrative to ignore. Benefits outweigh costs.
- Boost of urban infrastructure, jobs and economy.
- Bring our city to life!
- By having the Olympics & Paralympics here, we will have to have more accessible public spaces. This will be huge for the disability comm.
- Calgarians you know what you have to do, so get out on Nov 6,7 and the 13th and get it done!!!!!!
- Calgary is already a centre for athletics and we could build on that even more by hosting the games. We need the upgraded facilities.
- Calgary is in a good position to negotiate and not have to bid in the traditional manner the IOC has used in the past, the IOC want it in NA
- Calgary needs to put itself on the Int'l stage. Just moved here from Vancouver and it's a terribly depressing environment.
- Calgary SHOULD definitely host. Business, Arts and Economy all benefit.
- Calgary would get great publicity world wide, boosting tourism. Also calgarians can benefit from new facilities.
- community goals, involvement, pride will be good if we host the olympics
- "Community involvement and community spirit & reputations building worldwide
- I'm not worried about the money I view it S an investment"
- Construction cost; legacy costs and usefulness of capital expenditure facilities
- Creates a sense of pride and achievement to do a job well with superior results. I was a volunteer driver in 1988 and loved it.
- Diversification for Calgary and a robust legacy for our future city
- Documents from city hall with completely redacted information and closed door meetings do not instill trust.
- Does our Olympic bid include a new rink for the Flames and/or a new stadium for the Stampeders ? If yes YES if not NO.
- Economic and cultural growth - the world gets to know us and we get to know the world better
- Economic long term benefits
- Economic stimulation and legacy

- "Economy boost
- More tourism"
- Energize the City to accelerate the many projects and investments needed.
- Excited for the housing being built. 2,200 units of affordable housing + 600 units of market rate housing is a great benefit.
- Extremely unique cultural experience to be experienced once in a life time in our own city
- Fast tracking some major infrastructure projects.
- For investment into long term infrastructure to benefit Calgarians and in the short term create jobs through 2026 in order to host the games
- Future tourism and facility upgrades for up-and-coming athletes to train and provide opportunity for Canadians to take part in sport.
- Good- tourism and some infrastructure needs such as a train from the airport downtown. May draw people to Calgary for investment
- Good fiscal mgmt is vital but I believe the short term economic boost & long term social & economic benefits to the city win out!
- "Great experience for our city!
- For the complainers - stop complaining!!!"
- Great to have Olympics & Paralympics in Canada. Plus, Winter World Masters Games reportedly follows Winter Olympics following year.
- Great way to celebrate differences and it would be an honour to have Calgary and Canadian athletes receive world recognition
- Greater exposure on the international stage as more than just the home for Oil and Gas development in Canada.
- Having the Olympic's in your home city is such an exciting and fun time to look forward to. It'll be like the Stampede on steroids.
- I think it will benefit our City, the world will get to know Calgary again.
- I believe that if the bid is done correctly the long term benefits (the legacy) to Calgary and other venues will outright the negatives.
- I believe that this will be great for Calgary as a community. It would also help to make Calgary more accessible for everyone!
- I can't think of any other way to get the federal government to pay Calgary \$1.5 Billion so this seems like a good idea!
- I feel the benefits of hosting a major event like this fits in with our vision of building a world class city for all of its citizens.
- I lived in Vancouver during the 2010 Winter Olympics. It brought the city to the World. The Olympics here will do the same. Tourism!
- I see as a benefit of decreasing the unemployment rate.
- I see city benefit from more affordable housing, field house & a new Corral. Also I see the re-use of facilities as a very responsible plan
- I see no benefit from hosting the Olympics today and huge financial risk. The Olympics today is not what it was.
- I see somewhat of an economical benefit if we host the games but I do not foresee a huge benefit from international exposure.
- I started a company because of the Olympics; I have seen it first hand, it helps to give the youth more opportunity.
- I think it can attract many people/companies into Calgary that will trickle down into economic growth.
- I think it is an amazing opportunity for Calgary and Alberta. I come from grande prairie and have been following it since it was revealed
- I think it's a wonderful opportunity for tourism and bringing the world to Calgary! Why not?

- I think that by reinvesting in our existing infrastructure, Calgary would be able to continue its role for prime winter sports training.
- I think the City should submit a bid for the Games as it will build community and leave a legacy of infrastructure that we want to have.
- I would love to live and experience a city that hosts an Olympics! Bring it on!!!
- If successful, Calgary 2026 will definitely bring all sectors of Calgary's communities together to work on a single goal. Go, go, go!!!
- If this city is going to die from overspending, might as well end it quickly.
- If we can't have infrastructure without this display of grandeur then we don't need it! Stop stealing my money!
- I'm excited about the opportunity to volunteer my time to be a part of the games. Will enhance community spirit.
- Improved infrastructure that will benefit Calgarians for decades to come.
- In 1988 the city was looking it's best because the Olympics were coming. New roads, new landscaping and new building. It was amazing.
- Infrastructure and future economics. If done correctly we could really showcase Albertan and Canadian businesses and professionals.
- Infrastructure and legacy
- Infrastructure improvements at a discounted price (due to fed funding) with better accessibility and upgrades to facilities for youth
- Infrastructure will be upgraded and partially funded
- Infusion of capital and job creation.
- It provides community spirit; new facilities; infrastructure investment.
- It would bring a lot of tourists to Calgary and would bring a lot of money into the city and businesses with people buying food, shelter etc
- It's a great opportunity to celebrate and share all that is great about Calgary.
- It's a sound investment that will spur further more growth and development.
- Let's live in the moment and enjoy this. Calgary is a beautiful city to host the Olympics! It would bring so many people to our city!
- Leveraged economic return of \$7B incl existing facilities & housing, something we need anyways, \$B of work hrs, infusion of community spirit
- Long-term international investment and receiving additional funding for already planned developments. Low income housing development
- Love the plan to renovate existing facilities as well as to build a couple of in demand but reasonable new facilities.
- many benefits!
- Meanwhile hundreds of people die from drugs and the lack of mental health help. But who cares about them when there's ego stroking available
- More income to the city, and a tourism boom. Big risk = big reward.
- More money for the city.
- More value than money only. The other benefits around pride in our country, increased community connectedness, visibility,
- My taxes is to high already
- Need more positive attitudes. Calgary's amazing and we need more exposure to the world.
- New 30 year legacy of opportunity and excellence for youth in sports of all sorts.
- New and retrofitted facilities will benefit the city for many years to come.
- New infrastructure and world recognition for tourism.
- No benefit. It's like paying known crooks to come into your house for three weeks to line their pockets and leave you with the damage + bill

- No! When is the next election again? Time to turf these idiots!
- Not enough information at the time to make a good decision. I'd like to see Alberta in the positive spotlight and a potential economic boost
- Olympics is an international event of healthy competition and working together around the world. It's impact is not measurable.
- People ask "What legacy"? Ask the thousands who come to Calgary annually spending big \$ via the 175 international sporting events!
- Poor economy and the cost of putting on the games is not worth the gain to Calgary citizens. Financial responsibility is required by city !
- Positions brand Calgary to the world, so the next time we pitch Amazon or other multinational companies to open a HQ here, it will be a yes!
- Promotes a better future Calgary by having more amenities. I am thankful for amenities developed from last Calgary Olympics.
- provide much needed upgrade to our current facilities so that younger generations may benefit. This will also help diversify our economy
- Provides a project to engage all Calgarians and gives them a sense of pride in the city. There are many non-financial benefits.
- Provides the city a focus to plan for the future. Renewed pride in Calgary and a focus away from the recessionary of the recent past.
- Revenue for the city and all businesses in the area due to increased tourism
- Should: Poetical to provide an economic boost and unify increasingly segmented citizenry and boost civic pride
- Spending \$8 to get \$50 in return seems like a no brainier to me. Spending \$800M to get \$5000M is the same math.
- "Stimulating the Calgary economy. New facilities for athletes.
- Risks is poor planning and spending or allocation of funds."
- Take from the many to give to the few
- Taking advantage of available funding and promoting Calgary can only bring good things to city. Promised plan seems very fiscally responsible
- "The benefits are far too minimal given the risk.
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- Calgary should pursue the NEXT option instead."
- "The Feds/Province puts in \$5 for every \$1 City does. Bargain deal.
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- Edmonton 3 - Calgary 0 (field houses)
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- Edmonton are doing it right."
- The fix is in
- The information included in the discussion above is primarily "MAY" - this is not indicative of any certainty and no firm costs. I vote NO!
- The legacy of this endeavor for present and future generations has been proven (Calgary 1988 and Vancouver 2010) and is invaluable!
- The Olympics will create jobs and boost our economy.
- The only three events worth seeing are slope style, big air, and halfpipe. I heard Vancouver gets these events, is that true?
- The potential positive influence and impression the spirit of olympics have on our youth are unmeasurable and to me very beneficial
- The risk of cost overrun is too high and Calgary is saddled with too much debt as it is.

- The same argument by those against in 1981. The legacy for the 88 games continues today. Saying it's a 2 week party is shortsighted.
- The top benefit would be the lasting facilities and upgrades to existing facilities, as well as a positive and legacy attitude enhancement.
- The yes side keeps yapping about the sports legacy and facilities that we would get, hey guess what? We already have them!
- There is a need to diversify away from Oil and Gas over medium and long term for the city and the province.
- This bid would potentially keep this amazing city vibrant.
- This is the best way to bring back jobs to Calgary. It is exactly what is needed to get the economy back on track. You have to spend money t
- This will end up costing taxpayers far more than they will ever benefit. Costs are far below what they will actually be.
- This would be amazing to have the Olympics in Calgary!!!
- To assist with income for the games the IOC should not be given the number of seats they usually take. Perhaps 20% and pay for other seats.
- To disagree with hosting the games due to Calgarians still recovering from the oil downturn is selfish. Shouldn't have spent so much pre-2010
- To mean the single biggest reason is to once again instill pride in us in who we are on the world stage, like we had a generation ago
- Too many benefits to list.....but most of all, why not host the best winter Olympics ever (again)!
- "Top benefit are:
  1. More jobs.
  2. More affordable housing options.
  3. Better infrastructure.
  4. International recognition."
- Top benefit is tourism. Main risk is that the costs are not estimated correctly and may be much higher
- Top benefit is upgrading the existing infrastructure, this is needed at all our current venues. Something the city can't afford on its own
- Top benefit would be an upgrade to the city's sports facilities and an economic reason to fund them.
- Top benefits: Better international notariety for city and new infrastructure
- tourism
- Updating infrastructure, good ROI with investment from other levels of government
- Upgrades to facilities will bring in new jobs. New facilities will bring in new revenue long term including future events,
- Visibility for Calgary, dollars injected into Calgary that wouldn't otherwise be available, creating jobs, and future legacy.
- We already have the infrastructure. But we need to modernize them. This will create investment into our city. Will Create jobs.
- We are getting infrastructure improvement that is already needed but pennies in the dollar
- We have to have fun sometimes up in this frozen tundra.
- We hosted the games in the past and I believe it would be a great opportunity to do so again.
- We need the economic investment it will bring
- we should do this its fun.
- We should invest the tax payer's money in a better way such as long term economic development not the hot rush booming.
- We should submit our bid ONLY IF the TMX is approved. This will aid in paying for any \$ shortfalls from the games

- We will need to renovate these venues anyway. By 2026 they will be 40 years old. So why not get help paying for it?
- We're one of only 2 cities to profit from the games and I think we can do it twice. The infrastructure upgrades will benefit us in the future
- Will help our economy in the short and long run
- Will our Olympic bid include a new rink for the Flames and/or a new stadium for the Stampeders ? If not, please don't waste our time.
- Wonderful opportunity to host such event and benefit from the international exposure. We have most sports infrastructure in place.
- Would bring positive feelings and adventure for our athletes in Alberta during the upheaval of our economy with our gas and oil decline.
- Would put Calgary on the map globally. Yes, taxes may rise. However, Calgary's taxes are MUCH lower than the rest of Canada, so relax
- Would stimulate the economy and bring in tourism dollars! And would display Calgary as a world-class city.
- Yes. Yes. Yes. Let our youth enjoy this!
- YES. U of C study says cost per Calgarian will be \$2000 over time. Economic impact will increase property values much more than this.
- -City hall is not providing all the required information on the cost to hold the Olympics. Not transparent at all. Costs will only escalate.
- "Ours will be different" is a phrase every city hosting the Olympics has uttered. By the time this is done we'll have spent \$12bn.
- \$5.6 billion and that cost is very likely to increase. We'll need \$3 billion from public funding, most will come from city. No more tax.
- 1) not enough contribution from other levels of government. 2) the IOC is a corrupt organization and I don't want to contribute to them
- "1) Events spread over western Canada are NOT Calgary games
- 2) Cost estimates are too low & govt support is lacking
- 3) No new arena!"
- "1) Project will run over budget
- 2) Old elitist institution that supports sports most people can not afford to play"
- 1. Cannot afford the cost nor the risk of cost overruns. Find the recent decision to let Russia back in by WADA disgusting.
- "1. I believe the project economic risk is far too high.
- 2. I believe my tax dollars (all 3 levels) are better spend on affordable housing."
- "1. The exorbitant cost for a two week party.
- 2. Exposure to cost overruns.
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- 3. Corruption in IOC Management."
- 140 characters? wow, thanks! I do not believe that you will come even close to your spend target you will spend \$7B not 5B for huge debt
- 15 mins of fame on the world stage in exchange for crippling debt and hard to repurpose facilities. Look at "88 motel village eyesore.
- 3 Billion \$ reason, I believe Calgary has not taken care of the issues of the people in Calgary. We are over taxed and are still recovering
- a burden to the city, will take a long time to readjust our grand kids will still pay for it
- Absolutely none All these games will do is increase taxes and put many Calgarians into further financial strains.

- Advocates of the 2026 bid are banking on the economic benefits of hosting the games, but I believe the costs far outweigh any benefits.
- Affordability
- Alberta has a record deficit, as does Canada. Calgary is at double its typical unemployment rate, over 8%, and is in recession.
- Alberta is not in a financial position to put potentially billions of dollars into a two week event.
- Alberta oil is selling at a loss, gas prices that have been low for 12 years just collapsed. Where do you think the money should come from?
- All 3 levels of government are currently running deficits. This just adds to already over-taxed families.
- All levels of government cannot afford this expense
- All olympics games are uneconomic as proven by data across all levels of academia. Why is the City ignoring this?
- An almost guaranteed risk of cost over run. The games are not really hosted for the local people who will not see much benefit.
- Any so-called legacy benefits will only benefit a few. Their ongoing maintenance will cost many.
- As a Calgarian, an Albertan and a Canadian tax payer there are far better uses for the money that would go into the Olympics.
- As a private citizen who does not own a business or work in any capacity related to the games, this will only mean an increase in my taxes.
- As a small business owner I know the cost will be pushed to people like me to cover the bill. No one is coming back to Calgary as a tourist
- As a taxpayer, I don't want to have to pay for it. I believe the city's money and my own are better suited going towards something else.
- As long as Calgary is the only entity that will have to absorb any and all financial overruns then we should not bid. IOC for overages..OK
- Basically every prior Olympics has lost money (or at best broken "even"). This is terrible return for \$5B
- Because city/property tax has increased every year for the last 4 years. I do not want to be paying for a 2-week party for the next 30 years
- Because of too much extra costs.
- Before we use our limited funds to host another Olympic bid there are a lot of areas for improvement in and around the city.
- Being associated with a corrupt organization.
- "Benefit: Pride
- Risk: Tax increase for citizen for years to come.
- No to games."
- Best case scenario of \$2000 in additional tax payers dollars per household. With overruns that could be "the sky's the limit", Just Say No.
- Best outcome of YVR games was expedited Canada Line. No obvious similar benefits for YYC and studies all show dubious economic benefits.
- Bid includes numerous facility options that do not directly relate to the Olympic Games, thus greatly inflating the costs and related risks.
- Bid is hurting economy as people restrict their spending scared their property taxes are going to go up
- BidCo chair says Rotary enthusiastic. Cherry picking of a select group. Go ask parents shopping, or picking up kids at school or at the rink
- Bidco says \$1800/household extra. Households in Calgary = 475,000. At least \$1 billion of direct purchasing power taken from Calgary pockets
- BidCo says Olympics will turn Calgary around. A misleading early "HAIL MARY" out of the play-from-behind playbook. More "HM's" will come.

- "Biggest risk is cost over runs which have been guaranteed by the overly optimistic budgeting process.
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- Next biggest risk IOC corruption"
- Biggest risk is the cost to the taxpayer. Even if the cost is split between city, province, and federal, that's still all the same taxpayer
- Budget ends up way more than bud. Average citizens will not see a benefit.
- Buy some snow plows instead
- Calgarians cannot afford any more! Stop wasting money on stupid things and for once consider what the taxpayers actually want!
- Calgary been there, done that, had fun, paid the bills. Why take on 30 years of new debt in these economic times?
- Calgary can't afford to buy the thousands of condoms for these "athletes" seem to need at these games. We are all getting screwed!!!!!!
- Calgary has met only a tiny fraction of it's poverty reduction goals. Financially and morally this issue and others like it need attention.
- Calgary is already a great city and IOC should be paying us for the opportunity to host here.
- Calgary is broke financially. We cannot afford more taxes.
- Calgary is left exposed to ill defined financial risks to be managed by a mayor and council with a poor sense of controlling costs.
- Calgary is still struggling to recover its economy. We need to be careful with Calgary's future, before we engage in something like this.
- Calgary should have other priorities, mental health crisis, seniors housing, veterans aide, invest in our local people! Don't raise taxes!!!
- Calgary should NOT submit a bid because the cost is far too high and all levels of government are in debt and we cannot AFFORD to host.
- Calgary shouldn't bid to host Olympics because we cannot afford it especially when our politicians make bank and citizens suffer financially
- Calgary simply doesn't have the economic wherewithal to handle this; we are awash in debt in all 3 levels of government - say no!
- Calgary tax payers already are burdened with stupid spending by council. We don't need added burdens.
- Calgary Taxpayers must see information to make an informed decision. In camera secretive meetings, blacked out leaked documents?? NO!
- Calgary Taxpayers want access to information - not in camera secretive meetings or blacked out documents!
- Calgary taxpayers will pay for a large portion of the games with little or no benefit. City council will not reduce taxes after games.
- Calgary tourism is primarily based on being the Gateway to the Rockies, not because we built the Oval, Saddledome, COP for an Olympics.
- Calgary, Alberta and Canada can not afford to host these games as all funding will eventually come from taxpayers. VERY FEW people benefit.
- Calgary's economy is far less vibrant than during the 88 Olympics. Risks of lower revenues and cost over-runs should prohibit our bid.
- Can't afford it
- CanadianTaxpayerFed report:min.\$2000/house w/o overruns.That doesn't include what is paid Fed/Prov.Trust this info,not BidCo! Will go higher
- Canmore had 0% input in this latest Calgary Olympic bid & is already over-run with herds of people that have been stampeding here since '88!
- Can't afford the exorbitant cost

- carbon tax hitting us hard the idea of having to take on more debt as tax payer is hard to swallow. We need a new hockey/sports venue more!
- CBEC is excessively optimistic in their revenue and benefit predictions and significantly underestimates the cost estimate.
- Check original ideals of modern Olympics (1896). Compare to commercialized, money-driven Olympics today. Is that what we want to buy into??
- Citizens cannot afford especially myself, low income senior trying to survive in her own home, with not enough income to afford higher tax
- City council keeps increasing my taxes to fund their ridiculous pet projects. Now they want the olympics. Enough is enough Already!!! NO!!!
- City council and specifically mayor Nenshi are deliberately and unethically covering up the true exorbitant cost of hosting the games.
- City Council has been meeting in private, no transparency. They lied about Olympic Committee funding. They cannot be trusted to be on budget
- City councillor Sean Chu has stated that 425 million USD of the IOC contribution, needs to be repaid to the IOC. IOC neglected to mention
- "City government will raise the tax high up that the
- calgarians will burden to their last breath. City officials are corrupt."
- City needs a new hockey and football stadium; just doing upgrades won't suffice.
- Coming soon, increased residential property taxes due to DT vacancy. Demand Council release 2019 budget BEFORE the vote not day after. No trust.
- Concerned about reduced funding in city budgets to address poverty and support low income Calgarians. Calgary is becoming unaffordable
- Contingency fund is not large enough. The past several olympic games have been severely overspent.
- Controlled budget
- Corruption
- Corruption and ridiculously expensive
- Cost
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- Cost > Returns
- Cost and not being to get tickets per 86
- Cost and unequal, unfair participation by Calgary businesses and institutions
- Cost concerns. The Olympics has turned into a one up man ship exercise that would put Calgary in great danger of significant cost overruns.
- "Cost far outweighs the benefit value.
- Same funds could be better allocated with producing far for benefit for Calgarians."
- Cost is the top risk. Its lowballed and there is one taxpayer. If the bid committee doesn't believe it is a games cost, taxpayers still pay.
- Cost is too great. Money should be spent on issues that directly affect the majority of Calgarians. Can't afford another increase in taxes.
- Cost is too high to satisfy the needs of a few (athletes). We need low cost housing, infrastructure and control over spending.

- Cost is too much. We need to send a message to the IOC that the current model doesn't work. Try again in the future when we aren't broke.
- Cost is unacceptable. IOC is corrupt. Secrecy
- Cost likely to exceed permanent benefits such as infrastructure that is developed. Ridiculous to have ski and ski jump events in Whistler -
- Cost mostly born by Calgary citizens, benefits mostly go to large non-Calgary corporations.
- Cost of living would go up significantly and many can't afford it. As well as the city will be crowded and uncomfortable.
- Cost over runs
- Cost over runs from the diversion of funding resources on projects such as infrastructure that have far more long term benefit to Calgarians
- Cost over runs in economic uncertainty.
- Cost over runs to make money for foreign corporate interests.
- Cost over runs, excess spending, lack of financial return and too much expense for little gain. NO to Olympics
- cost overrun due to the expenses of the game, rise of property tax, less funded programs.
- Cost overrun is my biggest concern. I do not want the city to take on the debt for a corporation like the IOC.
- Cost overruns
- "Cost overruns
- Lack of new infrastructure proposed in contrast to the cost"
- Cost overruns and higher taxes!
- Cost overruns and increased taxes
- Cost overruns and unnecessary burden on tax payers.
- Cost overruns are a certainty, meanwhile the province's economy is still on shaky ground with too much debt. Spend your money elsewhere.
- Cost overruns are a guarantee. Both the feds and province smartly will not cover them. IOC will walk away with their usual profits.
- Cost over-runs are a primary concern. Calgary already has numerous infrastructure requirements that are underfunded.
- Cost overruns being born solely by Calgarians, requiring further tax increases, austerity, or new debt.
- Cost overruns result in cuts to education and arts programs.
- Cost overruns will hinder our city for years to come. This is the dumbest waste of money imaginable.
- Cost overruns will ruin the city. The city wastes too much money as it is. This will make it materially worse.
- Cost over-runs.
- Cost Overruns. Other associated costs not included in bid. Higher taxes as a result. IOC corruption.
- Cost overruns. Way too expensive. There are other priorities.
- Cost overrun
- Cost to Calgarians and risk of escalating costs to Calgarians
- Cost to Calgary taxpayers. Whistler, Canmore, and Edmonton would enjoy the prestige and income from major events, they won't pay city taxes.
- Cost to risk ration is unacceptably high given the economic downturn
- Cost to taxpayers
- Cost to taxpayers.
- Cost to the over taxed calgarians
- Cost too high for the current economic status. Also if we have to use BC facilities then we can't afford it. We don't need extravagant costs
- Cost way too high. We pay too much taxes already

- "Cost, and cost over runs...a huge debt.
- Feds and Prov \$ are still taxpayers money and there is only one taxpayer."
- cost, existing deficit, increasing property taxes all good reasons to say NO! We cannot afford this.
- Cost, largely related to required infrastructure.
- Cost, money can be better spent directly elsewhere. Olympics traditionally not long term money making solution.
- Cost, we're over taxed as we already
- Cost.
- Cost.
- Cost. We have many homeless, people still out of work and struggling to find jobs, children whose parents cannot even afford to feed them
- Cost...\$2,000.00 over 7 years is too much to ask
- Cost; budget overruns are inevitable. We have an Olympic legacy. Travel pollution; protect our environment from the Entitled Few. Security.
- Costing too much money to the Albertans
- Costing too much of taxpayers money. Not enough disclosure from city council of what it will be
- Costs a lot, and the money will go to those who don't need it. It won't go to the city or its citizens. Who profits? Not us.
- Costs are virtually guaranteed to exceed budget and inbuilt contingencies are minimal and inadequate. Funding from other levels of govt less
- Costs of hosting, likelihood of huge deficits.
- Costs over rule benefits. If oil and gas were still strong in Alberta I might change my decision
- Costs to Calgary citizens.
- Costs to taxpayers will be through the roof. City council will purposely lowball the costs estimates to try and push this through.
- Costs to the 'average' person are outside of reality. Most people can't afford events; the well-off & elite athletes will benefit afterwards
- Costs won't outweigh the gain. The Olympics has been a worthless event ever since it has started, and it will only suck us dry of money.
- "Council complains about lost tax revenue and increase spending requirements
- How about getting priorities correct!!"
- Council will release the updated budget AFTER the plebiscite - one that will reflect tax hikes & service cuts due to ongoing economic crisis
- Current economic climate in all three levels of government, drain on taxpayer dollars at a time when all governments are stretched
- Current economy dictates no. Don't carry this. No matter what's said, the cost will be a huge overrun of money. Tax payers can't be fooled!
- Debt
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- Debt
- Debt and taxes.
- Debt and taxes.
- Debt! We have so much debt right now that we simply can't afford any more.
- Decades worth of billions of dollars of debt incurred by doing business with a corrupt entity such as the IOC.
- Definitely not. We're broke.
- Deterioration or cuts to other city spending to offset cost. That most likely would lead to increased taxes.

- Detrimental Financial consequences for the people of Calgary, particularly during this time of attempted recovery and catch up
- disagree because the budgets are widely inaccurate and the expenses would outweigh the benefits. The IOC should be bidding us.
- Disapprove of spending any taxpayer funds (city, provincial or federal) to host a party for the world's elites and extreme athletes.
- Distraction of city council and money from the priority of high unemployment.
- Do not want the Olympics if we do not replace the Saddledome. Headline Concerts won't even come to our city because we don't have a venue.
- Do not wish to see our city use funds that would be better served to instantly benefit low income families or social programs or education.
- Doesn't make sound economic sense for the city. High cost, with uncertain revenue, means Calgarians, and Albertans pay and get low return.
- Don't think it worth to spend the money for the game, and too much burden for each household
- "Don't think it's worth the cost. It
- took Montreal 30 years to pay off the debts."
- Don't waste money on this. Build a CTrain line to the airport instead.
- Don't waste tax payer money on a one time event - the City needs many improvements - roads , public transit, affordable housing, etc
- Due to the amount of secrecy concerning costs and little infrastructure will be left to benefit Calgary. One Olympics is enough. Just say NO
- Due to the lack of transparency from Council and our economic situation, the City of Calgary CANNOT afford these games at this time.
- "Economic activity,, more badly tourism to Calgary
- Low income housing for persons may not benefit"
- Economic loss, and loss of integrity. Everyone I have talked to that want the games feels entitled to my money....Text box too short to conti
- Economic responsibility for the future
- Economically it doesn't make sense, I don't want to pay for such an expensive event.
- Economy is not right. Too many uncertainties with provincial and federal governments life in jeopardy in next election
- Enough already!!!! Put the same effort into making this City better...we are still struggling here.
- Epic fail on presenting a business case which is so full of holes AND IMHO grossly understates costs and risk\$ and very thin on benefits. NO
- Even if I'm all for Calgary becoming more internationally recognized & culturally enriched, \$5.2 BILLION should be put to better things..
- Even if it did make sense economically (it doesn't), our pathetically inept City council and mayor would find a way to bungle it. No thanks.
- Every Olympics in recent memory has had insane cost over runs which will be born by the taxpayer.
- "Everything has changed since the last olympic bid....
- 1) Security costs are huge now
- 2) Olympic scope has quadrupled
- 3) No support"
- Excessive cost at a time when Alberta is still recovering economically.
- Excessive costs.
- Expense on private citizens and security
- "Expense, tax dollars being used for something that will not be a benefit to all in the long run.
- I hate when OSC makes countries build new."
- Expense/cost to taxpayer

- Far too little long term return on public investment. Our tax dollars can be better spent on existing infrastructure/education/health care
- Feds just ran a huge deficit again, JT needs \$\$\$ in a BIG way. Taxes up, big recession coming to Canada. Calgary cannot and should not do this.
- feeding the corrupt individuals (the same despots who kill journalists) leeching off the system while their own statehood crumbles.
- Feels like the city is pushing to convince this is a good idea. Reckless to have let things get this far with no full financial picture
- Finances should be used on other infrastructure needs rather than the Olympics - too expensive
- Financial boondoggle with WAY more risk than lasting reward.
- "Financial Burden
- Wasted money on McMahon"
- Financial cost - our city is not in a position to spend tax money on things like the Olympics when there are more other needs (Transit, etc)
- Financial cost and the strain on our infrastructure
- Financial cost overruns and when the council hasn't been forthcoming with all the costs, I no longer trust them.
- Financial cost to the city and the tax payers will be extreme
- Financial costs outweigh any potential qualitative benefits.
- Financial disaster
- "Financial hardship
- We cannot afford it"
- Financial overruns at the cost of taxpayers. Govt manages money poorly and the trend of Olympic Games is fiscal disaster.
- Financial reasons; the city council needs more funds to develop questionable public art pieces.
- Financial risk
- Financial risk and Debt loads.
- Financial risk outweighs any benefits. Benefits would accrue if IOC absorbs any and all overruns and or debts from the games.
- Financial risk, cost overruns, etc.
- Financial Risks
- Financial, the province, the city and the country are in debt, we can not afford the games. End of story.
- For enviro concerns the noted risks are just that there is an impact. I want to know WHAT impact eg. water shortage? recycling capacity etc.
- For the proposed cost would put a top tier MRI suite and pay the lifetime salary of a radiologist in every major hospital in the country.
- From listening to previous host city challenges the cost overruns that are left to the host city are crippling. Stage the games globally.
- Funding will mostly come from Calgarians that are facing serious financial difficulties
- Future Debt
- Give me back my money if you have so much to blow on an event I can't afford to go to! Try some respect for the taxpayer for a change.
- Going into debt
- Greatly exposed to running a deficit. None of the three sets of government have the extra cash to invest their share so I do NOT support.
- Gross cost overruns
- "Having my children's children having to pay for the games.
- It's too expensive. We do not want this."



- Hey we all know that budgets balance themselves so not to worry! Just keep spending \$\$\$ we don't have so a few can reap benefits! No!
- Higher Taxes, is not something that the citizens of Calgary can take lightly, especially now, when families are struggling to make ends meet
- Historically Olympics are not profitable. Gov. should be funneling tax dollars to essential services not building lavish sporting venues.
- "History has shown that partnership with the IOC is extremely risky for the taxpayer."
- My property taxes have gone up 100% in ten years."
- Hosting cities rarely benefit from hosting the games and often get saddled with unnecessary debt for years.
- Hosting the 2026 Olympics & Para Olympics is unacceptable for Calgary and Calgary Taxpayers. NO BID should be submitted.
- Hosting the games is an massive financial risk we should not undertake. Calgary has much larger issues to deal with right now.
- How many on Calgary 2026 do not have a vested interest and speak for the average, hard working, tax paying Calgarian? someone please answer.
- How much more do you want to put the city in debt? I can't justify the debt and risk is too high. No to the games.
- Huge amount of money spent on one short-term event - who does this benefit, long term?
- Huge waste of money
- HUUUUUUUGGGGGGGGGGGGEEEEEEEEEEEEE waste of money.
- I agree with funding housing but do not want to pay more taxes to fund the Olympics
- I agree with the benefits but not organization. Let's use our money for the same benefits but change the focus to us, not them. Optimize4us
- I am a Calgarian who does not want my city associated with the IOC which is corrupt- we either have values we support or not, &, security \$.
- I am against Calgary hosting the games, we simply can not afford it right now. Hosting does nothing for the city in long term.
- I am mostly worried about the cost. I find it hard to believe that the \$5.2 million amount will remain constant over the next 8 years!
- I am not seeing the Environmental Impact Assessment for this and whether or not it includes Canmore and Banff.
- I am opposed in principle to the use of public money on projects that benefit a few but cost everyone.
- I am sure the 5.2 billion which is only an estimate will cost Calgary tax payers a lot more & we are looking at service cuts in the future.
- I am very concerned that the costs have been underestimated by a considerable percentage which could leave several billion in overruns.
- I anticipate the games are going to increase taxes and/or increase the tax deficit.
- I believe the costs are understated and hosting the olympics will ultimately result in the taxpayers of the city being on the hook
- I believe the IOC is a corrupt organization and there is no chance of Calgary or its residents seeing worthwhile returns on the investment
- I believe there are many more important issues that require money, planning and building starting with affordable housing and lower taxes..
- I cannot afford my taxes going up anymore in my 60's and can't retire yet....if the Province is kicking in all the money great if not forget
- I do not believe that total transparency has been exercised, in regards to costs. This has swayed my vote to a solid no.
- I do not want to pay more taxes then I already do.

- I don't agree with the "western Canada" split venue approach. If Calgary is to host the venues should be in Calgary and surrounding area.
- I don't believe that the national park can handle the environmental impact. The policies laid out don't clearly address this/are unrealistic
- I don't see how our city can afford the costs to host the olympics and be in a place of readiness in only 8 years.
- I don't want sudden and massive increases in tourism, because the damage to the environment and the waste involved would both be monumental.
- I don't want to pay extra taxes and be more in debt as a city
- I don't see where spending \$3 billion to generate \$131 million of tax revenues for all three levels of government makes sense.
- I don't think Calgary should bid on the games because there is very little new infrastructure (New Arena/Stadium/Ski Jump)
- I don't think taxpayer should be here any other cost of hosting the bid. The risk is simply too high of cost overruns impacting other things
- I don't think that Calgarians can afford to be left with a huge debt when all is said and done. We have so much infrastructure that needs \$\$
- I don't trust city council or Nenshi to keep within the budget for the sake of leaving a narcissistic "lasting legacy"
- I don't want to pay for it as a taxpayer in Calgary, again as a taxpayer in Alberta, and again as a taxpayer in Canada.
- I fear it will cost a lot of money, and will not be worth it for Calgary.
- I fear that the extra costs will come out of calgarians pocket and the profits from the games won't be shared with the people forced to pay
- I fear the city's other infrastructure projects will suffer at the expense of related Olympic costs.
- I feel like there are so many better ways to use our hard earned tax dollars to help calgarians in need than to briefly entertain tourists.
- I feel that our city is bleeding. We are spending money frivolously and the tax payer cannot keep assuming the burden.
- I feel the biggest risk is the potential costs and monies that could be allocated to improve things like infrastructure
- I have 0 confidence that this budget is realistic/complete, and benefits of the Olympics are based on significant assumptions.
- I have problems with supporting a corrupt IOC, the entrenched enhancement drug culture amongst athletes, and the huge budget to host it
- I just don't think that city of Calgary is in a financial position to be hosting at this time
- I like the idea but do not trust city hall. I don't believe their numbers and their record with small scale items like running the city.
- I like the idea of having the games here, but the extremely negative press from some recent games and upcoming ones leaves me dissuaded.
- I like the idea of the games, but the news from the recent and upcoming ones leaves me less than enthused about the risk/benefit scenario.
- I risk I see is cost. We have no idea of actual costs. We are in a recession that is 4 years old and still hurting deeply. We cannot afford.
- I see no benefits from hosting the Games. Taxpayers will be on the hook for maintaining these structures with minimal benefit for all.
- I see with a depress economy hurting the tax payers if we go ahead with this bid as more and more bankruptcies are bound to happen.
- I think calgary should not, as i feel it would be a waste of money.may as well put the money to something better like social programs.

- I think it is WAY too expensive and it will almost certainly cost significantly more than what is proposed.
- I think it will be a huge waste of money when we have plenty of better uses for our dollars.
- I think since Alberta economy is at an all time low and uncertain. It is not wise to take on the debt of the Olympics and Strain our city
- I think the 5.2b evaluation is a little ambitious. If the games were to cost more, like 9b, would this still be feasible?
- I think the city has much more important priorities to focus on. IOC and the Olympics are corrupt and are not something we should support.
- I think the costs are too high. We're not in a great economy and householders cannot afford a hike in taxes to cover this.
- I think the economic upside sounds extremely dubious. What has been the experience of recent past hosts?
- I was all for it until I found out some events would be in Whistler and we wouldn't be getting a new arena out of the proposal.
- I was one of the few people I know that was going to vote yes, but when the new arena was not part of the bid, I changed my vote to no!
- I wish there were more positive impacts to the city infrastructure planned, especially when it comes to transportation. The Canada Line to t
- I would be happy to tell you the very good reason why I am opposed by you have not allowed enough space to do so in this box!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- I would rather The City use the funds to provide more crosswalks and more amenities in communities than spend on Olympic
- I'm fundamentally opposed to Calgary hosting the Olympics. Corruption breeds corruption and IOC is proven corrupt.It's not good for our City
- I'd rather own a pipeline.
- If Calgary wants legacy invest money in innovative ways to make our city more inclusive like public transportation and smart design.
- If city is neutral than why have no funds been provided to the NO side of this bid. Too much secrecy from council members. Cost\$\$\$\$\$
- If city is providing neutral information, then funds should be provided to NO side as well as the bid committee--
- If our council can find \$32 million for a bid, why can't it find \$32 million to improve our road maintenance
- If the city decides to go ahead with this I will be forced to move to Okotoks, Cochrane or Airdrie because I just can't afford my taxes here
- If the IOC is truly about sport they should be non profit and putting money into new athletic facilities worldwide rather than their wallet
- If we can not house all of our citizens we do not deserve to host the games. Cart before the horse.
- If we do this, it will not make money. The 'spend to make' idea is wrong. My opinion is that the social benefit could be obtained cheaper.
- If we have all these billions lying around then cut my taxes Nenshi! Cut them now!
- If we weren't seeing significant YOY increases in property tax despite dropping home values, this might be a different conversation.
- If Yes side wants to whine about the results of this site make benefits/thumbsUp only options,that way you can ensure you get what you want.
- IF YOU CANT AFFOARD IT, DONT BUY IT. How bout open info on cost, modern Oly are not profitable. It's simple math. If it'll make \$, then yes
- I'm concerned about exactly how much this would cost me. I'm a young homeowner and adding on to my property taxes is a major concern

- I'm concerned about the security and safety risks that may come with putting Calgary in the world's eye.
- I'm undecided. I do feel the money would be better spent on public transit and other city projects but it would be so much fun to host.
- "Image - working with a corrupt IOC
- Cost - We are being deceived by special interests in city hall - costs will be SIGNIFICANTLY higher"
- Imagine what could be accomplished by directing time, energy and money towards what Calgarians need/want as opposed to the IOC. NO!
- In our downsized economy we absolutely can not afford the games
- In the times when Calgarians are struggling to make ends meet, taking services away from them would be a decision affecting everyone adverse
- In this economy wasting billions on an event that hasn't been really profitable for any country that hosted games in the past is criminal
- In this poor economic environment it is only a party for the elite.
- Increase in Taxes
- Increase in the city's debt
- Increase of taxes, no long term jobs that are made. Too many bad thing to list, it's a big fat no for me.
- Increased crime and traffic congestion, and cost overruns.
- Increased taxes and reduced city services to cover the huge costs to taxpayers for the Olympics.
- Infrastructure argument nonsense. Will not see one \$ in local community. Still same potholes, same frost heaves, the same broken concrete.
- Insufficient benefits for the cost. Financially not the right time for this investment, money needed for other priorities and reducing debt.
- Insufficient business case and inadequate return for the city.
- Insufficient info from the three levels of government who are too deep in debt already. No matter who contributes it's still my taxes. Stop!
- IOC and Calgary council. One isn't accountable to anyone and the other acts like they aren't. Can't trust anything any of them say. Vote no.
- IOC and the Olympics are corrupt and all the revenue goes to the wrong people-the athletes get nothing for bashing their brains in.
- IOC demands AFTER contract signing with host city will make debt theoretically infinite. In reality it could be billions (check IOC history)
- IOC had proven to be corrupt. I enjoyed the 88 Olympics, but the cost overruns now are proving too be too much historically.
- IOC is disgustingly corrupt, no budget stays on track, no tangible benefit to Joh Q. Taxpayer.
- IOC is NOT giving any more \$\$,mandatory for Calgary to sign a taxpayer guarantee for all cost overruns,taxpayers on the hook for all!
- IOC needs to clean-up thier act, poor economy, high government spending , lack of transparency by city government, incomplete budget info.
- Is it sustainable? No it is not. It's a ""temporary' event,it requires a significant amount of \$. Is it our focus? NO.Our people is our focus
- Is the \$5,200,000 including the over runs that the Olympics almost always have? I doubt it, Tell us the real number.
- It is a waste of money . Give me my money back instead of wasting more of it.
- It means supporting a corrupt and self-serving IOC that cares nothing about athletes. Witness the reentry of Russia after the doping scandal
- It will bankrupt the city.
- it will cost too much

- it will cost way more than estimated. We already pay way too much local, provincial and federal taxes that are simply wasted. I say NO
- It will waste my money at a time I can't afford to have it wasted. We did the olympics once, that's enough. Focus on lowering property tax
- It's a big waste of money better ways to spend my tax dollars
- It's far too secret no faith in anything be shared
- It's too much money. The city needs to step back and put that kind of money into finding an alternative to oil.
- its a cost that will be frittered on infrastructure unsuitable for daily life in calgary. We need smaller, more diverse festivals + events.
- It's elitist & exclusive & no longer about the athletes. What about putting all that money in a fund to support our local sports teams?
- It's such a huge huge cost to host the games and for sure our taxes will increase dramatically in years to come as a result of it.
- It's time to stop wasting money on art and culture and provide employment to the ones in need.
- It's virtually impossible for the games to be profitable in and of themselves. Once all costs are
- Its will cost too much money and the return on investment could leave a huge deficit. Too expensive, not the right time.
- Just a lot of taxpayers money spent for what?
- Just, no!
- Kicking out of homeless and waste of resources. Stadiums and housing that stays empty for years
- Lack of Leadership Vision for costing based on economic and social trends, most recently shown by ill-prepared for cannabis legalization.
- Lack of transparency by the city counsel. Can not afford anymore tax increases to support the olympics.
- Lack of transparency re: costs. I don't think Calgary can afford to host the Olympics anytime in the foreseeable future.
- Large cost overruns because we are not being told the truth about the total liability and spending plans.
- Largest benefit will be to businesses , crime follows these events and harms the taxpayers
- Last year 51% of my income went to some form of tax. Now the City wants to increase this despite the project being uneconomic. Say no.
- Less than one month until plebiscite and information sessions still can't tell us anything meaningful...councillor secrecy....no safety net
- Let another city and nation have the honor of getting stuck with the bill and an empty legacy.
- "Lets not spend money we don't have!!
- Lets not spend money so that a few people can get rich and others suffer from increase in taxes."
- let's solve Calgary's bigger problems, homelessness, those in poverty and deal with gangs and their impact on our youth & our city FIRST
- Lies, lies and more lies. Secret meetings, fudged numbers, hidden agendas. Who is the little purple toad really working for? Not us!
- likelihood of mismanagement
- Long term costs to calgarians from multiple levels if government as we pay off these debts with an increasing interest rate.
- "Long term debt. Corruption from the bid committee.
- No need."
- Look at Calgary now we are not in a stage of employment, many people are unemployed many middle class cannot affore 2000\$ A FAMILY. 9500 HL

- Look at how 2010 DIDN'T benefit the Vancouver economy AFTER the games like they said it would! They just got a big bill! Smarten up Nenshi!
- Look at what happened in rip after they hosted the Olympics...
- Losing money, higher taxes (municipal and provincial).
- Lots of debt for Calgary taxpayers, hard for people to get around to their regular jobs with all the extra people/vehicles in town
- Lying spineless corrupt politicians too gutless to make the plebiscite binding because they've already decided.
- Major risk is cost over runs, there isn't a real clear plan regarding how and where the money is going to be spent.
- Many people have been struggling since the energy industry downturn. ROI not likely.
- "Many venues will be hosted in Whistler, Edmonton, etc. The rent and upgrades to their facilities will be paid for by Calgary taxpayers. BAD"
- Massive amount of tax payer dollars for little benefit. No new arena, no upgrades infrastructure, and big events outside of Calgary.
- Massive cost overruns passed on to tax payers. Prioritizing interests of private construction companies and corrupt IOC over the public.
- Massive debt for our grandchildren all to give Nenshi a shiny pony
- Massive Deficit from infrastructure and security that can be done without corrupt Olympic rules. >\$billion on security is dumb. PS I'm real
- Maybe Nenshi should start doing his job and help Calgary instead of trying to leave a "legacy". People need a mayor that cares!!!!
- Mayor and Council totally out of touch with taxpaying Calgarians and reality. Only 1 agenda and that is a vanity legacy for our top dog.
- Millions have already been spent on a corrupt organization. Then my taxes will raise to fund a corrupt organization
- millions in cost overruns which will be paid for by me and all Calgary property owners
- Missing Feds contribution and financial info provided to Calgarians is vague at best. What decisions are taking place behind closed doors
- money pit. financial nightmare for the city when it's already having money issues
- Money should be spent on improving the city roadways and transit routes before spending it on unneeded international events.
- More debt for tax payers.
- more I review about places where event at this level been hosted are left with huge infrastructure which are not put in use post event
- More taxes for minimum benefits
- More taxes...I cannot afford it anymore. I wont be able to buy tickets for any of the events either because I already live at poverty level.
- most arts orgs are struggling right now, who will be programming and funding these free arts and cultural events surrounding the olympics?
- Most Calgary tax payers can not afford further increases. City council should concentrate on doing what is right a stop needless spending.
- My taxes gonuo and I still have no work.
- My top risk is the cost that will be pushed onto the citizen/tax payers in Calgary. I feel our property taxes are high enough.
- no
- No arena and no stadium. Never got a stadium out of the last Olympics. McMahon is the most decrepit facility in the league.
- No benefit

- No benefit to hosting
- No benefit to hosting the olympics
- No benefits. Economic risks are too high. The money is better spent elsewhere.
- No bid. The financial risk exposure outweighs any and all of the vague, unmeasurable and pie in the sky benefits.
- No city since Calgary in 1988 has had a profitable Olympics. It is a waste of money.
- No finalized budget numbers. Is going to cost way more than your projections. More need for a flames arena and entertainment district and lrt
- No fixed cap on the cost to taxpayers.
- No guarantee or protection against overruns. Right now it is all on the tax payers of the City of Calgary. This is wrong.
- No new ice rink or football stadium. No legacy other than massive debt. IOC will walk away with the profits. While taxpayers suffer.
- No Olympics ever came on budget. If cost overruns are like Calgary 88 each homeowners cost is \$6000 grand.
- No one is held accountable to keep on budget
- No returns to cover cost
- NO THANK YOU !! we don't NEED the olympics can't afford higher taxes in any level of government at this time !
- "No transparency from YYCCC
- Way too much risk
- YYC should have other priorities than a 2 week party.
- legacy infrastructure not compelling."
- No trust in City to do this right. Very political, individual agenda driven from the get go. Seems as opposition grows, so does dishonesty.
- No trust in lack of transparency and the spin by Mary Moran and Nenshi. Also do not like the planned events in BC. Absolute NO!!!
- No useful new infrastructure besides field house which we could build on our own for less. A 5000 seat arena nobody asked for.
- No way. The debt is high enough already thanks to the liberals.
- No, no bid - no games. We can't afford this nonsense.
- NO, to the games, reasons are simple, Financial and Security.
- No. How come there is no money for the Flames for plan that would last 50 years but there is \$500 million for a two week party?
- None except to the wealthy who will benefit.
- None higher taxes and general mayhem
- "Not a chance with Mr Nenshi in control, and the secretive group of alder people. Sorry can't trust them..
- Need more Farkas & Chu."
- Not a worthwhile event to host. Too many risks and too few benefits, too much chaos created and too high a risk of cost to tax payers.
- Not affordable
- Not confident that we can be fiscally responsible to keep costs in line. Need to solve our unemployment issue here as highest in Canada,
- Not gonna tell me how much? Then that's a big no from me dawg.
- Not interested in the massive financial risk.
- Not investing in the right infrastructure. Calgary needs a train that goes to the airport. Also, should replace Saddledome

- Not one mention of a potential increase in property taxes for Calgarians. Those of us on the fence want facts, not fluff! You can do better.
- Not sure I want the IOC having even the slightest say in how billions in infrastructure and facility construction is spent.
- "Not very clear on the total costs and what are city's risk.
- Until city can provide a total cost than don't do it."
- Not worth the cost
- Not worth the tax payer input- from a tax payer. The increase of proposed money back to the economy doesn't go back to my pocket so NO.
- Oct 30th Council considers tax shift from vacant downtown to property taxes Herald Oct 12th story details this, search it on Herald website
- Olympic costs are an obscenity to most of the world. Calgary has a " gold" opportunity to drive a new IOC model by saying "NO" on Nov. 13th.
- "Olympic costs: Korea: 12.9b Rio 13.1b London 14.6b Vancouver 6.4b How on earth does Calgary think it can do it for 5.2 in 8 years time?"
- Olympic ethics and doping have transformed the games to represent poor sportsmanship and a culture maligned with that of Calgary.
- Olympic Games are historically a huge financial burden on the cities who host and any legacy is questionable. We have more urgent issues.
- Olympic spending will not reduce the downtown tower vacancy rate. City priority should be on the Downtown, to fix the property tax problem.
- Olympics = short term tourism; most tourism generated by Banff, Jasper, Waterton, Rockies. Put \$ there. Most visitors just pass thru Calgary
- Olympics are far too expensive and almost always run significantly over budget. We do not have the economic climate or funding to host
- One unemployed husband and a small business with insane taxes to pay say this is the worst abuse of taxpayers money right now.
- Only having 139 characters available to voice my concerns says everything I need to know about the city being willing to listen. WTH!!!
- Only risk. Almost all games have huge cost overruns and the benefits touted are over-promised and under-delivered.
- "Opportunity cost of investment in a temporary sporting event vs far better alternatives.
- Very high likelihood of cost & budget overruns."
- Organization is corrupt. Do not support.
- Our city is already in debt and we should be focusing on what's in front of us!
- Our current fiscal situation does not allow for any excess spending at this time. The hard return on this investment is not viable
- Our economy is too fragile; all levels of government are running deficits. Personally in our family finances are very limited.
- Our illustrious bully, the Mayor, wants the hosting of the olympics on his resume so badly he can taste it. We are only getting sanitized i
- Our money is best spend on improving our city for citizens rather than visitors. Too many unknowns.
- Our province, city and country are being led by leaders who talk about controlling and managing costs and then do the exact opposite.
- Our transit infrastructure can barely support the current population even after the recent CTrain revamps, not to mention all the tourists
- Poor economics and the large amount of corruption in the Olympic Committee
- Potential cost exposure-high risk of overexpenditure.
- Potential impacts on the environment with increased traffic flow/congestion, more demands on our watershed, need to focus on climate change

- Property tax increases. The estimated cost is already prohibitive, and Olympic Games projects NEVER complete within budget.
- Property taxes will become unaffordable to many. Citizens who don't own properties should not be entitled to vote.
- Provincial Commitment \$700M with a hard NO on cost overruns & revenue shortfalls, Feds unknown & the YYC in poor financial budgetary shape
- putting an already very cash poor city even further into debt for no benefit.
- Putting stress on the finances of Calgary families.
- Quite frankly, the city can't afford it and why would we want to host multi-city, multi-province games?
- Recent news states that Calgary is taking down the ski-jump at COP. What's the point of creating another Olympic winter games?
- Recovery of our economy
- Remember, the IOC demands that balloon the costs of the Games come AFTER the host city is selected and the contract is signed! Beware!!
- Risk - detracts from current projects that are needed. Increase in tax in a city that is already riddled with increases.
- Risk is increased taxes in a time when we as the taxpayer have nothing left to give
- Risk of cost overrun too high! Taxpayers do not need this long term tax burden!
- RISK! we are so damn poor and we have other things to focus about like healthcare and public transportation
- Risks: exponential growth of security to combat terrorism; climate change and full-on Chinook causing expense and unsafe conditions
- Ruinous spending by all 3 levels of gov't to singularly benefit a corrupt IOC & personal legacy of a fast fading mayor. Not on my dime.
- "Security plan insufficient so terrorist attacks possible.
- Events held at Whistler so less visitors to Calgary
- Cost overruns
- IOC"
- See ya IOC officials. Don't let the door hit..... Why am I thinking we paid the cost of them coming here?
- Severe cost overruns with little economic benefit.
- Short term profit for small businesses, long term cost to tax payers . Better to build a new larger stadium for long term city profiting
- "Significant cost OVERRUNS as all Olympics, like Rio, Sochi, London.
- Does anybody in The City Council know of Olympics on BUDGET???"
- Significant increased taxes. More funding for facilities that only an elite group of people can use.
- Significant tax increases
- simply not interested in any of this being passed into tax payers. Do not want other projects put on hold for this.
- Simply put, lack of reliable information and transparency.
- Simply the cost is not acceptable for us tax payers
- Sky High costs, Security
- Spend all the Olympic money on fixing the Westbrook LRT station disaster instead please. 10 acre lot of mud and weeds.
- Spend our tax dollars elsewhere!
- Spend the money here currently upgrading what our city needs rather than spending on items that are unnecessary and will ultimately go unused

- Spending a lot of money to upgrade our facilities and not making money in the long run, it's not worth it financially.
- Spending billions to only make millions (or spending billions to be in debt by millions), and destroying our parks.
- Spending money on the games is short sighted, and a poor use of our resources to improve our economy, transit system, and public services.
- Spending money we don't have to host an event. The cost either directly or indirectly increasing my property tax.
- Spending taxpayer money on a two-week party yet being told we have to cut services.
- Spending too much money and leaving the City in debt.
- Steal from the poor to give to the rich. Thanks to "the people's" mayor. It would be funny if it wasn't so disgusting
- Stop taking tax dollars from mid/class and handing it to billionaires. Makes no sense, Is the government formed only to help rich people ?
- Stop wasting millions in tax dollars to host the rich boys club. We don't need this garbage and we won't get our money back out of it.
- Stop wasting money on this!! How about fixing our roads or increase the snow removal budget or improve infrastructure or cut taxes??
- supporting the tarnished IOC or the Olympic Games, using taxpayers money and energy.
- taking on more debt when the city hasn't recovered from the recession.
- Tax increase and expense to the city that will not benefit in the long term
- Tax increase. Tired of continually increasing taxes. Limit has been reached as my property taxes have doubled since 2012. No more taxes.
- Tax increases
- Tax money should be put into economic diversification, not costly showpieces
- Tax payer has to pay more housing tax and other taxes in the imbalance economy
- "Tax payer spend. Put our taxes to help our dying economy"
- Tax payers having to cover some of the costs.
- Tax payers will be left with a huge bill to pay. If it is impossible to host the games without a tax increase we should not do it.
- Taxes are high enough. Without a true cost and not knowing what the Federal Government is contributing this largely falls on tax payers .
- Taxes going up and rent going up
- Taxes will go up regardless what Nenshi says
- Taxes will go up to pay for those
- TAXES!!!
- taxpayers are not money trees.don't abuse tax money.for many taxpayers,their money is laden with sweat and even blood!
- That is a hefty sum that could be used towards supporting MENTAL HEALTH in Calgary, including contributing to treating opioid misuse!
- The average Calgarian can not afford to host nor attend
- The benefits are minimal and the risks are extreme. If the Mayor and council want to have a legacy, they need to get some skin in the game
- The biggest outstanding piece of data is how this will effect city taxes. How are we supposed to vote if we don't know what its going to us?
- The budget should include replacing older facilities (Saddledome/McMahon). Not seeing the cost vs benefit for Calgarians.
- The city and province are years into a long and drawn out economic downtown that will only be magnified if the games are held here.

- The city barely has money for hospitals and schools, but you'll find money for an event that has not been profitable for a host city ever.
- The city can not afford it. It will cause an increase in taxes to pay for it and we can not afford to pay more for sports.
- The city can not build 1 bus stop in a year (not exaggerating), what hope do we have a the Olympics being completed?
- The city can't fix the Westbrook LRT station disaster and that's just a train station, I don't trust them to manage the Olympics.
- The city council led by Mayor Nenshi are not being transparent about the true costs of the games
- The city has more pressing needs at the moment. If this were 6 years ago, I would be on board but our province is in a bad place financially
- The city is not providing us with all the information, and the open houses were very poorly run with no transparency about council discussio
- The City is talking about cutting services in the next budget already. The city, the province and federal taxpayers cannot afford this.
- The City of Calgary should not submit a bid as it doesn't have the money. We've been told there have to be service cuts or tax increases.
- The city will be in debt for years afterward
- The city will raise taxes and we cannot afford to pay more taxes
- The cost is just high without guarantees, the the city of Calgary will be charged with any short falls
- The cost is much too high. For a fraction of the bid cost we can improve programs and help Calgarians find work, diversify the economy
- The cost is obscene and money can be better spent elsewhere. le- schools, better transport infrastructure....
- The cost is prohibitive, regardless which government the money comes from there is 1 tax payer
- the cost is ridiculous - billions of dollars of cost and guaranteed overruns - for very little gain - no new NHL rink or facilities
- The cost is too high- we have a major unemployment issue here. We have homeless. We have bad roads.
- The cost is too high. We need to put out tax paying money into our every growing unemployment rate.
- The cost is way to high for the tax payers. I do not believe that the final cost will be only 5.2 billion. It will be more like 2 times more
- The cost of hosting the Games is TOO HIGH.
- The cost of the hosting the games would be better put towards some much needed maintnence and upgrades in the city.
- The cost of the Olympics for the host cities are increasing way too much; evidenced by lack of contenders to host.
- The cost of these games conflicts with other more important priorities for the City, Province & Federal Governments adding more debt!
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- the cost overrun
- The cost the citizens of Calgary and the enevitable cost over runs. I think this has more to do with the mayors legacy than to host the game
- The cost to taxpayers, from 3 levels of government, is just too great. I think that the estimated costs are conservative and will grow.
- The COST to the tax payer is very VAGUE and such an event benefits only a few. Our tax dollars are better spent elsewhere

- The cost to the tax payer to both putting forth a bid and then to actually host the games. Middle-class Canadians are struggling financially
- The cost!
- The cost, the city and province are in huge debt. Oil companies won't have the ability to donate due to the situation they are in.
- The cost. While some things are needed, some are nice to have. Council needs to know the difference and be honest with citizens.
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- The costs are too high. The 'budget' presented is only about half of the true costs. Look at the debt Japan is in for 2020! Too expensive.
- "The costs for security alone will be so much more than they were in 1988 alone, and I don't think we will have the volunteers needed."
- The costs from the Olympic comity will likely negate any economic benefits. Additionally we have bid before lowering the chance we get it
- The debt the city will incur which will potentially have a large impact on services to the community.
- The economic benefits may be potentials only and are grossly exaggerated. Any benefit would flow to a very small group.
- The elite can afford to send their kids to ski jump school but I can barely afford to feed mine now. Should mine starve so theirs can play?
- The estimated cost might be a fraction of the actual cost, huge risk. The economy is difficult as it is, we don't need more debt.
- The expectations of what the Olympics should be/look like are over the top and way too expensive for any host to manage.
- The Field house seems to be too large for what is needed in the future. No need for a 400 M track and 3000 seats.
- The final costs are not confirmed and this is a huge risk for all taxpayers where the funding sources come from including all levels of govt
- The financial model for the Olympics has changed significantly since 1988 and the financial risk to Calgarians due to overruns is too great.
- The financial risk of any costs over budget, and there will be, fall in the city's taxpayers.
- The financial risks and costs to the city are too high. We would be on the hook for escalation, inflation costs. Just can't afford it now.
- The financial risks are too high if there are unexpected cost increases.
- the game hasn't long-term benefit on city economy. the money input focus only on game related sectors-like sport facilities, venues, no use aft
- The games are a gigantic waste of money to glorify a country's athletic prowess. We have more important things to use tax payer money on.
- The games are expected to be a net cost on taxpayers. How can this be justified when many Calgarians cannot afford to attend the games?
- The games don't benefit the average taxpayer in proportion to the cost.
- The games will only benefit a group of individuals with their own self interest in mind.
- "the government debt is huge and would never be resolved due to reckless and crazy spending like this."
- The greatest risk here is the costs we currently are aware of and more importantly the costs council will not reveal. Too much future debt!

- The high risk that actual cost incurred by City of Calgary will be much higher than current forecast and will be passed on to taxpayers
- The information in this "report" is minimal. The "Economic Risks/Benefits" section is laughable: the 2.2B private funding is not guaranteed.
- The information sessions should be postponed until we know what Feds contribute/need revised budget # with curling/bus barn etc included
- The investment will not be worth the return. The money that would be spent on olympics would be much better spent elsewhere.
- The IOC is a corrupt and elite group that feeds itself off of tax payers and has destroyed the Olympic brand.
- The IOC is a corrupt dictatorial outfit ; the worst sporting model one can imagine. I want none of MY money supporting this odious group.
- The IOC is a corrupt organization. Until places like Calgary/Alberta/Canada refuse to submit bids the corruption will not stop.
- The IOC is an inherently corrupt organization. The athletes compete for free when the games generate billions.
- The IOC is in town. Here comes the bait and switch!!!!
- The IOC is not worthy of the support of Calgary, Alberta or Canada. They have failed to support and uphold sanctions i.e. Russia.
- The IOC is the only winner on this bid
- The IOC wants to get a big benefit from the work of Calgary , but will not contribute a substantial financial commitment
- The lack of transparency and the degree of secrecy are appalling!
- The major risk I see is spending billions to only see small returns for that investment.
- The Mayor gets to associate with the Olympic dignitaries. (Based on 88 Olympics, the best seats will be reserved for the "dignitaries" - #\$\$%)
- The money can be better spent elsewhere. Hosting the Olympics does not accurately reflect the needs of the constituents in Calgary.
- The money is better spent elsewhere. Paying down debt.
- The money would be better spent on other city services, or not at all. We have to be careful with who ultimately benefits.
- The Olympic "legacy" for Calgary will be mid-to- lower socio-economic paying off the debt from a 2-week party afforded only by the wealthy!
- The Olympic Games have proven to be high cost money losers over the last several games. There's not enough benefit to a successful bid
- The Olympic model is out of date. It creates unsustainable debt and amounts to throwing a giant pile of money at a vanity project.
- The Olympic organization is run by crooks and they take too much money off the top. Push this hard for pipelines going east and west instead!
- The Olympics are a scam, they say they're supposed to help but do the opposite. No thanks.
- The Olympics are a frivolous expense. The golden rule is "Pay cash for your toys". Considering we're in debt, then we simply can't afford it
- The olympics are just an excuse for rich athletes to travel the world and leech off of their hosts. It would be a massive waste of money.
- The Olympics are not a primary concern for our city or province or country, we have much larger issues. This is a total waste.
- The Olympics have gone from being a venue to showcase amateur athletes to a bloated, corrupt bureaucracy that bilks taxpayers for billions.
- The olympics have outlived their usefulness. The IOC is rife with corruption. The movement has become politicized.

- The Olympics, exciting as they are to watch, are far too expensive.
- The oval has been maintained b/c it is used by the public. In contrast, the ski jumps are not a good use of public \$. Don't rebuild!
- The over run costs will be downloaded to the citizens,
- The overwhelming cost. The environmental impact. Lack of infrastructure. Historical facts related to cities that hosted in the past.
- The plan is not well thought out, if negotiations involved a new arena and some engagement by the Flames.
- The presented financial data is insufficient for anyone that truly understands risk. The data is intentionally fluffy.
- The price of the games will be substantially higher than predicted and the burden of the costs will be carried by the tax payers ..
- The projected budget is too vague and the potential of cost overruns are too great
- The risk is that not enough infrastructure will be built to support NHL or CFL or ski jumping future
- The risk of potentially huge cost overruns is too great to submit a bid.
- The same amount of massive cost overages that have affected every other city that has hosted the Olympics
- the security issues are largely unaddressed here. CAF, RCMP, CPS& EMS will have massive costs, the CAF costs will be hidden but we'll pay
- "The surplus will nowhere near recoup the deficit. And it comes out of our high tax paying dollars. Hard no on bid."
- The taxpayer should not be forced to pay for what is, essentially, a vanity project. The world of politicians is out of touch with reality.
- The taxpayer will be on the hook for the "party" that Nenshi wants to shove down our throats. We will not pay for this boondoggle.
- The thought that there is money to be made is false. The cases of financial success have been few and far between. We have bigger problems.
- The top risk is that the City of Calgary will create/inherit massive debt, with no way out of that debt.
- The top risk is without a doubt cost overruns. We all know the purported \$5 billion price tag will double or triple before all is done.
- The vagueness of the proposal and subsequent risks financially.
- The volunteering spirit is there that would make the Games successful, but the IOC has become too autocratic.
- The yaysayers keep yapping about civic pride. Take the \$\$\$ and use it to make our city the best for its citizen's needs not IOC wants.
- There are a lot better investments the City of Calgary could do with that amount of money
- There are higher priority societal issues to address before it makes sense to host another Olympics.
- There are no real economic benefits, just costs. Purported benefits are grossly overstated at best, or entirely imaginary.
- There are too many cost unknowns for me to agree. Costs will increase, debt will increase. Too many surprises.
- There are too many examples of cities experiencing huge price overruns and facilities which go unused.
- There are too many struggling to keep afloat with the oil & gas industry the way it is. There are better places to spend our money.
- There has been no transparency on the true cost of the event.
- There is a ton of risk, with little potential benefit.
- There is no final data on the incremental cost to taxpayers.

- There is no greater fiction than the current cost estimate from Calgary 1026 (Bidco). Realistically double or triple the estimate.
- There is only one taxpayer that all levels of government draw from, this is a tremendous waste of funds that benefit very few overall.
- There will be a tendency for overspending which will leave the city with white elephants (although we desperately need a new stadium)!
- There's not enough benefit to the City of Calgary tax payers. The cost out weighs any new or upgraded infrastructure we would receive.
- these events have shown not to be a good investment. Games like this end up being too expensive. Calgary should partner up with another city
- This \$\$\$ should be for critical social services like affordable childcare, housing & snow clearing. The Games are only for the privileged.
- This city has enough debt
- This Council can't stay focused on simple everyday tasks yet alone a project of this scope. Nightmare ahead if Council is distracted by IOC.
- This council has lost their way. They were elected to help people not enhance their personal legacies and tax us to poverty.
- This entire endeavor is without a doubt, the most reckless, financially short-sighted, ill-conceived boondoggle possible. Absolutely NO!!!!
- This is a sporting event - there is no return on this event that can justify the financial risk that would be undertaken.
- this money & effort should be put on growing economy--set up business-friendly environment, high-tech research facilities, etc.
- This will only hurt the economy, the Olympics have not been a good investment for well over a decade. The money should be invested elsewhere
- Too expensive
- Too costly, and locals wont even be able to get tickets to the events. Waste of city money that could better be spent elsewhere.
- Too costly, too secretive, not enough benefit for such an enormous cost to taxpayers.
- Too expensive
- Too expensive - wrong priority for the city at this time. Cost overruns and the certain debt load will far outweigh any potential benefit
- Too expensive and poor allocation of resources we don't have.
- Too expensive and the return for the tax payer is not there.
- Too expensive for all concerned except the IOC. Waste of tax payers money on all three levels of government.
- Too expensive for calgarians , Albertans, and Canadians to host this two week party! Secretive details, no transparency,...NO
- "Too expensive City too incompetent to stay on budget"
- Too expensive, may not gain revenue back. It's not worth it to just break even
- Too expensive, will annoy locals for a few weeks and has no significant benefit for the city.
- Too expensive. We are still recovering from the recession. This is a horrible idea that is going to cost way too much money.
- Too expensive. All cost overruns are assumed by Calgary taxpayers. "Hidden" costs not shown by bid promoters, such as cost to move bus barns
- Too high of a price for no guarantee. IOC needs to provide more to make the games worthwhile and there needs to be less risk.
- Too little info disclosed & far too vague cost vs risk on this to be able to adequately decide if it's worth hosting the games. BE OPEN!!
- Too many vague statements, not enough information on all the details.

- Too much cost to outweigh the potential benefits, even at your proposed numbers which I don't trust are accurate.
- Too much Debt
- Too much debt and spending too much.
- Too much debt, probable large cost overruns, Olympics are corrupt, opportunistic, unaffordable, everyone subsidizing elite people's desires
- Too much money for too little benefit.
- Too much of a burden on the taxpayers.
- Too many financial and risk quest. without definite number answers. Too much information hedged in words policy, future prospects, unknowns.
- "Top benefit -- social enjoyment of games for athletes and spectators.
- Top risk -- cost model places far too much risk on taxpayers."
- Top risk - the world economy hits the ditch and the city is solely on the hook for the inevitable cost overruns.
- Top risk = long term debt & enormous missed opportunity by not including the North Greenline infrastructure as part of the hosting plan
- Top risk is cost overruns that negatively affect the families that are already trying to recover from a lengthy downturn.
- Top risk is cost to taxpayer
- Top risk is the costs and how families will be affected
- Top risk is to overburden a struggling economy with unnecessary debt. The financial costs must be monitored extremely closely.
- Top risk, money diverted to top level athletics at the expense of amateur sport.
- Top risk: Getting stuck holding the bag for billions of dollars the IOC forces us to spend
- Top risk: Long-term increase in costs to Calgarians due to unnecessary infrastructure upgrades and construction.
- Top risk: the cost overruns and the fact that Calgary can not afford the debt that will be created. There is little or no concrete benefit
- Top Risk= past proven lack of action by City to deal with Security: EXAMPLE the 1% Movement's Protest of months of camping in Olympic Plaza!
- Top risks are financial burden being placed on current and future taxpayers for what has historically been little benefit to hosting cities.
- "Try to get a mail-in ballot from City Hall
- Ha! The VOTE should be 100% NO out of sheer panic at City Hall trying to run an Olympic budget!"
- Unaccountable City Councillors and Staff, Financial mess, huge cost overruns, Lack of Transparency in the City's actions, intentions.
- Uncomfortable with the high possibility of the city operating the Olympics on a financial loss.
- Unnecessary expense.
- Unforeseen and hidden costs. Ballooning fees. Padding the pockets of the rich and powerful over the needs of the residents of Calgary
- Unforeseen costs that the tax pay citizens will have to cover for years to come! The city is not being honest about the total costs
- Unknown costs
- unless the politicians are paying for this out of their pockets, it is NOT feasible financially for the citizens that will be paying for it
- Unreasonable costs put on the tax payer. The city has already proven it's biased views are reported while the real risks kept secret.
- Unreliable budgets; too expensive with far too high a risk of ongoing debt; the argument re legacy projects is completely unconvincing.

- Use the money to fix what is needed. Instead of some bs even that majority don't even partake in.
- Vancouver branded itself to the world with the Olympics and the world came, now Canadians can't even afford to live there anymore.
- Very likely end up with post games debt.
- Waste of money
- Waste of money. Nenshi vanity project. We need pipelines not olympics 8 yrs away.
- Waste of money. Economy is still recovering
- Waste of taxpayers money to host an event that is know to consistently go over budget with pie in the sky benifits to the community.
- Wasting taxpayers money on something most calgarians/canadians dont want. Would rather build a new flames arena than host an olympics
- Water! Calgary is big enough. Development around ringroad extension will make Calgary 1/8 larger. More people sharing less water. Open eyes
- Way too expensive and Calgary has already hosted the games. DON'T DO IT
- Way too expensive with huge cost overruns with corporate interests that will steal taxpayers' money. Not to mention IOC corruption
- Way too expensive, not worth it.
- Way too much money! Foolish to host games in this economic downturn.
- We ALREADY have an Olympic legacy and it is paid for!! Put our \$\$ into meaningful long-term projects with value for ALL citizens of Calgary!
- We already held it here before. Unless you can name 2 cities that have benefited from this, don't do it.
- We are a working city, not a must see destination. Our unemployment rates to high to waste money on this party with no real benefit to us.
- We are already in debt, why dig ourselves further?
- We are broke. City Hall is also way to shady. Nenshi is running his own little cabal there. Too much opportunity for corruption.
- We are in debt. We need more schools and more public transit. I also would prefer to see the money go towards ending homelessness, etc
- We are in economic crisis..do not have funds for this. I do not want a tax increase. We are already in too much debt - the entire country!
- We are in favor of the legacy of upgrading existing facilities and building new facilities. Costs to Calgary taxpayers is a huge concern.
- We are in the midst of economic hard times. The Olympics is a huge economic commitment which Calgary cannot afford at this time.
- We are only getting a field house and 5000 seat hockey arena and renovated Saddledome for \$5.8B. Clearing Athlete village land extra cost.
- We are sitting in a financial crisis in this city and province. The last thing we need is more debt put on our plates to try and wade thru.
- We as citizens, have not been given all the facts.
- We can not afford paying for an event such as this! It does not matter how you split the costs between federal, provincial and municipal.
- We can put the cost of the games to much better use in the city/province
- We can't afford it to begin with, the olympics always costs more than it makes the city, many more reasons than I have space for
- We can't afford it. We have already done the Olympics. Our city and our province is in serious financial trouble
- We can't afford these games, We have already wasted millions on just exploring them

- We cannot afford another boondoggle which will end up costing us much more than any estimate the city will put forward
- We cannot afford it, property & business taxes will go too high to cover undetermined cost overruns. That money is needed elsewhere.
- We cannot afford it. Our taxes will go up.. and we all know they will NEVER go back down.
- We cannot afford this!!! This money could be spent more wisely on a 100 different projects.
- We cannot afford this. Money could be put to better use for the benefit of all Calgarians . Spend on infrastructure and communities needs.
- We cannot afford to fix the areans we have, we cannot afford to fix our transit system. We cannot afford to fix our roads. The list goes on.
- We cannot afford to host the games. As a taxpayer I don't want my tax dollars spent on this. We've wasted enough on this already!
- We cannot afford to host these Games, either as a city or as individual taxpayers and with or without cost overruns.
- We can't afford a 2 week party. Increases in taxes are the last thing Calgarians a d Albertans need.
- We can't afford a games here right now. Their are literally a million better uses of Calgarys time.
- WE CAN'T AFFORD IT.
- We can't afford it.
- We can't afford it. Millions of things we could spend billions of dollars on other the throwing it away to the corrupt IOC
- We can't afford to properly light or repair broken down streets. As usual, too much secrecy with city council.
- We could really use that money to invest in infrastructure and schools which is a scarcity in the south end of the city.
- We did the 88 olympics. Lets get a new flames arena- woohoo! go FLAMES!!!
- we do not have the money for the game. Canadian taxpayers are heavily burdened by all kinds of tax. do not put any more burden on us
- We do not have the money. No new arena for Calgary. Hockey would be in Edmonton.
- We do not need to give this notoriously spendthrift city council yet another reason to tax us. Games are a luxury we can't afford.
- We don't have the \$\$!! And people are still unemployed from the oil downturn!! Dont spend \$ we don't have,there are so many other priorities
- We don't have the infrastructure/facilities to host the games. I don't want my \$ going to a vanity project that will cost more than we gain.
- We don't need more debt. The costs are always wrong and alway's more and we we just don't need it.
- We don't need more taxes, and our economy is not stable enough to support this idea.
- We have a lot of other projects that should be a priority. Our economic situation does not support this bid
- We have better ways to spend our tax dollars
- We have financial problems on all levels of government. It's not worth the cost to citizens
- We have too many other needs in the City to throw money away to satisfy a few.
- We need critical infrastructure that's not listed first not a vanity project for Nenshis final hurrah
- We need meaningful dialogue at the information sessions. They do not have all the financial info, I feel council is not being honest with us
- We need open houses where there is meaningful dialogue. Should be postponed until all financial backing can b discussed in detail
- We need to finish Bowfort Towers. That should take priority. We need the mounds.
- We need to see the "real cost" including all the Olympic related upgrades hidden in city budgets

- We pay too much now. Some people just can not afford any out of the pocket cash!!!
- We seem to be struggling as it is, council has already said we need to cut services so why would we been throwing money at this?
- We should not be spending money when our city needs better infrastructure and our transit needs to be improved.
- "we should not host. Cost is insane! i am not going to pay for it. No benefit long term. IOC is corrupt. Stop this Nonsense."
- We should not support this bid because it is highly politicized, opaque, lacking in vision and leadership, incomplete in material aspects
- We simply cannot afford this project and the attendant olympic-sized tax suppository that will no doubt follow and be with us for years..
- We simply cannot afford this.
- We will pay far more than we'll get in back revenue. IOC is also a terrible organization.
- We're already broke. City Council is just about to stick taxpayers with property tax hikes. This is lunacy.
- What a LARGE waste of money! We already have tourism!! Please for the love of jeebss do not make us suffer through more. Put \$\$ in the arts!
- What do social agencies think about Olympic tax \$ taking away people's disposable income, on top of recent economic downturn and loss of \$\$?
- What happens to the legacy of 1988 why spoil that with 2026 fiasco money can be better spent elsewhere...
- When city council tells Calgarians that we will have service cuts and they have to raise taxes because the cupboards are bare. Costs too much
- Where is the proof that the Games will generate revenue before and after hosting? Everything is potential and anecdotal.
- Who goes to Rio, Sochi, Pyongcheng, Turin, Calgary etc because they held an Olympics? NO ONE! \$\$ better invested elsewhere in econ develop.
- Why are we using our tax dollars to line the pockets of IOC. What infrastructure costs are not included in price tag
- "Why is Calgary's estimate so low comparative to other Olympic games?"
- There is no detail on how much our taxes will be raised to support it"
- Why should albertans pay majority of the cost? Why should i pay for something we will owe in the future.
- Will a 2-week party (with short term benefit input) for the wealthy really be beneficial to the social and economic life of the city???
- With 4 billion in debt algary cannot even begin to afford what it would cost to host these games.
- With a 28% vac rate d-town, the burden of shortfalls in revenues will fall on shoulders of businesses just outside the core and taxpayers
- with the Alberta economy still struggling I do not believe we should be spending money on a tourist event that will only last 2+ weeks
- With the municipal tax burden increasing despite dropping home values, it makes no sense to increase taxes on Calgarians for the games.
- Would definitely support if 2 new facilities like Commonwealth Stadium and new Roger's Place in Edmonton were built here for Olympics use
- You can't choke the main industry that sustains you and expect to throw a huge party.
- You failed at ending homelessness. Invest the money into the city in programs it is truly needed!
- You say we have no money to update busses or trains or roads or routes or supply any amenities to the NE??
- Your arrogance and contempt is disgusting, you should be ashamed of yourselves. You ask our input AFTER u spend millions? Lying experts u r

- Your local community will NOT see a dollar of infrastructure money unless it has an Olympic venue or has an access route to a venue!!
- YYC needs better financial mgmt as we continue to struggle through remnants of last recession. Diversify economy instead 4 longterm growth.
- Zero benefit, incurring large debts makes no sense.
- Zero faith in this city to manage this budget properly. Fix current issues before inviting the whole world over for a party.
- "Taking money from mid/class to hand to billionaires is not in our values" - or so said Nenshi once upon a time to the Calgary Flames
- \$50 says Spenshi and the clowncillors ignore the plebiscite
- A 50 million dollar shortfall in taxes now and Nenshi wants to add billions more? Time to drug test the city councillors and mayor
- A classic example of concentrated benefits and diffused costs. Tax mules will carry this burden for decades - certain groups will prosper.
- A legacy of debt similar to other host cities. It is not 1988 any more. Cost overruns and contractor inefficiencies are now a part of life.
- All together now....STOCK-HOLM...STOCK-HOLM...STOCK-HOLM...if we cheer loudly enough maybe we can dodge this bullet!!
- Allocate public resources to programs where govt involvement is appropriate and needed. Let sports/entertainment support itself privately!
- Any bid that will not include a new stadium and arena is not of any interest to me. We will receive money from the fed/prov government.
- Are there 1000s of ski jumpers being turned away? Bobsledders? If you elites want fun things for your kids, feel free to pay for them.
- Been there. Done that. City is too broke for this. My household CANNOT afford \$2000 (best case scenario) cost for this.
- "Benefit - Economic growth and Development, Job creation, New Facilities, Legacy, Growth. Cons - Tax Burden, Lack of Federal Funding"
- "Benefit : subsidized housing Risk: The housing will NOT be given to the proposed demographic. If not, this would be MOST UNETHICAL ..."
- "Benefit: new facilities Risk: cost"
- "Benefit-growth and upgrades Risk-funding being diverted from more important needs such as homelessness and mental health"
- Calgary faces a massive tax shortfall in downtown due to huge vacancies. Where is this money going to come from? Give your head a shake.
- Calgary needs the additional housing to be built, plus a new arena not just for sports but for all venues. This city needs to keep pace.
- Calgary taxpayers cannot afford to pay for the Olympics. We've been in an economic recession for years now with too many people out of work.
- "Calgary will benefit from the games! Building community through volunteering. New and upgraded venues. Bring life back to our lost city."
- Concerned with long term unexpected costs. taking focus away from other necessary projects, but Would be positive to upgrade facilities
- Cost
- Cost is the top reason. There are so many other areas where this money could be directed. For example, drug residues in our drinking water.
- Cost is too unpredictable and, in the past, there have been high cost over-runs. I do not support elite athletics.
- cost to taxpayers

- Cost. Our tax dollars can't seem to cover what is needed now, police, fire services and senior needs. Transportation and affordable housing.
- costs Are too high
- Costs city residents too much. Not a significant amount of benefit for residents.
- Costs FAR outweigh any benefit. My tax dollars should go towards "services", and not towards "games".
- "Costs too expensive
- More taxes because of
- Better concerns to spend money on.
- NO to Olympics"
- Does the Olympic bid include a new rink for the flames and/or a new stadium for the Stampeders ? If not then I'll vote NO.
- Economic downturn in Calgary and Alberta is hindering the decision. The average citizen is concerned about the cost at this time.
- Economic risks make it wise at this time. Also resent the secrecy city council is pursuing.
- economy
- Even at doubtful projected budget of \$5.2b the benefits are thin. Considering the city tax base will be on the hook for any overruns #noway
- Extreme risk of runaway taxation due to excessive and unnecessary spending on a big party for the global hyper-rich.
- Failure to provide clear breakdown of costs and no guarantees tat there will be no cost overruns.
- Financial risk far to high
- Financial risks. Possibility of over runs. Poor reputation of modern Olympics.
- Future expenditures being limited
- Higher debt and increased taxes
- How many calgarians luge/ski jump etc----we should not be spending so much money on facilities that benefit less than 1% of our population
- How much has this bid cost CALGARY TAXPAYERS so far? Answer that Council.
- "Huge cost that neither city, nor Alberta or the feds can afford to
- host a two week circus mainly benefitting the corrupt IOC."
- I am a senior on a fixed income. Low balled budget, and over estimated revenue. Why are we spending any money at all on this stupid Olympics
- I am struggling to pay my taxes. Surely the money that I'm scrimping to pay you could be put to better use. We've had our Olympic Games.
- i believe this a waste of taxpayers money and do not appreciate the way this is trying to be rammed through by most on city council.
- I definitely do not support the Olympic Games mainly because of the slaughter of 11 Jewish Israeli athletes on-site during the 1972 games.
- I don't think the City should be willing to assume all the risk of any unforeseen costs that emerge.
- I don't trust the city or Bidco 2026 with giving us all the information about the potential Olympic costs.
- I don't trust the city to do what they say they will do.
- I don't want Calgary to go any further with the bid process....why? Simply because we have far more important things to focus on
- i like the idea of hosting the winter olympics although i am nervous about the business case and potential implications for local taxpayers
- I think Calgary has many more important things to do with taxpayers money than waste it on Olympic Games which are outdated and elitist.
- I think ordinary people have other things on there minds.bills ,taxes.still alot of people struggling.

- I think that Calgary should not spend money on an elite event but on housing for the poor and improving the lives of the homeless.
- I think that the City should submit a bid for the Games as it will build community and leave a legacy of infrastructure we want to have.
- I think the risks and expense outweigh any benefits. The Olympics are nothing but a money making venture for the IOC. Recent doping scandals
- I want a \$5billion tax cut instead
- I was on board until I heard the cost was \$2000.00 to every house hold. The rewards will go to tourism business they should bear the costs
- I will vote yes if a NHL arena is included The olympics debt that will be too large for an arena in future No arena No Flames in 5 years BAD
- I would only support the bid if Calgary and Canmore are the hosts. If any other city is hosting events I am 100% voting no!
- If City is so transparent why was public told YESTERDAY that IOC was visiting today? Hoping those with hard questions cant attend last minute
- If this was such a good idea why did the purveyors of it present it to everyone in a slight of hand manner.
- Improved infrastructure for all, worldwide recognition.
- Increased taxes which we can't afford for and a huge debt that will many years to off if ever while these politicians and athletes have fun
- Infrastructure spending. We're reaping the benefits of 1988 still and I believe 2026 would offer similar benefits.
- IOC is as corrupt as FIFA.
- It is a waste of taxpayer money to spend on a few days of partying for a very small group of people.
- It is intellectually dishonest to present the risk of a cost overrun as low given the time frame. Ask the question "what if we're wrong?"
- It is offensive that tax dollars are being used to convince us to vote yes. VOTE NO!!!
- It will cost each household over \$2000.00 which most of the population can illafford. What in terms of dollars will I benefit .Not good.
- It will cost too much money and we currently don't have the economical and financial climate to do something like this.
- It will just increase our taxes even more
- Lack of financial resources / misuse of existing resources
- Many Calgarians can't even find employment right now let along support a massive spending spree like this. NO!
- Memo to pro-Olympic business/hospitality: EVERY \$ OF INCREASED TAXATION IS A \$ OUT OF POTENTIAL CONSUMER SPENDING IN CALGARY
- Nenshi is lying
- New facilities. Not worth the potential risk though
- no benefit whatsoever.
- No benefit. It costs too much. More cost to tax payers, many who are unemployed & already can't afford necessities. This is a WANT not need
- no benefits lots of risk to tax payer
- No net benefit. The Olympic Games will incur in a significant loss and result in an excessive burden on Calgary taxpayers.
- NO OLYMPIC GAMES! The cost is too high whether the money comes from the prov. or the feds it us paying. We are in debt and cannot afford it
- NO TO THE OLYMPICS!!! The IOC makes money, the elite athletes make money and the bid sponsors make money, only the taxpayers lose.

- No, Calgarians can not afford. Zero faith in City Councils. We are not seeing real costs. Too many secrets. Donot want increased tax.
- NOBODY has said, "Mr. & Mrs. Citizen in your \$500,000 home can expect to pay \$X over then next decade in municipal, provincial & fed taxes.
- Oh shoot I forgot my wallet at home. You wouldn't mind getting this would you? argument doesn't cut it anymore
- Olympics are business. Let business finance & operate businesses. Let government concentrate only on important roles appropriate to it.
- Olympics create no net economic benefit...rather an unfair and inefficient redistribution of resources already skimmed from folks who work!!
- Olypmptic games cost huge amounts of money if that money comes from the prov. or the feds it us paying. We are in debt and cannot afford it!!
- Opposed to the principle of scarce public resources used in this manner. Olympics are a commercial enterprise-no place for the public purse
- Potential future tourism
- Read the article in the Herald by Chris Varcoe and tell me with a straight face that this isn't a stupid idea.
- Review every single person,business,industry who stands to make BIG\$\$\$\$\$ on this and release donation info going to Calgary2026/BidCo.
- Risk - financial , cost of security
- Scarce public resources should not be allocated to "vanity projects" that benefit arrogant politicians and politically well connected groups
- Ski jump rental at Whistler is \$40,000,000, hockey in Edmonton not costed yet, plus events at Canmore, what's left for Calgary is debt.
- Someone once said "taking tax dollars from mid/class and handing it to billionaires is not in line with our values" anyone remember who??
- spend the money on fixing our LRT crossings and other important infrastructure in our city, instead of this nonsense that no other city want
- Stuck with the bills. Debt.
- Studies show Olympics does not generate money for host. IOC is a a demonstably corrupt org. City is not discussing LRT to airport w/ #2026
- Taxes from overrun, people on fixed income can't handle more tax
- the amount of waisted tax dollars is mind boggling , we are still in a recession, can Nenshi be impeached, Farkas for mayor, No Olympics No!
- The bid committee alone went over budget already, . Actual, true numbers are withheld or fudged. The games deficit will be paid by my taxes.
- The biggest risk is huge cost overruns which are impossible to forecast accurately eight years into the future. No big benefits.
- The city can Ill afford the true costs of these games. Even the moneys spent "evaluating' a bid would be better spent on pressing city needs
- The City is not transparent and the politics both inside and outside the City structure make it highly inefficient, ineffective and biased.
- The corrupt IOC must "clean-up" their act; poor AB economy; incomplete budget & funding info; lack of transparency; public will have pay \$\$\$
- The cost is the sole risk. We cannot afford this so nothing else is relevant. It cannot be done. Stop wasting our money!
- The cost is too high and the taxpayers will end up footing the bill. Please spend our tax money on education and healthcare!
- The cost is too high given the state of the economy. People are having a difficult time getting through the day to day living expenses.

- The cost to taxpayers - \$3B is too high. Use the money to build housing and sports facilities without all the risks. Security \$ will rise
- The costs have not been properly shared with the public. Calgarians can not carry the tax burden of these Olympics.
- The costs will be more than stated resulting in more tax hikes. Only legacy will be a financial burden for our children and theirs.
- The costs will result in huge debt and years of ever increasing taxes to pay for no long term benefits. Bid Co should be disbanded now before
- The costs: \$1bill Security. Per household \$10,967 Avg games. \$5,810 if like 1988. Prov \$short. Events BC, Edm. Village here? Forget about it
- The economic risk is too high, tax dollars (all 3 levels) better spent on specific infrastructure including affordable housing.
- The facilities are already here and will need upgrade in any case. It is the best possible opportunity to get the main bldgs funded.
- The IOC is corrupt, all recent games went massively over budget, the cost associated with environmental damage isn't being factored in
- The money should be put to better use in this economic downturn invest in the people creating jobs feed the hungry house the homeless
- the money should be spent on policing, especially here in marlborough. The alderman isn't helping and the police can do only so much.
- The money... Taxes in this city are high enough. Hard to pay living expenses now. I prefer to feed my family first...
- The Olympic games would end up costing more than predicted which means the citizens of Calgary will be taxed for the overrun budget.
- The olympics are a scam. It is time to send a message to the IOC, Calgary's city council and the bidco - Vote NO on November 13.
- The Olympics have never been proven as a net benefit, and likely will cost more than predicted.
- the Olympics will cost Calgary taxpayers billions and will lose money. Do not do business with the IOC.
- The only people who benefit are those that want their name in lights and/or laughing all the way to the bank. Do NOT be fooled, VOTE NO!
- The risks outweigh the benefits. I pay more than enough taxes and I don't want them paying for an outdated event.
- The same city that killed a car race track that served thousands and paid money wants to spend billions for snow sports? I don't think so.
- The top risk is cost. Most if not all games end up significantly over budget and once committed there are no safeguards to prevent this.
- There are many citizens in Calgary who struggle to get by, and can't afford a hike in their property tax. Not everyone here is rich. So no.
- There are numerous ways that Calgary can use the money it will cost helping fix homelessness, helping street people, Assist veterans fund
- There is no benefit! Calgary is already on the map. We CANNOT AFFORD this ego trip, Mr. Mayor and Council, nor the crippling debt.
- There is no way we can afford this right now. Plus the IOC is by far the most corrupt organization on the planet!
- These projects do not create real value or wealth, they only redistribute resources unfairly and inefficiently!! Let's stop this nonsense now
- Too much money has already been spent just to see if we should host the games. There is need to have and nice to have. no need to spend more
- Too expensive - don't bid

- Too expensive and too few people benefit
- Too expensive!! Can't afford the tax increases, and no protection from over run costs.
- "Too financially stressful for the public to undertake under present strained economic conditions."
- "Too many events not in calgary
- City admin will add staff which will never go away
- Trust city hall less than IO"
- Too much money from taxpayers and city hall seems to be hiding the true cost from taxpayers with all of their closed door meetings.
- "Too much money.
- Budget will double or more as they do and as expected by the response to the prov. Not covering cost over runs."
- Top beneficiaries are those who want their name in lights and /or those laughing all the way to the bank with hard working taxpayers dollars
- "Top benefit - Facilities remaining from the Olympics will be used by communities for years afterward.
- Top risk - What will prov. pay? Feds?"
- Top benefit, I love sport! Top risk, \$\$\$
- Top risk is that each Calgarian would be on the hook for minimum of \$1000 and up to unlimited cost overruns.
- Use the money for a betterment of the city's infrastructure...increase schools , recreational complexes, bus frequencies-bus stops
- Very unrealistic budget, costs will likely be much higher. IOC is very corrupt.
- Waste of finances in a financially strapped city and province. No confidence in ability to manage costs. Trying to relive 88 for no benefit
- wasting money with no appreciable return.
- We can't even build crosswalks, or plow the roads, but council has money to spend on an Olympic bid, how much has been wasted already?
- We don't need another mid sized arena, we needed a partnership to replace the Saddledome... oh wait, Nenshi already ruined that
- We have more important things to spend our money on.
- we have other problems to solve. this is being seen by far too many people as a "party" vs a tax burden that will linger.
- We should fund housing, schools, infrastructure and flood damage that instead of elite sports facilities
- We should NOT bid for the games. The economy is still very bad. Too many details have been hidden about costs, bid process just not honest.
- What happens when we commit to the games and the provincial or federal governments change their mind? Then Calgary taxpayers are paying all!
- What we need is a new hockey and football stadium, not to host the Olympics with costs to the taxpayers
- When is the city going to release the revised budget which includes the bus barn/ curling and whatever is being decided behind closed doors
- When you vote on Nov 6th,7th and or the 13th you will be paying homage to the fallen we remember on the 11th who gave you that right
- Will significantly support city financial growth
- "You already steal too much of my money, I don't want you taking any more.
- IOC is corrupt."

- You can email councilors thru the city website. CEDs website Mary Moran is also user friendly for email input. Try to keep it respectful
- Growth and Community
- Change the economy we rely on; boost economy
- It will make Calgary known around the world. Economic benefits
- Tourism Benefits
- World comes to Calgary and the money it will generate in the future as in 88 occurred
- Bring money into the city. Economy is hurting bring the olympics here
- Good for community. I don't see much risk attached
- Exposure to benefit.
- Employ people for the next several years
- Benefit of the long term support for city. Would love to experience the olympics in Calgary again. Good economic benefit.
- I'm a builder, so I can build more things. Get rich. I don't see risks
- Great that Calgary gets to upgrade facilities. Risk is budget control
- Benefits- better for our economy
- See a new facility. Put in a real Olympic arena they have to build a new one eventually
- Benefit is the lifetime experience.
- Great for youth
- Risk- cost, benefits is it's awesome cost over takes that
- Risk to tax payers
- New facilities
- Benefits- world stage.
- Hockey Olympic stage
- Benefit to the financial gain. Not a big risk
- It's a life time experience
- Benefits- location, no strict alcohol rules. We already have the infrastructure. I'm from Montana and was here for the 88 olympics.
- Tourism will help our economy
- Cost
- Infrastructure
- Facilities
- Opportunity for jobs. Economic opportunity
- Time for Calgary to build up the economy
- Risk- invest a lot of money on new facilities
- Great revenue to the city
- Build infrastructure the city needs
- Legacy
- Community
- Last 88 olympics was awesome. Bring back the legacy.
- Big benefit to new facilities. Construction and congestion is a risk though
- Economic drive
- To gain more tourists to Calgary and expand our city
- Exposure
- Tourism
- Civic pride and getting Calgary back on the world stage in a positive light
- Exposure
- It's good to have people come see Calgary and the games
- It will grow the local businesses

- Economic boost
- Awesome experience, legacy and venue left behind and risk is cost to tax payers
- Tourism
- Keeps the city on the world stage
- Money influx for calgay
- Great for jobs. Financial risk. I'm concerned about how much money it will actually cost.
- Increased tourism
- Risk about taxes per person. Great opportunity for tourism
- Great for new facilities to ensure elite athletes continue to train here. Debt is a risk
- Risk is the financial implications
- It will be a great opportunity for economy. We have what we need here
- Economic development as a possible benefit
- We have all facilities here. We shouldn't split the facilities between cities
- Disadvantage is the debt but hosting would help the city grow
- New stadium and a new indoor track would be great for the city.
- Puts the city on the map and tourism
- Draws more people, name on the map again
- Good for morale of city and economica
- Money as a benefit economic development
- Economic, spirit of having the games for social welfare
- It puts Calgary on the map and facilities as a benefit. Good for city moral if we can afford it.
- Legacy of facilities and funding of national and international training centres
- Opportunity to show the nation our country and city. Risk to financial costs
- Safety to the city and players is a risk
- Nice to see olympics again, builds relationships with other countries
- Benefit to sports for kids. big opportunity
- Great atmosphere and sports programs. Financial draw backs and security risk
- More inclusion of people with disabilities
- Benefit to city improvement and infrastructure for future athletes
- Infrastructure as a benefit
- New stadium and rink as a benefit. Risk is the construction and renovations
- Be good for the city puts us on the map
- A continued legacy of sport development and facilities as a benefit.
- New arena and dome
- World attention as a benefit
- Like the olympics and we have the infrastructure,
- Good investment in to the city to try and revive economy
- Economic spinoff as a benefit
- New hockey arena as a benefit
- New imenities and upgraded as a benefit
- Potential to make money, huge risk as North Americans not as keen on games now,
- Benefit is financial rewards and infrastructure
- Benefit is infrastructure
- 1988 was v successful and city has infrastructure already so costs will be lower, strong athletic community
- Was here in 88 and it bought in vibrancy and turned around economy
- Top benefit - people from around the world see Calgary. Not too expensive
- Brings community together in a way millennial have yet to see yet, the economic factors are a risk though

- Puts Calgary out there on the map and there are economic benefits, but is it sustainable on environment and community
- Benefit- tourism, boost to the economy. Risk- new venues how will be reused.
- Power of sport on public, I have seen the impacts at all levels from olympians to grassroots
- Top benefit it the opportunity for the youth of Calgary to experience. Creates tourism draw to Calgary. Economic boost.
- Benefit to legacy. Risk about debt
- Benefit to the legacy of calgary
- Benefit to civic engagement. Risk about budget
- Benefit to long term tourism and capital projects. Risk about federal government input.
- Benefit to future growth for Calgary and Alberta. Need to put a cap on the budget. Unproper governance.
- Increased economic potential. Risk about cost
- Benefit to tourism and being on a world stage. Risk about cost overruns. How are these games being funded
- Economic benefit. Risk about leveraging investment post games.
- Cost too much money
- Top risk would be cost. Taxes going up.
- Risk. Money
- Cost overrun
- 2000 dollars for sports that I don't have a ticket to. Don't want to pay for this
- Cost
- Risk- cost has not been transparent. The city does not have the money, we were told this in February.
- Cost overruns are a big risk. I want to know what it costs individual citizens.
- Top would be a new arena for the flames. Risk is we might have buildings we won't use after
- The economic cost per house hold is very risk
- Risk is the economic debt. Big legacy debt
- Risk- cost, no transparency and cost overruns
- The cost overruns
- Financial risk
- New arena would be nice
- Cost, no lasting benefit
- Pride and tax increase
- Cash loser.
- Tax increase
- Very expensive. May Calgary benefits because of a new arena
- Cost increases of taxes
- Lost of money
- They are good for the city. Brings good players (athletes)
- Too much congestion and I pay too much taxes
- Not enough return on cost
- Security
- Not having any useful legacy infrastructure
- Fiscal risk and irresponsible. Benefit to upgrade facilities
- Infrastructure
- Risk is i feel like we are being lied to about the budget. There will be a lot of debt
- Risk about losing a lot of money
- Too much money

- Don't know the facts, finances worrying, no increased tax bill, provincial \$ not enough. There are benefits, but it doesn't outweigh tax.
- Financial risk, 2 week party is great but a new arena is needed can also bring concerts in after
- I don't see benefits because it costs billions. We have other needs and it affects tax payers. The IOC are crooks. I don't support them.
- Cost overruns, transparency on spend and from city council
- Overcast to security, housing and transit cost for the economy are going to be big.
- Can't recoup costs, security costs of \$1bn is high,
- Security for the city of Calgary
- Because we're broke as a province
- Financial over run as a risk and legacy project and facilities as a benefit
- Risk debt
- No party for 2 weeks, taxpayers for dollar, want to see more financials and no more 'in camera'
- Horrible question. My taxes are going to go up.
- Infrastructure exist we so good chance to break even, need updates and want to see ALL the financials before voting yes. Debt risk.
- Not guaranteed to have it again, especially after 2010. City more recognize glass Bally, but at what cost.
- Too expensive for a city that can't afford it
- Money wasted, should be spent on new arenas and not another ski lift in bc
- Benefit is job creation and improved benefit. Risk debt security
- Cost overruns as a risk
- Financial breakdowns of 5.2bn
- Will drive up cost of living in city and leave a generation of debt. 88 was fun but the eco omg was different then
- Already had it once, cost in economy is too high now and in the future, don't know how much additional taxes I will have to pay
- Cost is too high,
- Don't have the money and would increase taxes, Calgary is in a hard time why spend more tax money to not help people into employment
- We can't afford it, my grandkids will foot the bill for this. The federal and provincial governments seem non committed. Security overruns
- It's not good that Whistler will keep the ski jumping, concerned about cost and whether the government gives what they've promised
- Benefit is facilities for future public use (housing, transport, sport), risk is the financial debt and knowing what this would be
- Risk about cost..
- We don't have the basic foundation to the city (transportation). This is very near sighted
- Risk about the financial cost. We could spent the money on better priorities
- Benefit to international exposure. Risk is cost.
- Great exposure for Calgary. Lots of tourists. Risk to tax payer
- Benefit to infrastructure. Risk about economic timing
- Risk to cost. Not seeing Calgary get the full benefit
- Benefit about legacy and housing to Calgary. Risk about unforeseen cost to Calgary.
- Risk to expense to community and overall debt to city. Not much benefit
- Cost to citizens after the olympics. If we could be sure taxes wouldn't be changed;
- Financial risk. No benefit
- Be eight- popularity, world exposure.
- A chance to reinvent Calgary and put us out on the world stage.

- Accelerates building of new affordable living spaces & improves venues that are badly out of date like McMahon Stadium
- "An NHL quality stadium is a must.
- NO involvement from BC, Lk Louis is the best in the world.
- Total REAL financial transparency."
- An Olympic bid would further cement Calgary as a fun, exciting, beautiful, cosmopolitan city that values having nice things over selling oil
- Anytime we can put Calgary on the world stage is a good thing.
- As long as a REASONABLE budget can be agreed upon and ADHERED to, this could be a good idea.
- Because it would be awesome for this amazing city to be centre stage. Very proud of this city.
- benefit is the renewed sport facilities for elite athletes and families to enjoy and train. Keep World class events coming to Calgary
- Benefit to us receiving new infrastructure and tourism
- Benefit: having a sense of togetherness and worldwide attention. Having the worlds eyes on us can encourage people to invest in Calgary
- Benefit: we will make so much money that we will be able to use it towards what the city needs
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- Better, safer infrastructure. A chance to show ourselves off to the world again & draw attendance to more than oil & gas.
- Bring positive attention to a city that has been given a bad rap due to media and politicians.
- Builds a positive future for Calgary!
- Calgary needs to invest in the future. Hosting the Olympic 2026 Games would provide Calgary the world stage once again to show case our city
- "Calgary on International map.
- lot of development, growth, business and international recognition."
- Calgary should host the games because of the positive economic benefits it will provide the city.
- Capitalizing on money from other sources (IOC, Federal Govt) for facilities / upgrades that we need but would not get any other way
- "Civic and National pride - Legacy
- Social housing
- Investment in our athletes, infrastructure and community"
- Community pride. The legacy of new and refurbished infrastructure and facilities. Construction jobs. Tourism spending. Overall economic deve
- "Continuing the legacy
- Great for community"
- Cost, we have so many other things we need in Calgary at this time. Road repairs, better snow removal. Taxes are too high.
- Creating relevant infrastructure throughout the community that will support all aspiring Albertan / Canadian athletes for decades.
- Cultural growth, ability for Calgary to grow into a world-class City, new facilities, boost in economy.
- Development of city
- Economic gains are uncertain & requires years after the event to materialize. Historically, lessons learned (other) cities not encouraging
- Employment
- Exploiting the vulnerable
- Financial gain and Tourism. for centuries countries have competed but some calgarians just hate sports period- taxes raised for worse items
- For our children. They deserve the experience and opportunity that comes with hosting an event like this

- Funding for infrastructure that we would only get if we do the Olympics. If I tell you Give me \$20 and I'll give you \$100 back - who wouldnt
- Global interest in our city will spark long term tourism. Also, the legacy of sporting facilities is really important.
- Great legacy for future olympians and amateur sports. Do want all sports to be in Alberta and not shared between provinces.
- Growth for Calgary! Give the economy a boost as well as receive some funding for infrastructure that is needed anyway!
- His Pompous Purpleness and his entourage have hijacked the engagement process. Since CTV News article nothing but Yes votes. VOTE NO Nov 13
- Hosting the 2026 games will be a big boost for Calgary. Economically in the first place. Like it was in 1988, when it put Calgary on the map
- Housing for indigenous people.
- Huge opportunity for millenials to take up volunteer responsibilities. Not the politicians who'll do the work. It's our volunteers.
- i think it would be cool
- I think the overall long term and short term benefits will outweigh any negatives.
- I think the potential benefits for tourism, infrastructure, spirit and programming for the city are worth the risk!
- I want to experience the Olympics as a younger person who was not alive during the 80s Olympics.
- "I was here in 88 and have seen 30 years of world-wide attention and benefits to Calgary.
- Not many cities can claim hosting 2 Olympics."
- I would rather see the city supporting a new Stadium.
- If hosting the Olympics does indeed inject approximately 4.4 billion dollars worth of investments into our local economy.... worth it.
- If we come out of this with a new "saddledome" and "McMahon " then I am supportive: without them I vote no.
- If we have the Olympics, then years later. we won 't be like Winnipeg, according to CEO Mary Moran speaking at the Haysboro forum 23 Oct 20
- Increased economic oppportunity by changing the way calgary is perceived
- Infrastructure
- Investments to improve the City's existing facilities, draw attention back to Calgary for business, stimulate economy
- It would be amazing advertisement for the city and it would be exciting and really make me proud to be calgarian.
- It would put Calgary/Alberta/Canada on the map for more visitors. Plus showing we can host it twice.
- "Jobs
- Employment
- Profile
- Athletes"
- Legacy facilities will benefit CALGARY for a generation.
- Legacy low-income housing and additional/upgraded venues will benefit Calgarians for decades, as was the case following the "88 Games.
- Legacy venues would be an asset to current & future athletes.
- Long term economic benefits to the city, refurbishment of existing athletic facilities, return of the Olympic Arts Festival.
- Money will come in from the people who will go to the games and the Olympics is the perfect way to promote calgary

- Most benefit will be the investments this will bring to Calgary for long term diversity in the economy.
- My reason for wanting the games is financial. I believe we as a city, province and country can reap financial benefits by hosting.
- New arena
- New multi-sport complex (please also consider acoustic for music venue after the games when designing the building!)
- no benefit for me
- No games. We're broke! And his Worship needs to immediately resign.
- None for the long term
- not a viable business proposition with a reasonable expectation of a positive financial outcome, makes no sense given the economic outlook
- One reason I would recommend hosting is that it gives a lot of encouragement for the future generations to compete in the future.
- Opportunity to get a one time grant from the Province, Feds and IOC to upgrade many of our facilities leaving another 30 year legacy.
- Please be sure to engage indigenous communities on the hosting of the Games - this is an important part of the TRC calls to action.
- Positive uplift to our stale economy and increased international profile of our city and province.
- Promotes our beautiful city to the world- great for increasing the potential of a great future
- Put Calgary back on the map, influx of tourist dollars.
- Re-energizes our city and will be a catalyst for increased volunteerism, advocating for positive change like accessibility & boost economy.
- Refreshed infrastructure, increased tourism. And something to look forward to instead of doom and gloom!
- Revenue and world recognition
- So I can see a Olympics in my lifetime
- Stats have shown regardless how much money is spent for the olympics the city hosting it loses money.
- Stimulation to our economy as facilities are built, the people who come to our city leading up to the games and during & the attention
- The billions that Nenshi could score from federal and provincial taxpayers for desperately needed sports infrastructure.
- The City should submit a bid for the games for the benefit of upgraded facilities in and around Calgary, and international tourism exposure/
- The economic shot in the arm that comes from hosting the Olympics and the updated venues bringing more events down the road are great benefi
- The economy! Not only would the Olympics put us on an international map (again), but it would draw hundreds of thousands of people!
- The games will inspire youth to get into sport, and we will be forced to upgrade our facilities so that we can train world class athletes.
- The opportunity to upgrade the existing infrastructure that are a legacy from the 1988 Olympics.
- The plans to incorporate city and social developments into the Olympic program is good
- The social good that will be generated from the whole of Calgary (and Canada) coming together for a positive reason is worth it.
- There are no strong economic benefits. Public housing is listed, but won't be available until after the games, probably 18-24 months.
- This is an opportunity to upgrade facilities with committed funding that should be seized upon. The events would be great for Cgy's morale.

- This will provide money which we would not otherwise get. This is a good way to get a new hockey arena without paying for it ourselves.
- Through the Olympics, investment in identified priorities & re-establishing a legacy fund enables long term benefits to Calgary.
- Top benefit is that I will not only help Calgary but help Alberta to diversify the economy.
- Top benefit: enhanced employment (even temporarily)
- update facilities
- Updating existing infrastructure
- Utilizes infrastructures already here, places Calgary as a world leader in sport and will result in economic spinoff for years
- We already have many of the required facilities and this would be an opportunity to upgrade some of the existing ones. It would create jobs.
- We need better facilities! The games will bring investment and facilities to Calgary long before, during and after the games!
- We will receive a lot of money to improve our city compared to the relatively low increase in taxes for Calgarians.
- We've been pushing to establish ourselves as a truly international city for 2 decades - this will put us over the top.
- World wide get to know the city, and great it is.
- Yes yes yes!!! It will be so good for us!!
- "- FYI, Calgary is already a touristy city!
- - That money is way too much for 2 weeks of games. The mayor can't even afford a new arena"
- (1) another huge waste of money that it DOES NOT HAVE;(2) incur massive debt at a time of rising interest rates;(3) gigantic wealth transfer
- "1 Current and Future Debt
- 2 Disrespect from the Federal govt to Alberta
- 3 Events in Whistler, Edmonton
- 4 Russian doping excused, corrupt"
- "1) Information is in early stage of creation.
- 2) Public funds for Calgary are to be borrowed by all levels of government,"
- "1. Very high unemployment in Calgary
- 2. High risk on cost over run
- 3. Funding required for priority area."
- 1988 GAMES HAD 100% CORPORATE SUPPORT,TODAY'S ECONOMY WILL HAVE ONLY MINIMUM SUPPORT , UNLIMITED VOLUNTEERS THEN , NOW? ie SECURITY
- 2010 security cost for Vancouver \$900 MM.We need security for 4 cities yet in 2026 prices city budgeted only\$600 MM-cost overrun risk
- A bad idea at a bad time.
- A COMPLETE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND RELIABLE FINANCIAL ESTIMATES ...
- A huge tax increase which we can not afford. 700,000 for security is a joke. A waste of tax payer money for a two week party with no benefit
- A poor investment
- After athletes, their families and visiting big shots get their tickets there will be few left -we don't bring money to spend like tourists
- Alberta, Calgary & Canada are broke. Canadians pay 40+% in taxes now. The elite IOC can take their party for preferred contractors elsewhere
- all funds come from the same tax payer, local, provincial,federal, ME. no tax increases.where will curling be held? local artists,engineers,

- As a senior I am not being "selfish" by voting no. I feel I am saving the younger people years of high taxes, that I won't be helping with.
- At this situation city can't afford it
- Based on costs for previous Olympics, the stated costs seem totally understated and we are already adding millions extra. Housing in 8 year?
- BidCo/City not disclosing the risks/impacts of overruns to property taxes. City Hall in a conflict of interest and is biased
- Bottom line....WE CAN NOT AFFORD THEM....sorry!
- BTW, suggesting negative results are computer generated in order to discredit the NO camp is childish and petty. The answer is NO. Period.
- Budget and cost inaccuracies and overruns.
- Budget, debt, incomplete information.
- Budget. No guarantees that future services will not be sacrificed or the expenses will be passed to taxpayers
- Budgets will go over, it will cost us more...Additionally, the stories of treatment of homeless during prep by other hosts alarming
- Calgarians need to send a message to the IOC. If no city wants the 2026 Games, they have to start paying us to host the Games.
- Calgarians will not pay their hard earned money to the game!
- Calgary council is not competent enough to balance city budget without max. yearly tax increases. Olympics will only exacerbate this problem
- Calgary economy is bad. The spread of Canadian oil price is big. We need mountain and eastern pipelines. Economic will recovery. Then games
- Calgary has already hosted these games, we do not need to spend for something which becomes burden for tax payers.
- Calgary has bigger concerns than the Olympics. How about putting money into other issues we face
- Calgary has many burning issues. Many issues to solve .Hiigh property tax, poor transit system. No proper planning etc. Risk of increased ta
- Calgary has too many needs & problems to be spending taxpayer money on the Olympics. The risk of cost over-runs too great.
- Calgary is in debt, and so are the provincial & federal govts. Hosting these games will only multiply our debt exponentially. No suckers!!!
- Calgary is not in the financial position.
- Calgary only host the opening and closing ceremonies and some non mainstream events. Hockey/Curling Edmonton, Skiing BC No Thanks
- Calgary should NOT submit a bid. The potential costs outweigh any benefits and we, the taxpayers are going to pay for this.
- Calgary will spend more then planned on the games and other services/buildings/programs etc in Calgary will suffer because of it
- Canadian Taxpayers Federation endorsed Stockholm... And Stockholm endorsed Calgary. Either way no taxpayers anywhere want to foot this bill!
- Canadians, Albertans, and Calgary especially can not afford a single penny in additional taxes - it's that simple.
- City council already expecting homeowners to share the business and property tax expense lost in downtown, the games are TOO Much more tax!
- City Council is withholding the true costs of this bid and this will be a referendum on City Council as much as Calgary2026 bid
- City council you guys are the only ones who want it how about you pay for it out of your own pocket?

- City initially said Calgary's share would be \$500 million. Now they refuse to provide a number until Feds do-where is the transparency?
- City of Calgary tax payers would be stuck with paying triple taxes, those being city, province and federal, to subsidize the games.
- Concerned about the lower than expected government financial support
- Concerns about voting process due to problems in 2017 election. Olympics question should be part of next election for City Council.
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost
- Cost and funding uncertainty. How can the 2026 games cost less to host than the 2014 and 2018 games? How much will Calgaryans pay?
- Cost benefit poor.
- Cost escalation that will be 100% the risk of the property tax payers making our city less affordable in the future.
- Cost for citizens
- Cost is too high and it will inconvenience everyone for years.
- Cost of putting the games on and ensuring that the lifetime costs of the facilities are taken into account.
- Cost of the games.
- Cost or unknown costs
- Cost overruns are expected. City not open about actual costs.
- Cost overrun is being underestimated considering statistically games always cost more than predicted.
- Cost overrun, and as a result, who would be paying for it. In the case of the Tokyo Olympics, the bill has more than doubled.
- Cost overrun. lack of benefit for money.
- Cost overruns
- Cost overruns
- Cost overruns are guaranteed (typically around 50%, so about 2.5 billion if we are lucky). Let's focus on other issues. Vote No!
- Cost overruns on existing budget items as well as costs that are unknown and unexpected.
- Cost overruns. Increase in property taxes
- Cost overruns. Corruption of IOC. example letting Russian athletes back in.
- Cost too high
- Cost to individual Calgary households.
- Cost to taxpayers
- Cost way too much. Jobs are temperature.
- Cost. IOC and games politics had changed since 1988. The cost is just too high now.
- cost-Now that fed numbers are revealed, it is apparent the city will have to cough up considerably more than \$500 MM to make this work -
- "Costs are too much as we are still not out of a recession.
- Too risky."
- Costs outweigh benefits
- Costs too high.
- Costs will be way higher. Can't afford it
- costs will rise
- Costs. Both residential and commercial taxes have us at the breaking point already. Seriously cannot fund anymore Nenshi dreams.

- costs: why are we spending money on sports, we need to support the veterans, homeless, disabled, elderly, infrastructure, roads, etc.
- Cultural and social revitalization they say. Like the blue ring? The burial towers? These bozos need to feel a tax payer renaissance!
- Current elected officials and city elite to feel good about themselves and build their own vein legacies at the expense of the taxpayer.
- Debt
- Debt of the city and screwing over tax payers.
- Debt servicing cost, and lack of tax revenue from business. calgary is still in recession technically speaking
- Debt, way too costly
- Disappointed that a new hockey arena and field house are not in the scope of this bid.
- Don't spend money you don't have!
- Don't waste tax payers money. You can invest that money in things that will benefit the citizens, clear the snow on time, etc.
- Enormous cost overruns being a burden on the Calgary taxpayer.
- Extreme provincial debt, the taxes coming out of my own pocket, it may create some temporary job but long term it won't help.
- Feds announce funding and city acts surprised. I guess they didnt have time to discuss in secret and come up with plan to sell us more debt
- Finances. The city should be paying down debt, not accumulating more. City home owners should NOT see a property tax increase over this.
- Financial cost.
- Financial costs are too high for tax payers, money needs to be spent on services and necessities
- Financial costs are too high. A combined bid, like FIFA 2026, should be considered for 2030 or 2034. This would share the costs and risks.
- Financial not feasible with current economic standing in Alberta
- Financial risk is immense. In addition there is no money at any level of Government and the taxpayers are tapped out
- Financial risk too high. Venues being used outside of city is detrimental to Calgary hosting. IOC is corrupt.
- Financially poor choice for Calgary economy
- For the proposed cost, a new full sized hockey arena (to replace the Saddledome) and extension of C Train to the Airport are essential
- Forget it. Too many security concerns and unknown costs. Give me a break on property taxes if you're throwing that kind of money around.
- From the Cdn Taxpayers Assco. : Household cost is \$2000 if on budget and \$11,000 if it tracks avg. cost overrun. Unacceptable.
- Have you seen the scandal and cost over runs with Japans game build?
- hidden expenses, and more debt for Calgarians to pay off out of their pocket for Olympic
- High cost to Calgarians
- High cost when the city is depressed
- High costs. Let's build a pipeline instead!
- High risk of cost overruns and we seniors cannot afford continued tax hike year after year.
- High risk of using taxpayers money (municipal, provincial, federal) to support a corrupt, commercialized and tarnished IOC.
- Higher residential taxes
- Higher taxes we cannot afford to pay

- Highest probability based (history & next 10 years due to no pipelines) economic outlook is WE WILL be in even more billions of debt.
- housing- how would you support this since the current affordable housing is in dire need of repairs
- How anyone could consider signing up for an event with unknown costs is beyond me. Risking our financial future for a 10 day party is insane
- How GOOD of IOC to commit US\$925M, take an egregious profit cut, assured to make it back & more leaving tax payers left with rest of \$ burden
- Huge debt, especially with Nenshi as mayor.
- Huge waste of public funds; get the basics of city management right first.
- I am almost embarrassed already the state of the roads/fences/streetlights burnt out/etc already, I don't need the whole world seeing us .
- I am concerned that Calgary is putting out the money to host, but many events are not even being held in Southern Alberta, or Alberta at all
- I am concerned that the City of Calgary and its citizens will be saddled with a much larger cost than anticipated.
- I am concerned the cost of the games will outweigh the benefits.
- I am concerned with the lack of transparency and I do not trust the mayor on this issue.
- I can't make an informed decision until the Feds let Calgary know what they will be paying, taxpayers cannot afford an \$8 m shortfall
- I do not believe you. You - the city and its elected officials - distort, misinform, and outright lie all the time. Any dollar estimate p
- I don't think we should be building more ski jumps that no one will end up using, watching the ones from 88 decay is sad
- I don't believe that the cost estimate is realistic, particularly the contingency allocation. The games will not have a net benefit.
- I don't think taxpayers want to foot the bill. I know I don't!
- I don't think we should place a bid since I don't think we are economically stable enough to do so.
- I don't want ANY of my taxes to pay for this ridiculous vanity project.
- I don't want public money paying for a play date for rich people. The IOC has shown itself to be corrupt verging on criminal.
- I don't want to be on the hook financially. A downturn isn't the right time to consider this.
- I feel that there are other areas that our money should be spent on including education and healthcare.
- I have no confidence in either the provincial or federal government to be fiscally responsible.
- I have the feeling that regardless of all the overwhelming NO to the bid they will bid yes anyway and stick it to the tax payers
- I see no benefit to the city other than infrastructure based on a temporary event, and way to much risk for the taxpayers of this city
- I simply do not believe, based on other cities' experiences, that the cost is worth it.
- I think Alberta has been going through some difficult times. Now isn't the time to spend where we don't have to.
- I think the city should not submit a bid for the games as we just got out of a recession and we just don't have the \$ to do this and the tax
- I think the financial burden on tax payers, and their children is too much. I don't believe the revenue of the games will balance it.
- I think the Olympic bid will cost Calgary's taxpayers too much money. (This message is from a real Calgarian, not a bot)
- I want the Games but only if the majority of the city wants it. Why host a party if no one wants it?

- I was open minded however it has become very clear that yccccc and the Mayor have no intention on providing a detailed vetted budget.
- I will lose my home as a taxpayer
- I worry that the city will go in a lot of debt to host the games. The benefits do not offset the risks for me.
- I would like to see the security costs shared by each country in attendance on a per athlete cost. This is very difficult area to fund.
- I would only endorse the Olympics if we were to get a new arena/stadium. Dumping \$ into renovating antiquated facilities doesn't make sense
- I'm am not interested in paying anymore taxes in this city, especially for something that will cost so much and benefit so little
- I'm concerned about the overall cost to Calgarians and feel that any overages should be covered by the IOC
- If venues are only in need of upgrades, apply to the federal Sports fund to pay for these costs. Affordable housing funding from province.
- If you think we can host the Olympics without cost overruns, you are delusional.
- I'm already in the Olympics every winter trying to walk to work; spend that money on snow removal
- I'm not a bot! Saw story on news tonight. Can assure I'm real! There are major funding priorities MORE important than hosting these Games!
- Impossible to determine the cost vs revenue spread. The financial risk is too large and no level of government can afford this right now.
- In Calgary's current economic state it is not the time to be putting in an Olympic bid. Better to hold off for 2030
- Increase in property taxes
- Information provided to the voting public does not show a compelling (or even marginally) positive business case for tax payer investment
- IOC is a corrupt organization. The games will end up tax dollars to benefit the wealthy segment. Taxes (city and prov and federal) will rise
- it appears that the proposal will stress the city's budget for 10 years
- It appears to me that we will have a funding shortfall right out of the gate of about \$500mm even after using the contingency.
- It doesn't make sense - skiing in Whistler, curling in Edmonton, building the smaller arenas that will provide limited use after the games
- It is a waste of money. It will not have the volunteers of the previous Calgary event, the OOC is proving itself to be incompetent corrupt
- "It is almost certain to lose money - lots of it.
- Costs are underestimated. It will be the most expensive low income housing project ever."
- It is an absurd amount of money to spend on a handful of elite athletes. Instead, spend on enhancing community wellness across Alberta.
- It is too expensive and could crash our economy
- It is too expensive. I do not trust the IOC, they have a history of corruption. I feel that Olympic competition is tainted by drug use.
- "It might keep our City on the world map for further development & growth but the money for the games is mostly for an episode in time"
- It seems business will benefit from the money spent at the games. Let them pay for and leave the tax payers out.
- It sounds like the cost to tax payers is far greater than the potential benefit.
- It's a tax burden on all Albertans for years after the olympics, the IOC are nothing but corrupt money hungry animals

- It's heavy burdens on taxpayers
- It's a huge amount of money and could be better spent elsewhere. Fix transit, work on the green line. Put it towards helping homeless people
- It's a shame!! No money to clear snow on roads, but have millions to waste for few people's benefit!! Spend money on people's needs.
- It's a waste of tax dollars, It may bring more infrastructure and make way for new arenas. I don't think it's worth Calgary's time.
- It's bad enough with a new carbon tax. plus the IOC expects all this new infrastructure but they don't want to pay for it. it's a bad deal
- It's expensive
- It's not a priority. There are more important projects and infrastructure that should get funding before an Olympic games.
- It's not something tax payers should pay for. It should be paid for by businesses they are the ones to make an extra revenue.
- It's not worth the price to citizens. It will put us in debt for generations.
- Just barely out of the recession. Now city counsel wants to take taxpayer money & sink us even deeper with this needless huge expense.
- just very short-term benefits, temporary jobs for 2 weeks
- Korea spend \$16 billion for the Winter Olympics, Russia spend over \$60 billion. No way is Calgary going to only spend \$5.2 billion.
- Let's pay our debts instead of creating more! No more credit based spending! Get out of debt!
- Like most of the Olympic sites, Calgary could lose lots of money. It would be cheaper and more direct to invest in the hoped-for benefits.
- Long term cost is always more than expected. Money would be better spent on other initiatives that aren't just sport based.
- Many additional taxes will be created and also increasing the previous taxes in an economy that is not at the best moment
- Massive debt- IOC is not a transparent org and many Olympics see cost overruns. Calgary's economy is not stable - it is not wise to commit
- Massive financial risk for a city whose streets are NO longer paved with gold. Council needs to wake up to the new economic reality.
- Money could be better used for other things, eg affordable housing.
- "Money of course
- This curly needs major infrastructure not an Olympics Taxes are brutal here. Will be moving in near future too expensive"
- Money should be put into schools, looking after the elderly, hospitals, more nurses, solving the homeless problem - NOT SPORTS.
- Money should just be spent elsewhere that is more beneficial for the people of Calgary
- MONEY. Any international incident (ie: war, terrorism) that could easily TRIPLE the security costs by 2026. The estimates are way low.
- Money?! You know who'll end up picking up the tab when things go over budget
- More money out of my after tax dollar pockets.
- More taxes to an over taxed society. this money could go to more important projects that would benefit majority. be a bust compared to 88
- "multiple risks;
- budgets are not specific
- info given is too vague
- economy too weak
- no trust in government

- too many lies / secrecy"
- My family is struggling and any additional tax may put us out of home.
- Naheed is right. Time to pull the plug on this ASAP as it is not going our way.
- Nenshi is threatening to stop bid monday. Appears city has just realized there is simply not enough money. What a gong show
- No events should be located in BC, given their treatment of Alberta, and the fact that they are not contributing financially to these games
- No ability
- No benefit the risk is higher taxation and debt.
- No bot and NO to hosting 2026
- No city in the last 30 yrs has ever benefited from hosting the Olympics. The IOC is a corrupt globalist organization we should not support.
- No financial gain. Only a financial loss. At a time of economic struggle for albertans WE CANT AFFORD THIS! Not how I want tax dollars spent
- No guarantee from the city that affordable housing will be built. Lack of city preparedness with this bid, it all comes across as desperate
- No new NHL arena or ski jump facilities then there should no games bid. These are two winter Olympics anchor sports. NO WAY!
- No Olympics have made money in recent history. Most jobs created will be of a temporary nature, and many will be at minimum wage.
- No real economic gain at a huge cost
- No supporters use this site because the Yes side is using taxpayers money to promote a bid. We are rational citizens who seek transparency.
- No tax increase!!!
- No taxpayer money should be used
- No to a corrupt IOC soft on doping. The costs, debt, taxes & carbon footprint will spike after 2026 Games. Yes ballot is blank cheque.
- no transparency. blacked out documents. not forthcoming with how much my actual tax dollars will go into spending on the olympics
- No value for money being spent. Do not want higher taxes to fund vanity project.
- No! Not enough analysis of financial risks- Olympic/IOC overruns, interest rates up, existing prov debt, facility lifecycle, security cost..
- No.
- None, other than increase taxes for this bid, no thank you. This City is expensive enough as is. I will vote NO.
- None. More employment for professional protestors and layabouts
- Non-profit org suffer and tax payers pay big time!! Corporate sponsorship has all but dried up in this city!!!
- Not a BOT and do multiple postings since they get buried and # of characters is limited.
- Not convinced BOT's have taken over this site. I think people are REALLY ENGAGED this time to share their economic concerns!!
- Not enough funding. Tax payers should not have to contribute
- Not enough info on costs
- Not worth all the money.
- Notley showed restraint with contribution and protected Albertans outside Calgary by not covering overruns. It is a huge risk for our city.
- Olympic Games always go over budget. Calgary will be left footing the bill for extra costs
- Olympics are associated with corruption and cheating. Olympics have a history of going over budget and leaving taxpayers holding the bag.

- Olympics are corrupt and none have made money. Look at Tokyo bids
- Olympics been historically over budget. Cost overruns lead to higher taxes - municipal, provincial, and federal. Benefits are overstated.
- Once was enough! Resources should be utilized for solving current problems like housing, education, health care, public art... Not sports!
- Opportunity cost. Resources could be better spent elsewhere.
- Oslo with all its Oil \$ backed out 2022. As did Stockholm '22 (no support). Milan's '26 bid now excl Turin and no gov \$. How are we diff?
- Our city should be focusing on the infrastructure issues we are facing now. We do not need to spend millions on the Olympics !
- Our current economic situation, the uncertainty of overruns, taxes too high now, cannot afford it, use it on city's needs - NO!!!
- Our current economy is already stretching people to their limits.
- Our governments do not have the required funds without borrowing & the required funds could be better spent on other priorities.
- Our priorities are embarrassing. Why are we dwelling, as a society, on funding for athletes to play some games to win some medals?? NO.
- Our struggling economy should be our priority at this time. We hosted the games before, it was nice but we were in a better place.
- Our taxes are too high already. As a senior citizen, I can't afford my tax dollars wasted on a event I don't want.
- "Out of control debt due to low ball spending estimates.
- Every single games since forever have gone over budget."
- overtaxed citizens will see an increase in taxes.
- plan doesn't include a new arena, only "upgrades" - not sufficient, cost to taxpayers significant; \$ scare, need to be directed elsewhere
- Please don't further impact our already strained finances. We were proud in 1988 but will be resentful in 2026.
- Please use legacy funds from 88 Olympics along with private money to upgrade facilities. We paid in 88, we paid for Vancouver (fed tax) .
- Portions of the games won't be in Calgary yet we assume all the risk. #notcool
- Priority services such as snow removal are already inadequate. Further drain on tax dollars would exasperate situation.
- Property taxes are already too high. We simply cannot afford it. Nor can the generations coming behind us.
- Publicized budget numbers are alarmingly low, and transparency seems to be an issue. Too many too eager to kiss the ring of he IOC.
- Recent news again of widespread child sexual assault in Olympic sport organizations.
- Recent olympics have a history of huge cost over runs and they lose money. Better ways to spens money. IOC seems very corrupt
- Regardless of the level of government (Calgary, Alberta, Canada) - working people pay this bill. Unnecessary cost with no value
- renovating and building new facilities will increase the cost of sports programs causing the elitism in youth sports to increase.
- Residents cannot afford the thousands of dollars in higher taxes. We, who can least afford the financial risk.
- Return on investment inadequate. Taxpayers will have to make up the deficit.
- Risk - the burden on tax payers
- "Risk of cost over run

- Risk citizens are not getting all of the information-too much secrecy
- Risk of political interference ego legacy"
- Risk to all tax payers as it will be a bust
- Risk: my taxes will go up. Property tax, provincial tax and federal tax.
- Risk=cost and financial burden to Calgarians. Calgarians have had too many tax increases in the past several years and little benefit.
- Saddling Calgary Taxpayers with the cost in an environment where many are struggling to pay their personal bills.
- Should not bid--money should go to snow removal (ctrain & roads), police services, mental health, education, etc. Need more space here.
- Should not submit a bid. I think Financial benefits are dubious. It is largely a cash grab by which the rich and connected will benefit.
- Significant over run in estimated cost by Calgary's Olympic Bid Committee; waste of my tax dollars which I give to Calgary, Alberta, Ottawa
- So many other things the city AND the governments should be spending money on. Take a walk downtown once in a while... just to start!
- Spending \$5.3 Billion dollars on an amateur sporting event when there are people homeless in this city is not only outrageous, it is ugly.
- Spending on facilities that will continue to be sub-par even after the Olympics: Saddledome, McMahon, Nakiska
- Spending so much money and not increasing much in the way of additional venues. shouldn't the cost be lower?
- Suddenly thousands of votes appear all at once for the yes side but no thumbs up for yes on any idea.....hmmmm how odd.
- Taxes are already outrageous. Cannot afford it in this economy. No one is open or honest about the actual cost to the average citizen
- "Taxes are already too high, this will drive them higher.
- Also, too much secrecy behind the scenes with yyccc."
- Taxes keep rising, but our city infrastructure needs major maintenance. Spending on our city should be the priority. Not some costly event.
- taxes on all levels of govt.
- Terrorism and a fake low security cost estimate.
- The "free money" from other sources that CEO Mary Moran speaks and the Herald's Licia Corbella writes, perhaps "it's too good to be true".
- The 2026 Olympics, aka "The Olympics That No Logical Taxpayer Wants"! Do not be fooled, overruns are guaranteed and paid by taxpayers! No!
- The 3 billion public dollars allocated for the games could easily be spent on upgrading the facilities in Calgary without the Olympics.
- The benefit will only be for a few connected people or for services such as hotels. It will not be an even spread of the benefit for all.
- The City and the group planning the games have had terrible transparency about this. Even this site is super vague and lacks information.
- The city council has to realise that many Calgarians are still in an economic downturn. This is not the time for frivolous spending.
- The city has a very poor track record for managing budgets
- The city of Calgary cannot afford to remove snow from residential roads how can we afford billions to host Olympic Games.
- The city should not bid as there are issues in this city that can't be addressed as they say there isn't enough money in the budget

- The City via tax dollars and the media are skewing this discussion in favour of YES. Hang in there NO voters and make your no vote count.
- The cost and risks associated with the Olympics are far too high and I simply do not trust those promoting the bid. IOC makes money, we lose
- The cost and waste of taxpayer funds(debt) that could be used better.
- The cost estimates are grossly underestimated; these projects always generate massive cost overruns that will take us decades to pay off.
- The cost for Calgarians is way too high and it's not financially responsible for the city
- The cost is far too high with very little benefit to the general population.
- The cost is going to be ridiculous and the IOC is corrupt and as a taxpayer I refuse to have my tax dollars spent on hosting the olympics
- The cost of the games is too heavy on residence of Calgary.
- The cost onus will be on the tax payers with little to no benefit
- The cost to Calgarians when Calgary's infrastructure, (roads, bridges, etc) are unfinished and in disarray. As Calgarians we don't need this
- The cost will far outweigh any benefits to be had. The lack of transparency is staggering.
- The cost would MORE than provide any of the touted "benefits" of having them. Taxes are apparently going to increase WITHOUT them. NOtABot
- "The cost! This is insanity when we are faced with so many serious
- problems to which the money could be applied."
- the cost, and why are we paying for edmonton and vancouver to participate
- The cost. This city is home to several unemployed people, all bills are going up and we are just trying to keep a roof over our head.
- The costs are far higher than the first time we held the games and there is no way to know true costs from crooked IOC. Taxpayer says NO!!!
- The costs are too high and will put an additional burden on taxpayers from all three levels of gov't. Anticipated s \$s unlikely to be achiev
- The costs of facilities are extremely high when that money could develop Calgary's road system, education, social programs, and art grants.
- The costs will far outweigh any money recouped.
- The debt that all the citizens who have Zero interest in sports would have to bear for years to come. It rather move Away.
- The enormous cost is the main risk. It seems other cities have hosted games at huge expense with very few long term benefits.
- The exorbitant cost.
- The financial risks involved (given massive cost overruns of recent Olympic Games due to the needless decadence demanded by the IOC).
- The Games are always a money loser for the host city. Spend the money on a new arena, which will make money instead!
- The games are too expensive! I don't want to be paying for these games for the rest of my life by tax increases
- The games as normal would be significantly over budget. No longer a competition to hold Olympics. The location stupid enough to bid will win
- The games will cost far more than the benefit they will bring. My property taxes have already doubled in the last decade.
- The greatest risk to the taxpayers is not a cost overrun but the initial proposed outlay of cash. The city is broke! I cannot afford another
- The IOC sets an awful example for any young person who wants to be engaged in sports. They imply by lack of action that doping is encouraged

- The IOC should be applying to us. They should sell us on the benefits and what they would do to build our facilities.
- The majority of Calgarians (many already struggling financially) will have to pay the hefty bill.
- The Majority of Calgarians will see no benefits and will not have access to the games but will be stuck with the tax burden.
- The money could be better spent on families resources, low income housing, infrastructure, snow removal. I could go on.
- the money could be better spent on infrastructure for the city.
- the money needed could be used in many more meaningful ways, impact a more diverse target
- The normal and every day people cannot afford to pay more taxes and our city council, as usual have their heads up their, you know where, NO
- The Olympics are becoming a dinosaur event. Their time has passed. No upside, huge downside for Calgary.
- "The Olympics are too expensive for the average family to pay for.
- Don't waste our money that we work very hard for!!"
- The Olympics will divert funding from more important priorities like social, arts, and culture programs and facilities.
- The only way the city ever had a chance at this bid was if Ottawa bended its funding rules for sport. Thank god laws prevent this
- The only way this will pass is if it includes the building of either a new football stadium or a replacement for the Saddledome.
- The overwhelming majority of the funding is coming from taxes. Who pays taxes? The people do. The cost far outweighs any positives. I say NO
- The potential costs outweigh any /all possible benefits. The games benefit the elite: in athletics and in personnel involvement.
- The price tag is too high. If the city is keen on spending money it should be on something beneficial like better snow removal.
- The projected and likely inflated real financial cost to taxpayers far exceeds any benefits. Just invest in affordable housing instead.
- The reputation of the Olympics has forever been tarnished for me by their greed,cheating and corruption. Security risk too great these days
- The resulting deficit known from the Games will be passed on to the average Calgarian though increased taxes (business & property). OUCH!!!
- The risk is If the City cannot afford a new arena how can it afford all the infrastructure and expense of an Olympics
- the risk is that having a big pot of money it is tempting for city officials to include all their pet projects in the cost of the games.
- The tax payer will have to foot the bill
- The timing of this bid is bad for Calgary and its tax payers. Pay is at all time low and taxes/services increasing every year.
- The top risk is cost overruns and the reality that the province will not pay cost overruns, nor should they.
- The top risk is the cost. The Games have historically had cost overruns. The end result will be increased tax burden to property owners in C
- The top risk is the environmental impact, which is an economic impact too. Going 100% renewable energy and zero-waste would mitigate that.
- The use of tax payer's dollars to something that does not seem to overall improve Calgary or its people.
- The Yes side is funded with our tax dollars. The No side is fuelled by taxpayer rage. This engagement process is not fair.

- There are always cost overruns with every Olympics. I can think of a million other places this funding could go towards.
- There are more urgent issues to deal with first-cannabis use in public, unemployment in Calgary and affordable housing for ordinary people.
- There are plenty of examples in previous host countries of facilities falling into disuse and the cost has left countries bankrupt
- there has never been a games where it has turned a net profit for the taxpayers of a country as a whole. I am against the games.
- There is a lack of clear costs for the Games and also concerned that past winter Olympics have averaged cost overruns of 142%.
- There is considerable cost to hosting the games, and with the current economic climate, Calgary should focus its funds on essential services
- There is no benefit for throwing this party for the cost being incurred by the taxpayer. A few politicians with HUGE egos do not listen.
- There is zero economic benefit. Worse than zero, it costs a huge amount of tax money to fund. Every Olympics past 50 years proves this.
- There isn't sufficient infrastructure to do this without asking taxpayers to cover it and the inevitable shortfalls. IT IS NOT WORTH IT
- There will be no benefits, only huge tax increases that the Council is lying about right now, underestimating the cost by at least 40%
- There will undoubtedly be cost overruns and the long-term economic benefits will not be realized, as they have not been since 1960.
- There's a lot of other ways we could be spending the money. Education programs, combating homelessness, tending to the opioid epidemic, etc
- There's no mention of infrastructure improvements aside from affordable housing & sports facilities. What is left behind for general public?
- These are not the right economic times for expensive Olympic Games.
- They always go over budget. 700,000 for security is a joke. Crooked from the top down. Calgary taxpayer can not afford this party.
- They have difficulty clearing snow and keeping a basic budget without constant tax increases. Private sector wage increase % don't keep pace
- This bid has already divided Calgarians--and its bid meetings and hirings are in secret outside of FOIP. Bad karma; bad economics.
- This is a very bad investment on a 2 week event that will cost Calgary 1 to 2 billion dollars. Education a better long term investment.
- This is not 1988. Calgarians will be left with a huge debt for taxpayers to pay. The only big winner will be the IOC.
- This isn't 1988. The city has not been clear in information. Cost being the biggest concern.
- This legacy hunting trip must halt immediately. Take a clear look at the state of affairs that the City of Calgary is in.
- This money could be used for needed programs and services
- Though the 88 Olympics were great, it was a different time. This city is not in a place where they can financially host an Olympics Games.
- Threats of business exodus due to escalating taxes.
- Too expensive!
- Too high if costs.
- Too costly, financial burden, it's more about politicians trying to be more popular, there are better uses for that kind of money.
- Too costly, plain and simple. Not enough return on the investment.

- Too expensive - fixed income, low income, student and middle income families. We should not be spending \$ we don't have. Cost overruns 4sure
- Too expensive and the money should be spent elsewhere
- Too expensive for our City under the current distressed economy. Basic infrastructure and City services need to be attended to first!
- Too expensive, not enough real benefit for our city. We already have had one Olympics and have the Stampede, this is a terrible idea.
- Too many unknowns especially for security of multiple venues and locations if travel is involved for athletes and officials.
- Too much money and short term payoff of increase in number of jobs.
- Too much money invested and not enough return on \$\$.
- Too much money No no no to the games
- Too much money when the city has some of the highest unemployment in the country, lost business revenue, and no pipelines being built.
- Too risky financially
- Too taxing to the taxpayer. As we end up paying for it.
- Top risk is economic. The tax cost to build facilities that are not convertible to public use
- Top risk, not being able to fund social programs. Cost over run. How much the IOC plays city's into falsely thinking the games would be good
- Track record of losing money to host nations suggest it foolish to embark on an Olymopc games bid. We need invest with longevity in mind.
- Um... Been there... Done that!
- Unless we get a new areana and upgraded transit this is pointless
- Us, residents of Calgary will end up paying huge taxes to make this Olympic happen. This is simple not possible and will not benefit economy
- Vancouver budget was \$4B and then an additional \$3B spent on Olympic induced infrastructure upgrades. What will city have in its budget?
- Waste of \$ that is desperately needed elsewhere, no benefit. Listen to your constituents, no one wants this!!
- Waste of money, money can be used to fix roads, even lamp posts with wires hanging from post to post is embarrassing. Update with solar lamp
- Waste of money.
- Waste of money. More important things that our city could spend money on.
- Way too many hidden costs - we should spend the money on facilities for everyone, rather than for the elite.
- Way too much debt
- Way too much money outlay. Price is guaranteed to rise many X more and we CANNOT afford it. Can't even maintain our current infrastructure!
- Way too much money. I would rather it be spent on better snow removal and better transit access
- We already had the Olympics, nobody wants it. Calgary already wastes our money on ridiculous art projects, we don't need this.
- We are already in enough debt and there are still people looking for jobs and struggling to make ends meet, we should worry about them first
- We are broke. All taxes keep going up. Cannot afford any more taxes, and price increases both in city, In province and in Country.
- We are in a recession right now ,open your eyes councillors... There are so many reasons NOT to have the Olympics back . Don't do it.Overtax
- We are just coming out of an economic downturn and the future is still unstable. It is not worth the economic risk.

- We are still in a recession and it will only take that much longer if this happens. Especially since the public will have to pay
- We can not afford it! Money is tight for Calgarians! I see no long term benefits other than elites having a good time on my dime!
- WE CAN NOT AFFORD IT, NO BENEFIT. why give more burden to the tax payer.
- We can not afford it. Interest rates just went up again!
- We can not afford it. So many lies and cover ups from city hall regarding \$. The average person will be paying this Nenshi epitaph for years
- We can support in other ways like paying team member their expenses (coach, accommodation, flight) and still give a resounding CHEER!!
- We can't afford it, and we don't need to do it. Locals won't be able to get tickets easily. It is not worth the great cost.
- WE CANNOT AFFORD IT . TAX PAYERS ARE SUFFERING ENOUGH NO RAISE FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS, TOO MANY ONGOING PROJECTS AND WE HAVE HOSTED IT ONCE
- We cannot afford it! There are so many more things in Calgary that the money can be used for! Kids, homeless, roads, the list goes on & on!
- We cannot afford the Olympics, and it has little relevance anyway.
- We cannot afford to pay for this as our taxes will go up again and city council does not care about the regular people
- We cant afford it and no this is not a bot
- We do not need to spend billions hosting the Olympics in order to build new infrastructure, we can simply build them.
- We don't have the security and public transit for the people who live in this area, now on earth will we cater to the millions that will com
- We don't need this financial burden during Alberta's economic uncertainty. Dont waste \$\$ on these games look after Calgarians first.
- We don't have the money for this - hopefully the Feds and Province have torpedoed this Titanic waste of taxpayer \$
- we dont have the money right now in this economy end of story do no do it please
- We have a federal government that is demanding the city match its commitment...we can't!
- We have so many struggling families and adding tax burden on them is wrong. Not a good idea at all. Spend money for better handicap access!
- We need to spend the money on infrastructure "" things like road repair and snow removal.
- We sadly can not afford the Olympics. Spend the money on diversifying the Calgary economy, retraining and educating our citizens.
- We simply can't afford this two week boondoggle! Plus the secrecy being displayed by City Council is frightening.
- We've already had the winter games, cost too much to host again,, A lot of people aren't even interested in the olympics
- what is the actual total cost? beside the short estimate the city is showing , what about the olympic village, arena and field house \$\$\$
- What part of too expensive at this time fails to be recognised? This is not the correct time to spend more money-we have enough debt now
- When your in a hole, stop digging!!!! No Nov 6, 7 and the 13 th.
- Who wants our City to be held hostage by high-level security forces for a min of 30 days? Think about it and be careful what you wish for!
- Will Calgary2026 issue a " What we Heard " report from all their engagements? I doubt but its worth asking them.
- Wrong legacy. Olympics would be subpar/cheaply done and highlight wrong priorities/couldn't decipher energy/tech/economic transitions.

- you cut me off. 140 character limit is inadequate. more liar's manipulation methodology.
- You need volunteers to pull off the games. Most volunteers are retired persons. Most retired persons don't want the games and their cost.
- YYCCC is cutting funding to Arts (& other areas) when they need it now on the promise of something we \*might\* get.
- "-Our governments cannot afford it.
- - It will cost a lot
- - It is not a good way to boost the economy"
- A tremendous waste of money that could be spent on infra-structure projects instead!!
- Advantages will accrue to well connected interest groups while everyone else pays. Concentrated benefits/diffused costs.Saddle up tax mules
- An incredible waste of money!
- as long they protected the enviroment
- "Benefits? None for me.
- Risks - cost overruns, disruptions to daily life, cost of attending means I'm excluded"
- Calgary cannot afford this. We have so many other places that we need to spend money like a new arena.- generate revenue from concerts.
- Calgary must not increase the tax burden for us Calgarians. We are on the world map already. Busy yourself helping Calgarians on our level.
- Calgary stuck with all cost over runs
- Canada held an Olympics just 8 years ago. These are very expensive and ALL of Canada, not just Calgary, that foots this bill. Too soon!
- CANNOT AFFORD TO. qUALITY OF LIFE Has gone doWn, while taxes going up. sENIORS AND WORKING PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING AS WELL AS THE JOBLESS.
- "City hall bloating up on staff,
- City hall not telling the truth except the
- parts they want you to hear
- Too many events not in calgary"
- City Hall Secrecy. Malfeasance. Shame on us for reelecting this cohort. Shame!
- City has not responded to reduction in its expenses, particularly the very rich pay and benefits of its employees. Keeps raising taxes yearl
- Complete waste of money.
- Cost is to high let's fix schools roads and put upkeep into hospitals. There are better ways to spend the money and the debt would be insane
- Cost is too high - money sb spend on more senior affordable housing, medical, homelessness. Who will be able to afford tickets.
- cost overruns, I think the proposed budget is way to light and taxpayers will be left to pay for the overruns.
- Costs always go higher than originally expected.
- Costs way too much. There are so many other problems money like this could be spent on. Costs will be even higher than estimated.
- Costs! Important civic, provincial and federal programs would potentially go unfunded do to the games.
- could go either way. it'll put a big dent in city's wallet. we might only generate a quarter of the cash necessary to un-dent it.
- crooked IOC people, far too costly , most taxpayers have no interests in their taxes wasted in such manner, too many other pressing needs
- Cultural enrichment of our city and increased tourism would be the biggest benefits. Risks would be the cost to taxpayers.

- Diffused costs and concentrated benefits. Advantages will accrue to a politically well connected minority while tax mules pull the load.
- Enough is enough with taxes, taxes increases, and overspending. How many meals could 5 billion dollars provide our hungry and homeless?
- Events like this, where we celebrate skills, friendship, and our country, foster peace when we come together and accept all our uniqueness.
- FINANCIAL MESS!!
- First and foremost, the City does not have a credible control of the cost potential to the taxpayer. Second, the Olympic committee is corrupt
- Fiscally irresponsible!!
- For 10 days, multiple billions spent on capital projects is not worth the risk. I'd rather utilize those dollars to improve the LRT/roads.
- How is it that the comments are all negative yet the yes vote has gone up drastically today. BOTS. Get out and vote NO! in plebesite.
- I am not a bot and this is such a waste of money
- I am worried about how much each taxpayer is going to have to pay for these games. Money could be better spent.
- I and 90,000 other folks are unemployed. Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments financial situation is in the toilet.
- I called this...next up, the Yes side mounting a campaign to discredit the poll they commissioned (from BC no less)
- I can't afford ANY more taxes. For your income that is small cost, for me it is more than I can afford.
- I do not believe the cost projections, I cannot afford any further tax increases. NO TO THE OLYMPIC BID!!!!
- i think that would be cool
- I'd rather see my tax dollar spent in my city. I was here in 1988 & it was awesome. Challenge: show it can be done under budget.
- I'm not a bot. 'yes calgary' saw early results and started to cry 'no fair' when it came to light that Calgary doesn't want this.
- I'm sure we are at the darkest point in our current economic climate. The outlook is only going to improve with a change in both government
- In less than a day we see NO go from 82% where it has been for weeks to 76%??? This has Stephen Carter manipulation written all over it
- increased tax burden for taxpayers
- Is there literally even the most remote up-side for citizens? It's like stampede but even more alienating. Seriously; what's in it for us?
- It is an opportunity for leadership, community engagement and improved/updated facilities. It's more than a 25-day event.
- It is not a good final time for the games here. Our children will be paying for our mistake, 1988 was a different time
- It'll create jobs and engage the city in something other than what the recession has done to us.
- Lack of fiscal clarity and accountability - when the "ball" is dropped, who will pick it up?
- Legacy - new facilities, upgraded infrastructure, pride of nation, ability to leverage funding from others. Costs over 6 years; benefits 30
- Let's submit the bid and then maybe, in 8 years, the City will be embarrassed to finally plow the snow in the Winter
- Look at the debt Japan is in for 2020. Same funds could be better allocated elsewhere. Likelihood of mismanagement.
- Many Calgarians live below the poverty line. The next city budget will have service cuts & tax increases - where are our priorities?

- Many hidden costs such as security and where will the several thousand members stay? Not dealt with. Costs are in 2018 \$\$\$
- "My biggest concerns are: 1. funding for the inevitable cost overruns;
- 2. association with the IOC a corrupt organization + doping scandals"
- My worry is that this is already decided by City Hall. It is a NON-BINDING vote after all!! Will be surprised to see if they listen to us!!!
- Nenshi it is clear now that this bid is going to cost way more than estimated-please stop the plebiscite and wasting of more tax dollars
- No
- No benefit, just huge risk. Why is the city of Calgary dealing with a corrupt organization like the IOC? We will be buried in debt.
- No place for taxpayer money. Why is govt financing a sports&entertainment venture? Not an appropriate role for public resources.
- No side - ordinary taxpaying citizens. Yes side - paid shills using our own money against us. Shameful and disgusting. Impeach Nenshi!
- Nothing to lose and everything to gain. Legacy facilities, tourism revenue, community pride. Vote yes.
- Olympics are business. Let business finance and operate business ventures. Let government handle those important roles appropriate to it.
- On November 13th taxpayers should be allowed to vote twice...at least!!
- Over 1000 people voted in the survey over the course in the middle of the for yes. Another reason NO, I don't trust the process. Corrupt.
- poor investment of limited resources with substantial risk of cost overrun
- Property taxes are already too high. Not willing to pay more. City needs to do a complete overhaul in their spending!!!!
- Release the city's budget report before the plebiscite!
- Saying no to the Olympics is like saying no to a cup of water when you're stranded in the Sahara. Just not smart.
- Scarce public resources do not belong here. Govt has important roles to play in society, but no role in the sports&entertainment business!!
- Scarce public resources redistributed unfairly and inefficiently while no net economic benefit is created. Gimme-a-break! I vote NO!
- Sell out the ordinary citizen to suck up to the elites. Thanks a bunch, Nenshi
- Should we be concerned the city has no way track whether people will have voted more than once in the plebiscite? Suspicious
- Tax increases are not an option. I don't trust the numbers.
- "Tax payers should not be FORCED to pay for hosting the Games.
- Either the IOC should pay or it should be funded by means of a lottery."
- Taxes are raised to provide services to citizens, not to spend on financially risky feel-good ventures.
- Taxpayer money should firstly be spent on paying down debt, then on things like road maintenance, lowering property taxes, not useless games
- The "Show More" button has been disabled! Political manipulation at work. This is why it is so important to vote on 13th November!
- The biggest benefit is presenting Calgary as a cosmopolitan city, worthy of spending some time in, to the people of the world. Risk=cost.
- The bud process costs money. The games will cost more money. A chosen few will be enriched by this not the majority. A big NO to this madness
- The citizens can't afford the Olympics, the economy in Calgary is terrible
- The city can't not absorb the cost.

- The city cannot manage a secure database of voters. They don't eliminate mail-in requests or advance polls from voting day lists!
- The city does not control the project, there are too many variables leading to costs spiralling out of control.
- The city has historically shown zero competence for budgeting. 140 character is not enough to outline reasons.....
- The City of Calgary, the Provincial Government and the Federal Government is all sitting in debt. We simply can't afford it.
- The city will spend alot of money, everything will go up. Cagarian are already suffering especially the middle class!!
- The cost of output does not seem worthwhile for what we would get back from it
- The economic climate does not support holding the olympic games here in Alberta, the money should be spend on infrastructure and debt load
- The games are a gamble, represent hanging our hat on one initiative and fail to recognize the key challenges the city is facing.
- The Olympics are corrupt. The officials take bribes. The athletes cheat. I don't want my city to be a part of this corruption.
- The Olympics will bring prosperity and riches to all.
- The process has been too secretive.
- The risk of going even farther down the 'rabbit hole'! We can't afford them, people!
- The ROI isn't there! There certainly are a lot of intangible benefits, but I just don't think its worth the \$\$\$\$.
- There are NO assurances from the committee that their estimated total costs are valid and correct, and there will be no huge losses.
- These projects redistribute resources unfairly and inefficiently,they do not create net new economic growth.Constant disrespect for taxpayer
- This is wrong. Look at the debt Japan is in for 2020. Too much cost to outweigh the potential benefits
- Tired of continually increasing taxes. We cannot afford another boondoogle. No legacy other than massive debt.
- Too costly
- Too costly! As a tax payer I would be paying three times - municipal, provincial and federal taxes! No thanks!
- Too costly, benefits are far overstated, and Council has not been transparent, Corporate BidCo is out of touch with the common man
- Too many unanswered questions re: cost now and in the future. Too many 'unknowns'.
- Too much money spent on something that is not worthwhile. Education, Health, and real Parks are a much bigger priority.
- Top benefit: acceleration of community infrastructure renewal. Top risk: cost overruns.
- Unreasonable debt
- Very simple - we can't afford them. When we got the games previously, we were running multi-billion dollar surpluses.
- Voting no - would love to see Calgary host the games but the current plan is weak. No new world class arena deal, using Whistler?
- "WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY. WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THE PIPELINE AND OTHER CONCERNS,
- B.C SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE GAMES AND ALLOW PIPELINE"
- Way too much debt
- We already did it once, we can't afford it.
- We cannot afford it and council has not demonstrated open and honest communication

- WE CAN'T AFFORD IT
- We don't seem to have any money to house the homeless but we can come up with 6 billion for a stupid games?
- We have bigger issues facing this city than an ego boost in hosting these games. Try fixing roads and having better snow removal for a start
- We need to focus on climate change
- What other international event leverages \$1 of Calgary's investment into \$15? This is an amazing opportunity for Calgary.
- When was the last time they let you use the ski jump? Who skates in a circle? Bobsled? Who cares about the infrastructure for this garbage?
- Why aren't all the comment loading anymore? I want to be able to see all comments.
- Why can we only now view most recent 12 comments? Punjabi, Chinese, Philippino versions of docs just appearing? Stephen Carter tactics.
- Why sure, I'd love to pay 2 or 3 times more tax so Nenshi can show how special he is and deserving of praise
- With a oil Pipeline to the coast which puts Albertans back to work, fill office towers, improve economy then I wou say yes in next 4 year bid
- You can see from the massive number of votes coming in all at once for the yes side that this has been hacked somehow.
- You have spent 35 million already that is money that could have gone a long way to help the disadvantaged or maybe rescued the people at Mid
- Facilities for the future world class performance of Canadian Athletes
- Many improvements can be made to housing, traffic, transit with a focused goal and providing many job opportunities.
- Creates many new jobs, brings a lot of tourists in
- By hosting the 2026 games, Calgary will bring a lot of new people. Helping to keep our diverse and inclusive atmosphere. Help Economy too.
- No risk just pure tourism! Help city, help all!
- The Olympics are going down. Down!!! I just emailed councilors off the Calgary.ca website. One submission to all and be respectful
- I have hsd the opportunity to develop my career in emergency medicine because of opportunites given by 88 Games facilities like COP.
- Legacy for Calgary for something we can be proud of that unites the city
- Minimum wage jobs and increased taxes/public debt. Rich getting richer. white collar thieves. This is the new world order. get used to it!
- The cost, broad doping & cheating regardless of the oaths claimed at the start of the games has broken the spirit and value. I
- We can't afford it.
- No clear plans for covering costs currently exists and the risk of not being able to cover them is far too high.
- Cost overruns
- The City and BidCo are lying to us - City plans \$370M contribution which was secret. Asking Feds to cover security overruns. Scary.
- The yes side has got their BOT net running to game this web site, just like they accuse the NO side of having done.
- Huge financial commitment for no benefit. There are far cheaper and better ways to benefit the City
- Calgary is still recovering. still need money to pay for the Green Line, no \$ for luxuries. Also downtown office vacancies at 27%...
- The 6 billion dollar figure is impossible to predict, I suspect we are looking at 10 to 20 billion when all said and done

- No. How come there is no money for the Flames for plan that would last 50 years but there is \$500 million for a two week party?
- I absolutely have no faith in the provincial or federal government wrt financing or managing.... This will put us grossly in debt.
- Too much secrecy and too much money. Our taxes are already through the roof and becoming unaffordable.
- The OAG suggests that Alberta needs to address its Sturgeon refinery contact it is stuck with worth billions of spend... There's money left?
- The estimated costs will likely overrun. The city already takes increasingly higher taxes and my provincial union wage doesn't keep up
- It is a waste of tax my hard earned dollars which can be better spent on other more important things. As a tax payer I protest!!!
- Financial concerns over the long term impacts
- The cost of the Olympic games is a way to high and the economic downturn for Calgarians isn't the best right now.
- Unbuffered cost over-runs that will cripple Calgary's economy for decades.
- Services should be delivered on a "the most people reached for dollars spent" basis. Not for the elite.
- Cost: So many more productive ways that billions can be spent especially considering how much debt all 3 levels of government is carrying.
- "It is a money pit.
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- The Federal money is also the taxpayers money. Stop the waste, there is, categorically, no economical benefit."
- Once we have a buoyant economy, we can think about these luxuries. As it is, it would be totally irresponsible
- Risk is not worth the reward. There are more diverse ways with better long-term returns.
- Cost left to the public
- The cost of new installations, and organizing will far exceed what is proposed. Tourism won't be increased.
- "Cost overruns have not been addressed that I have heard, nor are security costs.
- We do not have the money that we did in '88."
- Province and Country in DEBT. RED LINE, BLUE LINE Extensions and all of Future GREEN LINE STAGES BUILD. I want "ZERO" PROPERTY TAX INCRERA
- taxes are already too high. Spend the money on helping homeless and lower taxes
- The massive amount of money involved to put on the games that could be directed instead to mitigating climate change which will increase.
- Unknown costs, hard to imaging spending so much money from all three levels of government when we could be helping homeless, veterans, etc.
- "1. The cost of the game to Calgarians/taxpayers.
- 2. Public safety."
- Financially irrational. Security costs dramatically underestimated.
- We don't have the population to support these facilities in a meaningful capacity afterwards. With no pipe line and future of oil uncertain
- Politicians can't be trusted to tell us the truth about what the real costs will be to the taxpayer.
- Emotional feel goods, nostalgia and intangibles with 2 new facilities don't justify the massive costs of the games.
- I don't believe the costs are accurate -property tax increases are too high already. The games will make them even higher.
- Risky.

- Calgary doesn't have enough infrastructure to handle current population let alone increase during olympics (transit, roads, police, medical)
- "Too expensive
- Cost overruns are a guarantee and we just can't afford it"
- There are no benefits of hosting the games...the money would be better used elsewhere. Completely irresponsible of city council.
- Too expensive for Calgary taxpayers.
- Spending huge public money, especially not knowing if Calgary will suffer yet another brutal recession and will have other urgent needs
- there are better things to spend money on.
- Should not host due to financial and security risks.
- Few long term benefits but plenty of financial risk. Proposed budget doesn't nearly cover all costs. Whole thing is shady.
- Those 'for' don't realize they are spending other people's money. I am opposed bc I have way more to lose than gain. It's frustrating. No.
- The bid seems overly rushed and therefore not well costed. I see a lowball cost estimate with huge potential for overruns.
- Waste of money
- I see no benefits, only a huge waste of money and huge debt for my children and grandchildren
- Calgary Herald says that we have had highest tax increases in Canada the last two years running. Now we are going to add Olympic costs?
- I'm not sure of the end goal of adding thousands of votes over the weekend. It won't change the plebiscite.
- I'm concerned about the recent spamming of comments and that we can't see all the comments anymore. Someone should be monitoring this.
- Very disappointed that I cannot see all the comments. The spamming that is happening should be cracked down on.
- Too much risk. Very large amount of money spent for reaching not many people.
- The reason that Calgary should host the games in 2026 is because we don't have to build anything. As for another country they would have to build
- Councillor Evan Woolley told CTV The City's online engagement is set up to screen for bots. It also minimizes the opportunity for bots -HA!!
- Calgary is already in a tax crisis. This would only add to the existing tax shortfalls due to our "recession" notably empty office towers.
- Suddenly at the last minute thousands and thousands of yes votes appear as if by magic. This has clearly been hacked by someone.
- Good for community spirit, tourism, and amateur sport. Concerned about tax increases however.
- I would have thought the moderator would have notified someone at the city when it became obvious yesterday but they must be asleep at the wheel
- Nenshi threatens to cancel bid ostensibly over funding dispute w/ Feds. Just saving face upon being confronted with likely NO plebiscite win.
- Over 1100 "Strongly Agree" votes cast between 11:30 pm last night and 9 pm this morning. Procrastinator/Insomniac demographic think YES? LOL
- Complete waste of money and time, I am disgusted by council.
- Too expensive and not enough information. Fiscally irresponsible to be hosting this sporting event. Don't want my kids and grandkids paying
- From 80% 'against' and 10% 'in support' to a dead-heat in three days? Oh that's got Putin written all over it!
- Not a good use of taxpayer \$ at this time

- a risk
- If the City can't tell taxpayers the truth about the costs they expect, how can they ask taxpayers to support the plan?
- How does the vote on this webpage have 80% against until the last weekend, when magically a landslide of people vote in favour?

*COMMUNITY: Do you think the potential social and cultural impacts of the Games would help or hinder Calgary's future? Why or why not?*

- Hinder. The cost to host the olympics will be astronomic.
- Hinder
- hinder the taxes will go up
- I believe it would help with Calgary's future.
- Don't really care about this.
- Neither help nor hinder
- Help- investment and activities bring community together, give it something to rally behind and build
- I'm concerned costs will overcome any potential social or cultural impacts of the games. Security costs will be astronomical years fr now as world tries to get a grip on ppl who intend to get publicity for whatever their gripe de jour is.
- . hinder . IOC + Olympics are deeply corrupt . given the nature of broadcast arrangement, the games will provide an excellent platform to 'take on' Alberta's 'dirty oil' industry and Calgary's exploitation of it . tech billionaire eco-foundations ready to jump . the hype around exposing out ' the good news' about out 'new economy' is utterly empty because it is not yet here and clearly will not be by the 2026 games . the idea of creating a positive 'common culture' environment is unlikely to unfold and massive energy will be wasted on unproductive volutnteer effort that could be far better deployed . a host of small initiatives in targeted areas promises to yield far more . the Olympics is a tired, copycat concept . think our Mayor got taken in by empty IOC glitz in Rio .
- They would help!
- Hinder - there isn't even a number of affordable housing units in the information presented so how can we possibly think that it will happen. We could end homelessness and increase social program funding with the money that would be wasted on a party.
- the debt that would be left behind is to high to have anything but a negative impact on Calgary's future
- Help
- "Hinder.
- Distraction from actual issues of a growing city, including law enforcement, homelessness, drug rehab, basic facilities, transit facilities, cycle tracks, flood mitigation"
- There is no social benefit. Calgary is already known worldwide as a great city
- Hinder. Will do nothing beneficial
- Help as it would showcase the city -but the city currently has little to offer visitors in my opinion.it needs more. I travel a lot and Calgary just isn't quite a great city to visit people come for Banff and not the city. Starts with building a better downtown and right now downtown is not a piece of pride for the city.
- HINDER, Continual drain on Actual taxpayers for 50+ years
- Help as it creates a vibrant community and further defines calgary as location for world class facilities, competitions and sport.
- I don't think it would do much especially with the potential for games to be held in other places across the province and country.
- Hinder. We don't need the Olympics to built culture. It's just a fake face lift the city wants to show the world.
- invalid question. You cannot measure culture.
- Help somewhat but not a big enough gain to justify possible costs
- Help, to provide a boost in the economy during the games. Showcase the City and the Province, and the hosting ability.

- Hinder, because I think it distracts from other, more long-term priorities that have a much broader impact. Having lived and worked through the 88 Olympics, I have a clear recollection of how short-term and limited the positive social and cultural impacts were at that time. And given the corruption still seen around the Olympics (Russia doping reinstatement, etc.) I think it would diminish Calgary's reputation and image to make another bid.
- Calgarians are often so risk-averse as to be timid. The games can provide a chance for us to get our groove back and showcase our character and can-do attitude, not just to the world but especially to ourselves.
- The Olympics are a unifying event for the city.
- Hinder, no benefits are worth the high costs
- Games will hinder the community.
- I don't think it will have a significant impact either way.
- I believe this to be a low priority and the high cost of hosting outweighs the future benefits
- The games will hinder Calgary's future by diverting spending away from other priorities. The benefits stated accrue from the money spent only on those issues and do not require the games. If we are serious about achieving those results, we could direct funding accordingly without the added expense of game-specific expenses. It is interesting that a treasure like Heritage Park is struggling financially while the city considers spending billions on a sports boondoggle.
- Hinder, we cannot afford this at this time. no money for snow removal how can we afford billions into the games???????
- Absolutely help. Olympics put their host cities on the map and provide influxes of societal and cultural events that normally wouldn't come here.
- Help in "what" way?
- "Our City needs to improve on the service requests being made by taxpayers today. Safety in our City is a big concern as our Police dept. and units such as SCAN are understaffed and unable to respond to social issues such as the Drug problems and gangs we have in our City.
- Affordable housing is still an issue. Neglected Rental properties (slum lords) pose a huge problem in some areas of the city with the crime rate going up. Calls to 311 seem ineffective and slow with results. Art projects in our City in recent years have really been costly and in some cases missed the opportunity to represent certain Cultural groups. Plus local artists weren't commissioned for this work."
- Neither. This is an endeavor to provide billions of \$ of sports venue and experience for Olympians and the IOC and won't benefit our population as a whole much.
- I believe any impact outside of a few weeks of touchy feeling patriotism are exaggerated. I am incredibly concerned that we are already looking at major financial difficulties for some of our institutions - Heritage Park is in trouble. Funding for the museums and theatres is at risk. I'm not willing to risk our long term culture for a few weeks.
- Hinder; the olympics are boring and the investment should go into community development instead of international posturing
- The games do not benefit 95 percent of regular Calgarians
- It won't help or hinder, which is why it should not go forward.
- It would completely help. Sport brings people together, and to be frank, Calgary and Alberta, and even Canada needs a win after that pipeline issue. It will bring us together and that's why we should host again.
- This just a scam. The mayor wants the games and will be gone before our taxes go up to pay for the games
- Help...last Olympic s is example. How much money has city spent in east village? What is rate of return on that investment?
- Hinder
- Irrelevant.

- Hinder. Modern Olympic games (especially winter Olympics) overwhelmingly play to the elite interests of middle and upper class consumers, to the exclusion of the interests of working class people. To the extent that there will be social and cultural spending, the elite will disproportionately benefit and the working families will collectively end up footing the lion's share of the tab.
- Help!
- yes because we would be stuck paying it off for the next 30 years, just look at vancouver
- It will hinder, because money spent on the games is completely wasted. I want tax money to go to projects that have a tangible benefit, not some social or cultural impact boondoggle. I want our City employees to get back on the job doing the work they were hired for, providing services to the City taxpayers. Fire the consultants brought in to whitewash the presentation. Any of the politicians that have supported this scam need to be voted out of office.
- It would help Calgary's future, the same way the 1988 Games did. Hosting an Olympics boosts community and participation among youth in amateur sport, among many other things.
- Help, to instil a renewed sense of optimism in the city. We would have ability shine positive light on our changing city, including our vibrant Indigenous community among many other amazing cultures and diversities (including LGBT).
- No it's a carrot
- Help short term, hinder long term.
- We can fund social and cultural programs without the Olympics. We always have.
- Hinder, by putting many people in even greater economic stress due to the Canadian economy. There are many things that this ludicrous amount of money could be used for that are not IOC and sports organization oriented. The hidden costs and overspending that is seen in nearly every Olympic event is a glaring reason why anything IOC related should be considered extremely skeptically and carefully.
- Help because Calgary needs to diversify it's offerings to the outside world. When people used to move here for the oilpatch we became complacent about what a great place to live Calgary is. In reality there are much nicer places to live in Canada so we need all the amenities we can get
- While potential social and cultural impacts may be positive, we can't afford this now. Taxes have increased every year for existing services.
- "Help - olympic legacy lasts a long time, but we could still build those affordable housing units without the olympics.
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- New field house would be great for programming/events."
- Help. Hosting the games will benefit the athletes and organizations that support our athletes.
- I don't believe that there will be any cultural or social impact aside from a drain on scant city resources meant to help those in need.
- It will make a difference for what, a month? Who in Canada even remembers the last Calgarian games? Nobody outside Calgary.
- At best I see no effect positive or negative.
- Wha was listed as culture was more about engagement not true cultural activities. Clearly the impacts haven't actually been considered if jumbotron displays and torch relays are thought to be cultural activities. Completely out of touch and uninspiring.
- Can we do better than 1988? Not without new and upgraded world class facilities. Upgraded public transit also not included. If we want to use the Olympics to promote the building of affordable housing and seniors care facilities we ought not hold back on the other infrastructure that will win us the bid if we don't win the bid then there is no money for the affordable housing we aren't winning the bid with macmahon stadium and the Saddledome and now public transit to the airport. go big or go home is the expression I think. If we are bidding then make it a good one otherwise we are just wasting precious funds that could have been used for community enhancements like seniors care.
- Hinder

- It would help Calgary's cultural life. The more people that visit Calgary, the more people talk about it.
- Hinder: only the wealthy/ connected will benefit. Not sure how this helps me at all.
- Waste of money that could be going to other services.
- Help, games bring the community together and give everyone something to cheer for and be excited about
- I think they would largely be irrelevant in Calgary's future. I don't think the Olympics are actually that important or significant.
- Hinder
- Unsure
- Calgary would take great pride and be an excellent host for the Olympics. I would support this if there wasn't such a huge negative economic impact to it's citizens and a burden to us that would last for years after the event had ended. We may look back not at how great the Olympics were to our city (again), but instead to how we're left paying for it years after it's over.
- Help! We would attract tourists and install Canadian and Calgary pride to residents. Local artists would have centre stage to showcase themselves and their work.
- The social and cultural impacts are minimal. The money is better spent investing in public housing, social programs and economic diversification in industries that will stay in Calgary. The Olympics are fleeting, jobs for a short time. Make investments in areas that will diversify Calgary's economy in the long run.
- I think this could be the right step forward in Reconciliation if we work collaboratively with our indigenous peoples to execute the games.
- N/A
- I haven't heard a realistic long term vision for the lasting benefits in Calgary, but other cities have had mixed results.
- We do not need these games to be a world class city at a time when budget cuts to basic services are being considered. This is a nenshi pet project. I am sick of not being listened to by this council.
- Overall, it will help by reminding the world about Calgary and our world class venues and natural areas.
- Help, but unlikely to be worth the cost.
- Cleaning out the homeless from the eye of the media will have lasting implications. Pretending athlete and media house will be used for "affordable housing" will cost millions to maintain and repair. Taxes will have to go up and social services will go down.
- There should be an option for NOT hosting the games on this question. We don't trust our municipal or federal governments to use our money wisely. It will put us in the hole more than we are now. STOP spending money on foolish pursuits to boost the mayors ego, and start spending it on infrastructure and supporting the thousands of unemployed oil and gas people. Three years ago, my family could afford a good life, since my husband was laid off from the oil and gas sector, we are deep in debt and can't pay for food some months. You've done nothing to help but tell us he isn't unemployed with the thousands of other contract employees. Lower our cost of living by making taxes lower not waste money on silly bids and art projects. We can't afford tickets to a hometown hockey game and you want us to pay for your Olympics? For shame.
- Wouldn't matter
- What or any impact has the games had on any previous host city. To me it is just a speaking point that is a populist idea
- It would hinder Calgary's future by adding to our debt. Calgarians would also suffer from traffic, high prices, and congestion during the event.
- We should focus on the social issues facing our city.
- Hinder with an incredible increase to the tax burden. We need to be more fiscally responsible and not chase every shiny thing.
- It can only help kickstart a new wave of interest in YYC

- The Games provide an incredible opportunity to share our culture, art, music and entertainment. I still remember the 2010 Games events, from torch relay to ceremonies to concerts and entertainment.
- Both. Depends on what you are looking at. A big negative is that we will be lumping ourselves in with the types of cities that chase the games, i.e. cities with lots of corruption who are trying to look better than they are.
- While the social and cultural impacts of the games would be positive, the negative economic impact far outweighs that.
- Think it would help but there are other ways to do this besides the Winter games,
- They will greatly help. As a volunteer for past games the communities that have been created by them are fantastic!
- I do not think it would have a large enough impact in the long term to justify even the expenses that have already been wasted on it.
- Hinder.
- I don't think it will help enough to make it worth it. What could the Olympics do to enhance our society and culture? Bring people from around the world to experience poorly designed, inefficient infrastructure we neglected to improve to host the games? To increase the homeless population as people come from elsewhere to seek opportunity only to not find any or to not be able to afford housing after their rent is no longer paid and they can't find work/affordable housing? To show off the racist behaviour of local people to those from indigenous cultures or from other parts of the world?
- Hinder. Waste of money and will stifle any future progress for a wasteful party that the average person will never benefit from.
- Help - economic benefits + Renewed sense of community pride due to volunteer aspects of games + world class facilities
- I would not want to see any Calgarians lose their current housing to accommodate people associated with the games.
- Hinder community since only a small portion of citizens will benefit. Developers will be the only gainers.
- Help...volunteerism promotes a sense of community. Strong civic/provincial/national pride always comes out when a volunteering community works towards a common goal, successful outcomes are realized without any political driver...unfortunately getting to the start is all about politics.
- Really? Stop spending taxpayers money on these short term investments.
- Hinder. Just build the infrastructure if you need it. Don't tie it to the olympics. Plow the streets instead.
- No, it will only hinder the economic development of Calgary
- I'm not overly concerned with the social and cultural impact
- Concentrating funding on a short term event is likely to damage Calgary's social and cultural future compared to investing in long term development. The Olympics have been shown to be operated by a corrupt organization, generally for the benefit of dictators and despots. What would that say about Calgary's culture?
- Hinder Calgary's future. The olympics promote greed, corruption, corporate exclusivity, and leave no actual cultural impacts. See Korea, Rio, Athens for great examples.
- Help but is it worth the cost?
- Definitely hinder. The investment out towards the Olympics will limit the availability of capital for other struggling operating areas of the City.
- Edmonton won for best idea in this category- community, social, physical well-being, health, environment, venues and facilities and return for the dollar. For example: World Soccer. (better impact for realistic local sport (many play soccer/ few luge); soccer is social (luge is not). Even summer olympics would attract more of the world who would come during more favorable weather

and our cost of transportation and even accommodation would be less in summer than winter. Also, more able to hold cultural events in summer that are more economical for the regular fold to attend - outdoors, at parks. The regular citizen is not able or chooses to prioritize their spending on more important things than the few public cultural events. Even hosting the curling a couple of years ago brought camaraderie among and interest by varying age groups. Not too many people go out socially to luge, ski jump, mogel jump, figure skate... so promoting elite sport that few will enjoy recreationally seems unhealthy and even environmentally harmful (running can take place outside or inside at various times of the year and needs little equipment, same as soccer / skiing is a one season sport for some, same as luge etc. I believe sport events would benefit social and culture through celebration and bringing the world together for higher level, but not elite type sports such as in the winter olympics. Maybe we should host the World Skating, or even focus on hosting national sport events that draw national and world attention (ie. tennis, soccer, basketball, baseball, track and field, swimming, ...

- HINDER
- "Please stay on point folks
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- Olympics are entirely too expensive by Billions.
- The rest ... social/cultural etc. is a moot waste of time."
- It would help it. It would increase international tourism, and the olympics always gets kids more excited about supporting and participating in sport.
- They may not hinder Calgary's future nor will they help - the Olympics are a athletic competition with no 'social or cultural' purpose or pretensions.
- I think it would help as it would draw many visitors to the city, and shine a spotlight on Canadian culture.
- Help. It will definitely make us feel good. Maybe it will also help us find out Calgarian culture, updated to 2018 from 1988.
- Hinder.
- The bid proposal would only benefit a small number of people who need affordable housing and a few amateur athletes. With 5.2B we could spend that a thousand times over with greater effect in fit for purpose infrastructure and program funding. Core principles have not been met like environment, transportation improvements, infrastructure, etc. An athletes village in the river's district commuting to COP with out transit...really? Poorly thought out priorities and legacy effect in the current bid proposal. \$180 million for legacy indigenous and youth programs after the games, really? more uncoordinated syphoning of money that could be directly applied to projects with tangible outcomes. This bid was a rushed and unfocussed attempt at providing any benefit to even a small majority of Calgarians and Albertans. We can do more for our future by investing these funds in a smart and targeted way beyond a 10 party. Just imagine how vibrant we could make the city with the funds wasted on these games. We can't even afford to put winter tires on our city buses during the winter weather and this is a priority. Wake up city hall.
- Hinder. Our future is in our hands. If Calgarians want to address issues of Housing, volunteerism, arts and culture, and affordability, they will do it. We do not need a banner, egotistical event such as the Olympics to pursue these objectives. We need responsible administration from the City administrators and workers, and leadership from the City Council to resolve these matters.
- Hinder! Every study done in the last 20 years shows that hosting Olympic games is financially devastating. End of story!
- The massive amounts of debt we would incur from hosting the Olympics would severely hinder all facets of our social and cultural developments. The Arts would suffer for decades due to lack of funding, as would social programs, and services that Calgarians need would be decimated. The city's poorest would be even worse off, as reallocated funds would be stripped from them, and volunteers be pulled away to help with the bid. Taxes would increase in order to provide the (too low, but that's

a different issue) \$3 billion of revenue, making life in this city even more difficult for everyone. Spend the money on better programs and developments of more year round cultural exhibitions that we can enjoy, instead of one big party that will cripple the city for decades to come.

- This would ruin us financially, which would in turn ruin our programs, services, and budgets for anything that would help those less fortunate, or promote a booming culture in the city. If you're going to make the city more cultured do it for the long haul, not a couple of weeks 8 years from now, and don't bankrupt all the services from those who need it, while making the city even more unaffordable with the tax hike that will be inevitable with this bid. Plus all the volunteers that will be sucked away from work on meaningful tasks... This is just not a good idea.
- Hinder. \$1 Billion spent on security means less money for nurses, EMS, police, etc.
- Hinder. The congestion and security issues, and the lack of focus on Calgary's most vulnerable is being overlooked here.
- I can't see how an event that half the population already opposes will inspire a sense of unity. There are enough people with real concerns about the cost and dealings with the corrupt IOC that, at this point, hosting the games will create a significant cultural divide instead of bringing us together. The Olympics are not what they were in 1988 and we can never recreate that.
- Burdening future generations with more debt will hinder the city's future.
- hinder. unused buildings and likely an increase in taxes
- If there are any they will be very short lived.
- Unlikely to be any real benefits. The proposal reads as another means of primarily uplifting existing venues so what really are the community benefits.
- It doesn't matter. The high cost of the tax burden will outweigh any positives. Our taxes are too high already. Spend the money on infrastructure
- I fail to understand how concerts and opening/closing ceremonies are considered "cultural".
- Hinder
- Why attract more people to YYC...we can do not have proper infrastructure to move the people we have.
- It will have no bearing except we will be paying for it for years.
- Hinder
- "Hinder! The potential social impacts are that only the rich benefit or can afford to attend Olympic events, so the poor and vulnerable feel left out. Also, those are resources and dollars that could be helping the needy directly, instead of going into some fat cat's pocket. The societal impacts are that you put an even larger divide between the rich and the poor.
- Plus, why would we support Whistler BC getting a slice of our bid, as they don't support Alberta's economy."
- Neither.
- Funds allocated to the games that could be better spent on schools, hospitals, or city infrastructure will hinder our cities ability to secure a healthy social future where there is less poverty and a happier populace.
- "The Olympics are a 15 day event. The social and cultural impacts would be similar to the Stampede. In 1988 it was a community party.
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- Calgary has changed since those days. There will be a happy time of maybe six weeks, didn't we have fun? Now what?"
- Hinder. People here already don't have essential services. Focus on the community we already have like the disabled and elderly.
- It will make no difference . I have lived in the city my whole life. What impact did the 88 Olympics make ..good enough
- Hinder. The ROI of whatever is left after the games would be terrible.

- Hinder. There is no plan to provide meaningful investment into the future of Calgary. Investments such as an LRT connection to the airport should have been included in the plan. Instead, we will be stuck with a large bill for a 2 month event that will cripple the local economy after the games.
- It would hurt community in the long run as taxes would have to be raised to pay for the Olympics, leaving less disposable income for people to do things in the community.
- Help - It would help bring communities together and encourage participation.
- Hurt. Tax burden.
- Hinder
- I do think the social and cultural impacts would help, but at too high a cost.
- Hinder. We already pay enough tax and the Olympics are a money sinkhole that benefit very few citizens. As does sport in general.
- Long term social/cultural impacts are desired. Best was to get those from games is facilities to support those. See also Q3, below, but without meaningful new facilities, like new arena/stadium, will be hard to have sustainable social/cultural impacts
- If there is no new arena, there is no point to doing this - all we can do is sully the great reputation we build with the 1988 hosting, which was a success.
- hinder, to costly per event
- Neutral, we are already an Olympic city
- "It can only help the cultural side, as there is not much of a cultural scene at the moment.
- As for the social side, it would depend on the legacy aspects: social housing, carious infrastructure for the city, that can help."
- Help our future. No one remembers how much money we saved that one year by not submitting a bid. People remember legacies, and hosting the Olympics builds that.
- Hinder. They leave behind nothing.
- Hinder. Games historically plagued by negativity. The ruins left in the wake take years to recover and no real social or cultural benefit, awareness, education comes from them.
- Hinder. The games mean nothing, and where ever they are held...the locals will help make them more into a sham like sochi. Pointless. You want to hold some games? Pay the athletes.
- Seems unlikely. There's just not that much impact from the last one we did.
- Neither, it's not relevant to Calgary's future.
- i think it would be great for calgary to get together and bring more people together.
- Post recession where are you going to get the volunteers? People are still recovering from 1-2 years of lost work and willl be less likely to give of their time
- Hinder. The cost wont be worth it
- I think the social and cultural impacts are not the issue. There are few significant risks in relation to social and cultural impacts, and many, many potential benefits. But the issue is economic risk.
- Not relevant
- Not help at all. The olympics destroys every city it enters. I work in the arts and having worked with the city in the past, artists and anything cultural is gonna get screwed over.
- Hinder. This is Indigenous land, and the Olympic committees have done nothing to acknowledge their role in the displacement of Indigenous and other equity seeking communities. If Calgary wants to engage with the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Comission, it can start by abandoning this bid right now. We need to be addressing poverty, homelessness, and food access to help build community in Calgary - the Olympics will do nothing to address these issues and instead exacerbate them, as many research studies have shown.
- No impact at all. The city's spotlight will fade as quickly as the taillights of those who profited.
- Help attract tourism and the next generation of Olympic athletes in training.
- Hinder because it would cost so much.

- I think the Games would have a completely neutral effect on social and cultural impacts. Calgary is already known as one of the most diverse cities in the county; it's a moot point to use this as an argument in favour of the games.
- I worry about so much effort going into the olympics that other community groups get left behind for funding, volunteers, and infrastructure costs.
- The deliberate lack of transparency does nothing to infuse confidence in the management of the Olympic bid. The mushroom effect of being kept in the dark and fed spit speaks for itself, propaganda has displaced credibility. Lame excuses as to lack of full disclosure indicates a biased process, city tax payers deserve better.
- Hinder
- No they would unlock it's potential. Vancouver 2010 completely changed the way an entire region engages with its indigenous citizens. That's legacy and progress. Let's get on the same path.
- I don't believe the games would have a significant cultural or social impact on the city.
- I think the risk outweighs the potential benefits of hosting the Games. The social, community and cultural benefits are diluted with events spread between Calgary, Edmonton and Whistler.
- Not much long term impact - just a two week, feel good party that costs us for years to come! Venues will be built or upgraded at the cost of other much needed services in Calgary and will only benefit a few. Community is not served by expensive events and facilities that we can't afford.
- I don't think it will make a difference either way other than making us look foolish for spending billions on a 2 week party that only caters to the well off that have money to burn and can afford the tickets.
- Help, more infrastructure for cultural event and raise the profile of calgary
- I think there are lower cost ways to improve the social and culture of calgary
- No effect. Look at other cities, including ours, and the "legacy" left behind. After a short bubble, NOTHING that balances the cost to taxpayers. If the games were self supported, then I'm all for it, but having to pay, out of my hard earned money, for something that only a few people use is not acceptable.
- It would definitely hinder and in fact already has with the amount of taxpayer's dollars wasted on even considering this fiasco.
- It will hinder it as it will only benefit the richer people
- Neither
- Hinder, too much debt
- Social and Cultural benefits are good but not at the cost required
- It will make us look stupid when we take on massive debt during a time the City has no money.
- Definitely, just look at Vancouver after hosting Expo 86 and Winter Olympic 2010. Vancouver is better city now then ever.
- "I believe it will help because in the previous Olympics, our city put forth a lot of pride and effort in making the Olympics memorable.
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- Currently, Calgary is a growing city and I can see that there are development projects that are trying to attract a diverse group of people. We need to be able to show to the world that Calgary isn't just a typical city with just mountains, but what can we show that we are to be proud of? Multiversity of things."
- Initially there will be a split in the city as I would expect the vote to be close to 50/50. But if it is decided that the city will host most individuals will likely get onboard, and there is always be some detractors. So if the city hosts there should be a sense in pride for most individuals that this is our chance to showcase all that this area has to offer.
- "I think hosting 2026 would continue to be a tremendous positive stimulant to our future. Many athletes come to Calgary to train and they often stay in Calgary when they retire from competitive

sports, they grow their families here and continue to work and volunteer in sports, teaching our children the values of active living, building a better Calgary for us all.

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- We are the recipients of international social and cultural benefits. Canadian experts travel to world events to drive the Zamboni, to prepare the ice for hockey, curling, skating, our expertise is respected and solicited.
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- We opened our doors and taught the world how to curl, we did it so well that our Canadian teams now have serious competition at the curling rinks. If we asked all the countries at the winter Olympics I think that Calgary would resoundingly be their number 1 choice, we are so respected on the international community that it would be a step backwards that we may not be able to recover from if we on an international stage say NO to the Olympics."
- "Depends on the associated costs and quality of the events. Socially speaking the inherent ""unity"" that the Games provides is inherently positive unless an outside force wishes to change that. We could have a games akin to Vancouver, rather positive, or we could have a Munich games, forever marred in history. Furthermore, even if the benefits are intentionally good they can fall by the wayside akin the Sarajevo merely due to the political and economic situation. Therefore, it is difficult to say. The issue at hand, however, is the perception that a host city that is clearly struggling would invest so much money into an international event. Socially speaking, this is already causing a large rift and divide among those within the city merely in the discussion to bid. Socially speaking, this is already hindering Calgary.
- Culturally the games will have a minimal effect as Calgary already prides itself on being a diverse community. The irony being that we just want to show this off to the world regardless of the situation rather than apply beneficial programs to those who are struggling as is to maintain or follow their cultural practices.
- With this in mind, I would expect the Games actually hinder the cultural and social development of Calgary as it implies a focus on global recognition, directly stating ""we're the best"", rather than focusing on the means to solve the current issues we face and therein gain recognition based on success."
- What exactly are social and cultural impacts?? Why can't you just ask a normal question?
- It may help, but it may not. Too many times have we seen horrible legacies created from failed Olympic games.
- I dont think it would have a big enough impact to benefit the city or to balance the costs.
- They would add nothing to the city except needless costs. The event would hinder the city financially and likely result in terrorist activities as we have seen in recent events.
- I think the community of Calgary will suffer when it goes broke. I think the residents of Calgary will suffer when they can not afford to live in their homes when they have to pay with their property taxes.
- Hinder because we will drown in the debt. This is not economically feasible or responsible to even consider hosting the Olympics. There is a reason no rational countries are still bidding to host - it is a very very bad idea.
- Minimally at best . The most significant benefit would be in low cost housing and we saw by the '88' experience that most of the "low cost" housing was turned into "NON low-cost" condos.
- Hinder. It would place us in debt mortgaging our childrens' future.
- Would help, however, at what cost to the tax payer?
- I don't see that it will help or hinder
- Not sure. Financial consideration MUST come first
- I think how the City values it's people is reflected in where money is spent, and wasting money on such an expensive & risky endeavor shows the community what our value is to Calgary.
- hinder, let IOC pay 65% at least of total cost and include inflation considerations.

- Hinder. Multigenerational tax increases will result.
- The games would have an overall positive social and cultural impact to Calgary future. The impact is not worth the costs.
- This would help Calgary's future - a legacy, promotion of the city right now economically which would be fantastic.
- Definitely help
- Help. Become a world class training facility for winter sport after the games
- Hinder. I think we will end up with a large bill for things we don't want or need.
- Yes I think a successful games would generate enthusiasm and encourage youth to participate in sports; I think Calgarians need something positive and uplifting to look forward to; but ultimately the risks outweigh the benefits
- Hinder there are more pressing priorities. If that money all of a sudden exists, spend it where we've already identified its needed
- "No, people will come here for two weeks and forget about this city in short order. No one knows who hosted the 1988 Olympics.
- Social impact will be a cut in programs for citizens. Cultural, what culture?"
- I have doubts about supporting the Games on a social and cultural level due to past corruption and elitism seen with the IOC. I'm worried about what supporting the Games might do for Calgary's future because the Games often perpetuate inequality - the wealthiest countries tend to dominate, because they have the most financial resources to put into supporting their athletes. What about supporting a large event to encourage sport and physical activity for all - not just those who can afford the most expensive training equipment and specialist trainers?
- There is potential for community but at what cost! The risk of debt does not substantiate the risk.
- HINDER. STOP USING OUR MONEY TO ADDRESS YOUR EGOS. You are narcissistic, deceitful, politicians. STOP USING OUR MONEY TO ADDRESS YOUR EGOS. Be honest with yourselves; aren't you narcissistic, deceitful, politicians??? (enough said)
- HINDER More important local organizations could use public funding such as Heritage Pk.
- Costs outweigh all considerations!!
- Hinder it. Saddling future taxpayers with debt and infrastructure that needs to be maintained.
- undecided
- I think it would help our future by showing the world what a great place Calgary is to live and run a business. It would help to attract attention to Calgary for business growth. I think it would bring our community together in a very positive way. Calgarians love coming together to help in times of need (eg. floods of 2013) and I think having a really positive event like the Olympics would help to bring our wonderful city together. I love the idea that our family and friends could all be part of something that will be a part of history.
- A heavily indebted city cannot thrive!
- I think it would have no impact
- I do t see the benefits being worth the costs.
- Hinder. The Olympics are becoming outdated and people want to see more responsible management of the games. Also, rather than take a loss on the games, we could invest that money into the community and be better off
- I think it would be very much help the community as we come together to welcome the sporting world and it's spectators.
- It would help, because the city would come together to host the world as it has done for over a century. Hosting is in our nature and we do it better than most. It would give us something to rally around and hopefully by 2026 the economy will have turned around and people will spend similarly to pre-recession levels.
- Neither. The only potential benefit I see might be better accessibility.
- I only see the money spent will benefit a small portion of the calgary community

- Calgary does not need to host another game. It is a subsidized activity for a corrupt organization. From my experience living in Vancouver in 2010, events are priced far beyond what locals are easily able to pay (despite paying for them in their taxes) and it provides an opportunity for businesses to gouge tourists and locals alike (\$15 beers just to watch a sport at a bar, \$20+ cover charges at places that are otherwise free.
- I think that the social and cultural impacts are neutral. Calgary is already known for having hosted the Olympics previously. I don't think that it will bring the city together as the costs incurred is hard to take when the economy is not thriving. I think those who were made redundant in the recession will not appreciate spending money on this (at any level of government) rather than on getting Alberta's and Calgary's economy back on track.
- Help
- Why are these questions structured in a way that indicates one supports the Games??
- I think they will help, much as they did in 88. It's an incredible legacy which we as a city still benefit from through competition, training, tourism etc.
- Help Calgary's future
- Hinder. Any benefits from the games would be countered by the burden tax payers would face.
- Not a huge benefit, and possibly a hindrance as it diverts \$\$ that could be beneficial elsewhere where there are higher needs.
- On the plus I suppose something like this has opportunities to bring people together through volunteering. On the negative it can overwhelm and negatively impact people who are not interested or not in a position to be able to volunteer. If I am not interested I will still be impacted by crowds for example. And if I am working 2 minimum wage jobs to support my family I am hardly going to have time to volunteer. Lets face it, volunteering at the Olympics becomes a bit of an elite opportunity.
- In most ventures, I support looking at building community and having sufficient facilities/venues as the most important considerations; however in the case of the Games, I think the potential social and cultural impacts are not likely to be long-lasting. It is more important to support these sectors on a long-term, consistent, and sufficient basis than to have an event with shallow, short-term events that end up draining the purse so social and cultural initiatives are short-shrifted later in the name of balancing an oversubscribed budget.
- Hinder: the money would have a much greater and longer-lasting benefits to more Calgarians if spent directly on things that improve the social and cultural aspects of people's lives.
- I think that the energy of the games, and having the attention of the world on our city will highlight our city's culture. It will also provide us Calgarians with an opportunity to elevate ourselves and show the world our hospitality and charm.
- After the closing ceremonies, who cares Everyone goes home and life goes on What social and cultural impacts? Your question is way to vague
- I think it would help it because it would bring people together from all over the world and create a new exciting Calgary for the people living here
- I think the city has enough cultural identity without the games. We've hosted before, and I don't believe we would be helped by another Olympic game hosting. The games don't bring the prestige or sense of community that they did in 1988.
- Hinder. Many Calgarians are already struggling financially in this downturn. Increasing Calgary's debt only means higher taxes in the long term which nobody except Spendshi and select councillors want. Enough is enough. Carbon tax, increased property taxes, cost of living ect. WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH
- Hinder
- Help, but only if the bid is improved a lot. A development platform for every Olympic sport is a MUST. That means training facilities in the city (where the population is) for sports to facilitate youth sport development. Winsport needs a clearer mandate or should not be part of a bid. They should

not have been able to abandon sports through long-term neglect (like ski jumping or having cross-country ski facilities in Calgary). An Olympic Games should energize this community and jumpstart the future. However, you have tried to go too thin to appease no voters that will never vote for anything that costs anything. No one wants to see large-scale waste, but a proper bid should included development facilities for all Olympic sports, legacies build for future (protected against mismanagement, i.e. Winsport), and things like new LRT (or other mass options outside of the box) to places like Foothills Hospital and Mt Royal University, much better accessibility, and a high-speed train to the mountains.

- Hinder, paying for the games will take from needed funds from more important projects, added debt
- Im sure the exposure would be great, and im sure this could be a means to broaden our outreach to many people in many ways. Unfortunately i'm of the opinion that the costs outweigh the benefit at this point in time, lets handle our debts and be in a better place and try again in future years.
- I can't give an informed comment, as we are not given all of the information.
- Help Calgary. Sports bring people together.
- Tax money would be better used on social programs.
- Hinder: too expensive.
- Hinder. Taking money from arts and culture to fund the Olympics is a cruel joke.
- It's a benefit but not with debt over.
- Would see a great boost in tourism and injection of capital
- Hinder
- Hinder. I don't think they'll impact us at all except by handing out future generations a massive debt load.
- Ask your self who benefits most from these games? How would these games help community? They add stress, Financial stress on Community
- Hinder, clearly- who in their right mind would exchange money that could improve the lives of needy Calgarians for a few days of pomp and circumstance? Who wants to be remembered as part of a city that prioritized image over the welfare of its own citizens? The ramifications of that choice will affect the city for a long time to come, and will forever haunt the people that made it.
- Help. The 1988 Olympics has made Calgary a hub for Olympic athlete training. Let's build off that!!
- Olympics ate a celebration of culture, athletes and sport. Sport unites, excites and inspires communities. The Games will bring the city together at a time when we are losing hope and frienshios.
- If the city condemns families to not afford motgage payments for its endless excuses for new taxes to host the games, then the social impact will be terrible!
- Hinder- we and other generations to come will have to pay for this for years to come
- Hinder. The benefits will not outweigh the enormous cost, which will take money away from other needed spending and put strain on future generations.
- Hinder. Costs will burden future generations
- I think the sole purpose of hosting the games should be made based on financial data and risk. It's a huge financial decision and finances / costs are the only driver that matters. There are many, many other established social and cultural opportunities existing for Albertans and Calgariand to engage in.
- If taxes are too high people move. What's left of the community
- I think it will have absolutely no benefit to us. Best case scenario we're just another host city that no one cares about, worst case we've opened ourselves up to an attack. The world is not a safe place right now, with numerous public events being targets for terrorism. Hosting the games is purely an invitation to bring an attack to Calgary. Security can't prevent everything, and we may end up being a new item for the wrong reason.
- Hinder.I think it would only be a temporary benefit not worth the costs
- There are other events with benefits that would be better for Calgary.

- This is a leading question. It's going to not really affect our future long terms. It's one event. The Olympic Games do not have the same prestige and value it used to. We have done it before. To do it now do not offer any benefits or reflections of who we are.
- Hinder...Olympics r ripe with graft, cheating and IOC is corrupt
- Negligible.
- Hinder. It is going to be a colossal boondoggle that City administration has demonstrated it does not have the capacity to manage.
- "2026 would be a massive boost to Calgary's social and cultural future. It's a little unfortunate that a huge increase in affordable housing is potentially being tied in with this, but if that's what it takes to get it, then so be it.
- With the recent additions of, or soon to be, the National Music Centre, the New Central Library, East Village as well as a bunch of new and upgraded facilities would only further cement the cultural attractiveness of Calgary.
- Calgary has a great history of volunteerism that would only be enhanced with 2026."
- It would help so it would bring a spotlight to our city and the opportunities here
- It would likely be a positive experience for those that attend and it could improve community engagement. But at what cost? I worry that most Calgarians will not be able to afford to participate.
- The potential social and cultural benefits of health and fitness potentially derived from role-modelling athleticism are out-weighed by the burden of cost when our economy is already in trouble. Jobs and employment would not necessarily offset this as many "new" employees are transferred from other jobs. The Calgary social and cultural spheres would benefit more from addressing poverty, mental health crises and long-term employment across sectors.
- Hinder - Calgary is not a big enough city like Vancouver
- Help. The way the Games can bring together a community is immeasurable. Consider the legacy of all previous Games', in Calgary, Vancouver, and in other countries.
- It will foster a sense of community and pride, the same feeling that we had in 1988. Nowadays, there is too much divisiveness and an event like the Olympics will bring Calgarians together.
- Depends on what the real costs are, and how the games are run.
- The social and cultural impacts of the event would be negligible. Calgary is a vibrant and diverse city and does not need an Olympic Games bid to prove it.
- The benefits of an international sport event in Calgary can help improve health and encourage healthy lifestyles. Setting an example of the inclusiveness that not only sport but society needs to be when it comes to olympic and paralympic athletes.
- Without new arena or stadium, benefits not enough.
- I think it would help to bring more tourism to the city.
- It may or may not. I don't think that the costs outweigh the benefits of bidding.
- Community... could be negatively impacted by security issues.
- We will be overwhelmed with covering the cost through taxes
- Hinder. Calgary is a city going through financial hardships. The money being used on the Olympics will should be used to enhance communities directly - not filtered through the "maybe" screen of the olympics. The city is suffering and very split on this topic. If the city decides to push this through, Calgary will be even more entrenched in bitterness.
- NO - we'd literally be better off holding a massive bonfire party... and burning the money. Instead of blowing these assets, invest in community resources and try to provide a more positive permanent change.
- I think it will help. Calgary wants to modernize and upgrade itself which can be done when adding to buildings and such for the games
- I don't think it would help at all
- Thousands of people were let go or downsized in their jobs. They now hold more than one job or are economically vulnerable. This is not the right time to host.

- Mix of both. Short term gain to community pride. Long term loss to infrastructure, public services and community structure for low-income populations.
- Hinder. We don't have the facilities. Either do it right or not at all
- I think that the social and cultural impact would hinder Calgary's future because as big as social media in Calgary isn't as big as people think it is. As to the cultural impact, I believe this will separate Calgarians instead of bringing us together.
- "Won't help anything.
- Plus if we don't have the games, less Rich Elite drunks driving on our roads."
- It's going to do nothing. Everyone would forget about it in like a years time, and just look forward to the next games. And all that would be left are bins filled with mascot stuffies that no one wants to buy many months after it has all ended.
- It may give a tourism boost for a while but it's not worth the cost.
- Everybody trying to recreate 1988. That was special, never try to recreate the past. I'm oh will always be disappointed
- Hinder
- If the goal is to help Calgary's future, there are significantly better ways to use that money to do so.
- Absolutely it would help.
- Hinder, because IF the bid is successful and not an entire drain on the city economically, I think it would only benefit the communities closest to venues, increasing economic disparity across the city.
- Definitely will help.
- No we are already what we are and worlds knows
- No benefit whatsoever.
- Hinder. It is a waste of our money to host these games
- I don't know about this. But I don't want to pay for this with my taxes
- Hinder. The games are no longer affordable for the average Calgarian
- The long-term debt would be a major hindrance to Calgary future economic stability
- We have already hosted the olympics once. A recession is not the time to spend millions on a bid.
- It would help, by providing more community spaces for people to use and interact with.
- Hinder. More civic debt. More unaffordable taxes
- Neither
- Neither, this is such a broad/undefined question? This question is too open to different interpretations.
- It will do nothing
- Social and cultural impacts should help the games. Having the community involved, including indigenous will help make the games a success.
- It could leave us with massive amounts to pay off when it is done. Couldn't afford to go to the previous Olympics and expect that this one will be the same.
- Wrong economic environment to be spending this much on on a short term event. Money would be better spent on city services expansion and improvement.
- Hosting the games would only provide a short term cultural impact on the city. Calgary is already well known, and was host in 1988 and still thinks that this is the best way to enhance the social and cultural environment here? Preposterous.
- The costs seem out of line when considering "potential" social and cultural impacts. If we can't afford cultural programs now, how will piggy-backing them on expensive games make sense.
- Hinder, we don't need another Olympics. We need a new hockey arena and to repair our waterways. The Saddledome is in terrible condition and outdated. Engineers were paid off for structural approval after the flood. Seems like a disaster waiting to happen. Also, Is the city ignoring whirling disease and quality of our drinking water?! Seems like it.

- I think it would help Calgary's future as it would add to our reputation of being a very open, vibrant, and multicultural city.
- Hinder. Calgary is desperate for infrastructure upgrades and money wasted on Art and chasing the Olympic games could be better spent on improving life for Calgarians
- Hinder. It's a corporate party that benefits those who need it least.
- Who's view of social and cultural impact are we talking about? More politically correct views? Will they respect my views and culture ? No. Just the politically correct ones. I am Canadian but my parents are caucasian so "politically" I am not a true Canadian as I have been told many times. Will statues and gardens dedicated to the people who came to Calgary (Canada) and built this City be built? No You will build these gardens dedicated to everyone else but not the builders of Canada as we know it.
- More affordable housing is important to me. I hope that it will stay that way in after the games are long gone. not sure i want my City to be associated with the IOC. The Olympics are not what they used to be with the scandals and drug issues.
- No. Rather enchanted it.
- Likely to push out already marginalized communities
- The above impacts are minimal if any. This is a "feel-good" question with no way to quantify the benefit. The costs far outweigh any kind of "feel-good" impact.
- Too soon to say
- One 10 day event will not radically change Calgary's future. Do not spend on an event which is has been shown to cause massive debt.
- Help
- They will help just as they did after the 1988 games. We need to maintain international relevancy without oil in our future. This helps us shift focus now that oil is a dying commodity in Canada with no support for pipelines.
- Neither
- I do not believe hosting the games provide a measurable cultural or social benefit to a city, province, or country. A tourist is likely not basing their decision to come to Calgary on the fact we hosted the games. Relying on the games to build affordable housing for at-risk Calgarians is a complete joke, these programs should be put in place already by our elected officials and properly funded to help provide basic needs.
- Niether
- Legacy. I still hear about the 88 or van 2010 games when I travel!
- Hinder as we will owe, owe, owe! And sacrifice other programs and services.
- Help if we have facilities to showcase what the city can offer
- Having witnessed the 88 olympics, it was wonderful hosting people from all over the world. The level of volunteerism was something to be very proud of. Hosting the games would be a reminder to the world of what a great place this is to live and do business.
- I don't think it will make much difference. Once games leave a city, it is forgotten, except by the people left behind to pay the remaining costs.
- Having the game will definitely benefit. But the benefit will be marginal at best since Calgary is already on the map in the world stage. Calgary and vicinity (Banff) are already overloaded with people and I don't think we need Olympics like we did in 1988.
- Only positive if the games don't cost more than they make
- Hinder because thoughtful, realistic people would think there are no equals in Calgary.
- Social impact, the money wasted on figuring out if we should have the games. Could have gone into housing, roads, pot holes. Social impact the mayor wants a party for the few. The rest of us have to pay for the party.
- Neutral - I'm not sure the '88 Olympics are remembered by many outside of Calgary, but at the same time no harm was done.

- No influence from the games, i believe that this is built on a civic level by Calgarians under the strong leadership of a council with this direction in mind. The city should promote it using media and better community out reach with this as it end game, a city of Calgarians not seperated by differences but celebrate them instead.
- I think it would help if the city is creating more social spaces, like the two proposed arenas. I still think upgrades would be needed for the Saddledome and McMahon stadium.
- Hinder! We can not afford more unnecessary debt! Focusing on building a better and more stable economy will benefit us for years to come. This is a total waste of resources.
- Hinder. The games are a money pit that Calgary cannot afford
- "DEFINITELY HELP. CALGARY HAS BECOME SUCH A MULTI CULTURAL CITY SINCE THE 88 GAMES. MANY OF THESE CULTURES HAVE NEVER EVEN HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS A WINTER OLYMPIC EVENT. FOR DIFFERENT CULTURES TO EVEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED AND/OR HOST VISITORS, POSSIBLY FROM THEIR OWN HOME COUNTRIES, WOULD BE AMAZING. SOCIALLY, THE GAMES WOULD BRING OUR SPRAWLING CITY TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE AND ENJOY IT TOGETHER.
- I DO HOPE THE MAYOR AND COUNSELLORS WERE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH FRANK KING PRIOR TO HIS PASSING. HE AND THE OCO 88 COMMITTEE HAD SOME AMAZING AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS TO BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND HELP OUT WITH COSTS AS WELL. THEY SOLD CODA MEMBERSHIPS WITH A PIN FOR \$10.00 TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE COST OF THE BID, THEY SOLD ENGRAVED, PERSONALISED BRICKS FOR \$20.00 TO HELP PAY FOR OLYMPIC PLAZA. THE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN EVERY STEP OF THE PROCESS ONCE WE WON THE BID.
- I WAS ONE OF THE 10,000 VOLUNTEERS, QUIT MY JOB TO VOLUNTEER FOR 3 WEEKS AND IT WAS THE MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE AND I WOULD DO IT AGAIN TOMORROW."
- Of course it would help. But the economic risks far outweigh the benefits to be made here.
- Hinder
- Hinder. Once they come and go, they're mostly forgotten. The people in the city are left holding an unpaid bill. The olympics is a scam. The IOC is a scam. Give the IOC the ability to have their games in Calgary, let them pay the bill in full and rent the venues/space from our existing infrastructure, and allow the IOC to incur the costs and risks to have their precious games. The host city is always left in shambles, it disrupts life during the games (I know, i've lived through two of them in Canada now), and it leaves the host city in massive debt with often obsolete or unused venues they had to construct to please the strict demands of the ioc. I think hosting the games when our economy has been stressed and our local, provincial, and federal government are doing absolutely nothing to ensure prosperity for Calgarians makes this a very poor decision that will ultimately divide our city and its people in the long term.
- The Winter Games are a very time limited event that adds very little to the ongoing culture of Calgary so I see no effect one way or the other. Very few people can even afford a ticket to these sporting events so it is really just a party for the wealthy and their political friends.
- It would help
- We should not bid for the Games
- Hinder
- It will hinder the future for generations, paying back the debt will cost our children's children.
- We have plenty of up and coming culturally relevant fields, like food culture and craft beers, these are great things happening in our city! We don't need an Olympics to have culture, we can let the culture we have grow on its own, and support it with the resources we will save by not hosting. Additionally I'm afraid that as all the resources leave we will leave these things behind, focusing all our attention on sport, which will come to pass so much sooner and then leave us with absolutely nothing.
- I'm neutral on this point.

- Hinder, take the money and invest in what's right for Calgary. Not city councils ego.
- The 88 legacy sites would benefit and continued funding is a plus however once it is all said and done, this estimated costs of this will be nothing close to reality and the resulting debt and raising of taxes to cover the deficit will more than offset any benefit. A private funding model with corporate sponsorship should be instituted to maintain future funding and upgrades to the existing facilities. I doubt that Nakiska or Canmore is incapable of maintaining the facilities there through the benefits of tourism etc so why should a city the size of Calgary have trouble. COP has already undergone numerous upgrades and is a multi use facility that always seems to be busy. If these facilities cannot be self sustaining then it is time to privatize them. Our taxes have been increased at least 5% every year this council has been in office. Rather than looking for make work project to keep busy, why not try to be more fiscally responsible. This administration has already picked a fight and alienated one of our biggest and best corporate entities in the Flames and put them in a position where they need to consider leaving this city. That will be quite a legacy for this council. Huge debt and the loss of an enormous economic engine. But hey, as long as it only the taxpayer that has to worry, why not spin this as a good thing.
- More debt piled on the already unmanageable city debt will only lead to problems for current citizens, their children and grandchildren. YOU NEED TO CUT SPENDING ON FRIVOLOUS THINGS
- make your question simple... what is this?
- At this point, Calgary will not benefit from the Games.
- Hinder - we are so far in debt already - City and Provincial - we are broke and can not afford more.
- No effect.
- Hinder. Social impacts on my taxes going up far outweigh the marginal benefit of the games.
- The potential costs of the Olympics - still unknown - are much too high and a huge liability to taxpayers and future generations.
- Amazon & the Economist said we need more cultural activities so YES the Olympics would help: River District should be a go
- hinder because could be spent on infrastructure instead
- Vancouver shows that olympics are hard on low income, homeless and indigenous people. They extract money from the local economy, provide low paying jobs while at the same time inflating the local costs of living, especially for marginalized groups. Physical infrastructure will add long term depreciation and maintenance costs that are not yet part of the financial planning for the City. The games will have a large climate impact through travel, hospitality, accommodation, and increased consumer waste. The environmental promises from the bid are meaningless without targets, an evaluation system and meaningful penalties to create compliance. Contracts for food and services (upstream and downstream) should be required to limited to Calgary, Treaty 7 first, and then Alberta based contractors. Based on the history of the recent winter games, it's debatable if any positive fiscal or environmental legacy will benefit Calgary.
- I think the games will have a positive influence for the future. The facilities will be well used by the community after the games!
- Hinder
- Like venues from 1988 Olympics. The only facilities I used since then is McMahon and Saddledome. All else are useless facilities for me and my extended family. It's not going to hurt but it definitely won't help.
- Money spent on the Olympics will displace money that could be spent on other social and cultural facilities. For example, for a fraction of the cost of the Games we could build all-weather soccer arenas for kids.
- you will once again showcase the aboriginals, their cultural. etc. it does nothing for the city
- It would benefit our future. More eyes on our city mean an opportunity to help grow our cultural opportunities.
- "the games won't affect calgary"

- social or cultural status.. we are doing well without them"
- Help.
- Wouldn't help for much. It's a temporary impact.
- Hinder because the serious needs will be ignored in favour of glamour projects
- Hinder, it will take away needed money from more important items needed for the city.
- "Help. It will update current facilities and create new ones that will benefit citizens now and in the future.
- It would refresh our reputation as a world class destination for tourists and athletes."
- Unless the economy is strong the Games will not help
- As we will not be building any new facilities for these games, there will not be any lasting social or cultural impacts.
- Help. The 1988 Olympics provided Calgarians with a sense of confidence and enriched the cultural fabric for decades
- Hinder. I don't want creepy international elites turning our city in to a high priced sports brothel.
- Can't see why they'd hurt. If it was at all perceived as not a great benefit, why would we even consider it?
- Neither, I think it would be a lot like another stampede that year - locals want to leave when everyone invades.
- I don't care about social and cultural impacts. I care about the financial impacts and the Olympics would be a disaster. City Counsel doesn't care because we are the ones footing the bill while they get all the glory (and kickbacks).
- They can be a benefit. We're unique in our indigenous and multi cultural variety.
- While social/cultural might be helpful they do not outweigh the cost/risks
- People have a lot of warranted nostalgia about the '88 Olympics, however the climate of hosting the Olympics is completely different now. The cost (security, transportation, infrastructure) of creating such an event in our City again is absurd, let alone the cost of the instant depreciation (and so fiscal burden of maintaining) of every structure that gets created in the name of 2026. (ie current ski jump facility....'not good enough'....) \*Set an example in the community\* of responsibility and taking care of our own backyard....not igniting municipal, provincial and federal dollars on fire for a 'good party' in 2026. The short-lived community benefits do NOT outweigh the magnificent, long-term community damage that the 2026 Olympic bid would create. (Leaving current, real community issues in the shadow of the 'fun, popular, sparkly party-planning'.....) There are seriously problematic encampments, human waste and needles in the bushes of parks and along the river in our neighbourhoods. THAT is one example of 'community impact' where any 'spare' cash and attention could have a positive effect on Calgary community.
- I think Calgary is very rich culturally and socially now with many diverse cultural events through the year. I don't think it will help it any more than it is now once everything settles back to normal.
- I guess help. But at what cost
- The most important thing is to get everyone on board with hosting; divisiveness will erode the quality of the experience. Create confidence in everyone by having a clear plan of how the games will benefit everyone, and have good incentives to encourage volunteerism and community involvement. Calgary is underrated as a city, and deserves a chance to shine internationally again, especially with their history of fiscal success in 1988. It would require the same degree of careful budgeting and project management to work again. The focus of hosting the games has to be a long-term benefit to Calgarians, who need to see it as more of an investment in public infrastructure than, "a big party thrown by politicians for elites." There needs to be a lot of community involvement, and a lot of tie in to the proud "Stampede" community spirit that makes this city such a great place to live. I think we can do less with more if we do it with a lot of heart.
- It's a bit of a toss up. An event that is properly budgeted, with all money accounted for, could have good social and cultural impacts. However, if the games are severely underbudgeted (as it most likely

is based on the past decades of Olympic events), this will cause severely negative impacts. The wasted money, increased taxes, and feeling of ill will toward the events will almost certainly be felt not only among the people of Calgary, but the People of Canada who have also invested their tax dollars into a financial failure.

- If mostly global rich elite who would not consider Calgary as a home are attracted â willing to commit to Calgary with the pride, concern and interest in the city, the event may inflate the cost of living and cost of municipal services. Planning must aim to at least make visitors think of living in Calgary because you want to show it's vitality and community, not just have transient partiers.
- The impacts of hosting the olympics are not well understood and almost no evidence exists to show lasting social benefits to hosting.
- Hinder- no cash for future capital projects, drain of volunteers.
- No as it will boost the economy specially in the sports area
- The costs associated with the games will hÃ ve a profound negative impact to the economy in Calgary for decades should this folly proceed
- Games are good to show the world our city. We have 8 years to help show our city is more than just oil and gas.
- An inflated pageant will not help Calgarys future.
- Help. Exposure to the many cultures visiting would be beneficial.
- The games are a great thing, the cost and benefits are not high enough to consider
- "Who cares?"
- For 4 weeks it would be a party and then we would suffer for generations
- 
- The COST obviously outweigh any potential cultural benefit"
- Def. help
- Hinder due to more wasteful spending
- The city is already known for stampede and 88 Olympics. As for community this is just putting a fresh paint on rotten infrastructure
- While the games are a great source of potential revenue and exposure I don't think it does much for the community. We as Calgarians are divided enough as it is and the Olympics won't help bring us together any time soon. Sure it's a nice experience to gather around but so are many of the festivals in and around our City.
- Hinder - too costly. Need to help older citizens who have paid taxes for a long time. I am a prisoner in my own home in the winter because the city doesn't clear residential streets, sidewalk, and back lanes.
- I don't believe there would be any significant social or cultural impact from these games. The last games bring back nostalgic memories. I just see more debt and lost opportunity for investment in things of more importance; pipelines, transportation, research and technology.
- its a short term blip, we need to build a more solid sustainable foundation for clagary
- Depends on how the facilities are managed. Too many City funded projects and facilities fail at becoming profitable.
- It would hinder Calgary's future. The money would be better spent actually promoting social and cultural understanding and impact over the longer term than a short term event that everyone would immediately forget. We need to use those funds to improve the well-being of all our citizens and set Calgary up to be a desirable place to live.
- Yes, but costs are too high for this benefit
- Today's games are a spotlight on the negative side of any venue, and will be used as propaganda platforms for any group with a grievance. As a city that depends economically on oil, a controversial resource with many enemies, it would be madness to ask for that spotlight. We also do not have a spotless record on racism, gender equality, support for the arts and culture or the relationship with First Nations persons. Instead of using an insanely costly international event with a bad pr record as

an excuse to build sports infrastructure and community development, why not just use a fraction of that to build usable infrastructure that is suited to the needs of the city? To be really clear, Calgary does not need the games, if anything it is the games that need our city... So, why should we pay for them?

- Minimal help, as the wasteful spending outweighs any benefits.
- Help
- It would help bolster Calgary's international reputation if we were to be able to host another Olympic Games while doing it in a fiscally responsible manner. If it is not done properly it has the potential to aggravate existing societal problems. Look to Rio de Janeiro. That place is still a festering pile of garbage despite the local government 'investing' extravagantly on new sports facilities for the summer Olympics, which now lay abandoned and unused. If they had passed on the games and instead spent that money on affordable housing, they would be in a different place right now.
- Why can't we fix the problems without having to host?
- Hinder. I think it will further divide the community based on very strong opposing views.
- Overall a benefit to us all. Except I intensely dislike the lack of transparency from City Hall. Every single penny of tax payer costs, real or projected, needs to be explained to the public. No more secret reports! No more secret meetings! I am a supporter of this mayor, but I am very disappointed by the recent news reports about the lack of information to the public.
- The Olympics may bring many people together for the "party", those who can get/afford tickets. But what happens after the party's over? I work out at COP. Most I see is a scramble to get funds to keep the place going.
- Although the games will highlight the city and country, once the games are complete, the world will forget, and Calgarians will be left paying the bill.
- Hinder. More often than not, it seems like you guys contract work to companies outside the province which doesn't help out economy, the cost of building facilities for the event would far outweigh the benefits of hosting them. The fact that you're wasting money even contemplating this is ridiculous!
- I do not think it is worth it to host the olympics. The nature of the olympics has changed over time, hosting once used to be seen as community building and valuable. But that image has been tarnished by corruption and unethical behaviour by the IOC, and host cities in the past. Hosting the olympics is no longer seen as a honour it used to be by the average person.
- Hinder. Looking at the previous Olympics the host cities show no improvement in social or cultural impacts.
- No info
- Hinder - I don't think that social and cultural impacts can be considered when we simply cannot afford to pay for the Games.
- Cultural - questionable. Social - questionable.
- not sure
- This would likely be a positive but not enough to outweigh the risks
- It has potential to have disastrous consequences for Calgary. We do not need to put a target for terrorists on our back. When we advertise that we are drastically underfunding security we invite attacks. We will be saddled with huge debt that will stall ability to develop sustainable facilities. For example I was in Rio last year and many developments such as museums sat unfinished because there was no money after it was all spent on the Olympics
- It is a sporting event. After the games, people go their own way, they will enjoy while they are here, but when it is over, they will leave and leave us with the cost over runs.
- HINDER. Stop this madness or Calgarians will leave this City or vote you out.
- I think it is not important. We gain no real benefit from the olympics that could possibly outweigh the negative financial costs. We have other far less costly ways to look at social and cultural improvements if that is a goal. Ask for creative suggestions there if you like or find necessary...
- Hinder!,,!!

- I do not believe this will have a long term effect on the city regarding bringing future dollars to the city or province
- I think it would help bring the community together by creating more opportunities
- Probably help
- stupid question, very misleading, potential is not a question ! You should be ashamed for asking !
- Hinder. The Olympic Games is a different "game" than it was back in 1988. Now the Olympics is a games for the weathy and for those who would profit from the Olympics. Cases in point - Sochi and Vancouver. Taxpayer dollars used to fund venues and services for the wealthy. Money from host cities used to line pockets of the IOC and politicians. Real estate prices driven up, providing further wealth for the weathy and pushing housing further out of range of the average taxpayer. Calgary is not in a position to play the costly game that the IOC now demands, or to gamble the resources of its taxpayers on the Olympic ideal, whose time has unfortunately, passed.
- Potential is out weighted by cost
- The financial risks would hinder. Add to lack of needed facilities like an NHL arena, quality firehouse/stadium and I just don't see the benefit.
- "The focus of government should be to create a business friendly and safe environment where people can make a living.
- Council should spend it's time finding ways to reduce the cost of running the city.
- If we were running in the black then I would welcome the Olympics. We cannot afford this."
- The games are a corrupt hosting them would create a stigma in politics, they were ok with the games let's not bother considering other heavily risky no return opportunities.
- Calgary is already on the map culturally speaking. The olypics will do nothing but put us into dept.
- We do not need more debt so no games. Even if we have the games. Who could attend. Most people can't afford the tickets to go to these things. I prefer we keep money where it is. Do not raise taxes to pay for the bid or the games and fix the city instead. Fix roads sidewalks and help people that need help. Get out of your glass ball and join the world for a reality check. Drop this complete waste of money period.
- It would leave disgruntled Calgarians holding the bag once all the tourists have left. The effects would be negative for the citizens of Calgary.
- No, benefits to the few are not reason enough to go forward.
- This question is irrelevant. There are an infinite number of ways to benefit a society's culture without mortgaging its future. You want art? Invest in it. You want quality of life? Invest in it.
- Help
- NO. We have current social and culture programs that are suffering from lack of funding NOW.
- It would help. People would be excited to get involved and it would create a feeling of one united community.
- No benefit. It will not attract tourism after the Olympics. Calgary doesn't offer enough city attractions/events for people to stay for 4-5 days in City (not Rockies). Olympics offers nothing after it's over for long term economic growth. Vancouver offers a lot of attractions and tourists for economic vitality without Olympics. I lived in Vancouver before, during and after the Olympics.
- Hinder, it's a short term goal and I feel the money could be better utalized for more long term projects for the city
- The cost impacts will have a negative effect on the city being able to provide any future social and cultural benefits for a generation to come.
- Will hinder Calgary growth as we could utilise the money for more constructive method like extending the current Red Line, build more schools, Affordable housing, better roads, Green line. There are lots of projects that this money can be used for.
- I think culturally and socially this is a great idea, but ultimately if you cannot afford to do something, you don't do it, end of story. Our city cannot afford to put on this event without substantially raising

the costs of taxes for the average household. Nenshi has not been thinking of the average person, which is disappointing.

- No - we already hosted it recently and have world class events here on a regular basis. we don't need an expensive party.
- Help! It would be amazing for modern Calgary to be featured on the world stage. It would be something for the people of the area to rally around.
- Hinder - Calgary is in too much debt already
- I think this would hinder Calgary's future. By the time 2026 comes around it will be surprising if we have any arts or sports groups left in Calgary. All are suffering now with cutbacks. Diverting money to an Olympic bid will only ensure their demise. And if Calgary does get the Games, we won't have any local cultural, arts or sports groups left to participate in them.
- Hinder!
- No
- Help, we would have much needed low cost housing built.
- It can only help our community. I saw what happened in 88. The city came together and in a time like this we could use a moral boost. Plus so many of the venues used in 88 are still used today. I think that is a huge achievement and from what I see in this plan, we will use them again! Not many cities can say that.
- Help - the legacy will be significant in assisting in improving lives in our community through housing, sport legacy and civic pride - which is seriously lacking currently
- Noticed that the Event Centre Assessment Committee is meeting as this comment is being written. Our family believes that a new "event centre" (i.e. Arena to most) is a critical piece of social cultural infrastructure required for YYC. At least one of today's (October 5, 2018) letters to the Editor appears to agree (see: <https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/letters/your-letters-for-oct-5>). Time for YYCCC to recognize that a new arena is a REQUIREMENT for YYC to remain a competitive, attractive city with the necessary cultural and social amenities to make that so.
- Hinder. We're in a serious recession
- I'm not sure that the Olympics are that big a thing anymore so the cultural benefits are hard to define. We've already put ourselves on the map so to speak, I think hosting again isn't much of a boost.
- the haves might be able to afford tickets, the rest of us will be watching on TV
- Help, the Olympics will put Calgary on the world stage once again and attract positive exposure.
- MIGHT HELP BUT A LUXURY WE CAN'T AFFORD AT THE PRESENT TIME.
- Hinder. We would present a mediocre front to the world. Better off pursuing this when the city is booming.
- This has no added value to Calgary's economic future
- The excessive waste of tax payers hard earned money will only hinder and continue to hamper the quality of life for Calgarians. How dare council propose Olympic games when the sick, in pain and dying are barely able to afford life? How dare this city consider wasting so much money on something that will not generate profits, it's simple math. Why are those suffering/disabled paying for hospital and medical facility parking when they can barely afford to keep themselves comfortable, fed and clothed if we can afford this vanity project? Why are those crippled by pain and unable to work getting so little support yet Council wants to pay billions for a selfish unprofitable vanity project like the Olympics? Our roads and general city construction is very costly, too costly to be supporting the vanity project. Our city is already world renowned for the Stampede, we do not want or need the Olympics. We already pay too much in taxes and see absolutely no benefits to our families and those we should be assisting like the disabled, crippled and in pain? What of our fellow Calgarians suffering from mental illnesses? The city doesn't offer enough if any real affordable quality support/help or comfort to them and therefore in the long increase the risk to adding to homeless population and what of the homeless? These people need help just as much as those

crippled by pain, physical and mental illness? Do you have any idea how hard it is for these individuals suffering to afford any quality of life in this city? The Olympics will not help feed the starving, it will not help the suffering, it will not bring profits or comfort or joy to people who can barely afford life let alone a TV to watch it on. It is by far the most ignorant and counterproductive project this city could apply. All this money being considered for the Olympics yet you can't pay our teachers, doctors and dental care enough to actually do their jobs right. Why does our city pay more for dental care than anywhere else in the country if we can afford the Olympics? Dental care is seriously painful and crippling to life not just our incomes, it's leaving our people in more debt and pain but instead of making it more affordable and stopping dentists from gouging their patients we can afford billions on the Olympics? What about our veterans, they need help too. **NONE OF THIS MAKES ANY SENSE.** Instead of helping those suffering in this city, instead of improving our infrastructure, fixing our roads, instead of improving the quality of life the families living in pain and poverty, instead of preventing suicides and caring for each other council wants to spend the money that could help on games? That's as bad and ignorant as kids playing games instead of doing their homework, that's like giving the finger to sick and old, that's evil! Putting games ahead of the suffering and improvement of our city/Healthcare/dental care/schools is an evil choice. Please for the sake of the suffering say no to hosting.

- Hinder
- Calgary does not have the means or infrastructure in place to hold winter games. Gee, we can't even clear the snow!!
- I believe that if we host the Olympic Games here our economy will fail hard.
- The games would be good for our feel good at the moment but a lot of work and money wasted.
- It will hinder the social impact because home owners will have less money to spend on their needs because of the increased taxes.
- I believe it will have a minimal impact for social or cultural reasons. Inspiring children which is a big deal is important but better ways to do it
- They would significantly hinder Calgary's future. There is no confirmed ROI with this investment.
- I don't see the relevance for Calgary. We should be making our presence felt on the world stage in more lasting ways like through leadership in economic diversity and environment. The financial investment needed for the Olympics, along with the chronic scandals (financial and political) that plague the IOC, make this a bad situation that we should not get involved in. There are many more valuable ways our City can assist the citizens and create a legacy.
- Hinder. The money spent on the Olympics could go to playgrounds and community centres.
- Could help but cant afford without higher taxes and less needed projects.
- It will neither help nor hurt.
- Hinder. We will be in so much debt for such a long time, social programs may have to be cut in the future to pay for this.
- Hinder, lets build the facilities that we need and forget the Olympics...The cities that have dropped out must have some very smart people running their councils, to see that the Olympics are a thing of the past. Every sport has a world championship platform, either annually or semi-annually and this is spread around to many countries.
- All that will not work without economic development - just waste of taxpayer's money
- the social benefits are short lived. 6 months after the games people forget about them. I worked for OCO for 4 years so I know what I am talking about
- Calgary's future will be bright if we take the time and finances available to us to improve the city that we live in today. There is no need to support the IOC which is not a true partner in this venture. They seem to be willing to take the profits but not pay for any cost overruns. As well, other cities are actively withdrawing from the bid process which suggests that others are concerned about the cost-sharing situation. If the IOC wishes to remain relevant, perhaps they should consider having one Winter Olympics site and one Summer Olympics site.

- The social and cultural impacts are overstated compared to the cost this will have on our budget. Not with it!
- Social and cultural impacts would be negative as we will be in more debt or worse is a recession (which are more or less are not out of the last recession)
- I repeat. With Alberta is an economic slump and the cost to taxpayers to host the Games a tax burden NO FURTHER CONSIDERATION re: hosting in 2026 should be made.
- Hinder. Calgarians have lost faith in their city officials. The curtain of secrecy with this council and administration is disgusting
- Hinder. The economic slump caused by the games in other cities demonstrates that our money is better spent improving the lives of Calgarians.
- I think that the olympics are more about people from outside the city and that there are better ways to engage Calgarians in community based activities.
- "Hinder in the long run.
- Its a 3 week party we cannot afford.
- I am a 30 year old and I do not want to pay for this for decades.
- Half the events are not even going to be in the Calgary area, so what is the point?"
- No why would it. Other Cities flourish without the GAMES! What does social and cultural impact have to do with sports. All it is, is a big PARTY that TAXpayers are going to pay for.
- Hinder. Complicity with corrupt IOC is not in keeping with community values
- Any positive Social and cultural impact is negated if it causes an increase in taxes to Calgarians
- Debt never helped the future, maybe ruin it
- The unmanageable city debt will cripple the city. How much will rise PROPERTY TAXES and for how many years?
- We had the Olympics in 1988 and there was zero impact on our culture. It was a two-week party and then it was a distant memory
- Not relevant
- It will help! Calgary is the winter training location for many athletes. Upgrading is good for this! Also, the low income housing this will add to the east of downtown is great!
- It would help. YYC needs something to pull it out of its funk. Let's support our athletes, come together as a community and show the world how awesome our city is.
- Cultural impact is overblown, we have enough other things in Alberta to attract tourists
- Hinder - real long term costs to taxpayers for generations will outweigh short term benefits
- I think help. Showing different culture and uniting in sport could help alleviate cultural differences and help people understand the who, what, whys etc of other cultures. Not to mention the tourism benefits, infrastructure benefits etc with help from Alberta and Canada governments. I also believe hosting the games could help open talks on the much needed new flames and stampeders proposals. Still a huge fan of the original idea by greyhound to clean up the environment and build a venue that would fit this purpose very well and clean up an old problem that should have been cleaned up years ago with extra government funding and help from the flames corporation
- it's a ridiculous idea from square one. we are BROKE!!!!!!!!!!
- Unnecessary
- Hinder because we have structures now that are no good, have to rebuild costs lots of money. They say a budget now but 5 years later it doubles not good
- Dont think it will help our future. security issues .lack of police we have 120 cops in our city now .
- Hinder our future by drowning us in unnecessary debt!
- We do not need Olympic Games. Nowadays games are always huge burden on the host city/country and its citizens because of security issues. I also think that the whole Olympic movement became so elitist and so corrupted that it only adds to the societal problems. The host city instead of helping to take care of its most vulnerable citizens, just spends money to the benefit of the social and financial ELITE. The low-income, unemployed, homeless will not go to the venues anyway. They will not be

able to afford. After the games, there will not be any money for anything, and city taxpayers will have to pay for Mayor Nenshi legacy for generation. If our Mayor Nenshi and BID-CO and its supporters want the games, please prepare the list of wealthy billionaires, who are willing to put their money for Mayor's legacy. Citizens want a assurance that the ELITE-BENEFICIARIES will put their money where there mouth is. Otherwise NO GAMES.

- Help. Calgary needs to reach an international audience to draw investment that will allow the city to diversify and continue to grow, and this is an opportunity to do so
- Hinder, hinder, hinder. A moment of fame vs. ongoing using that same funding locally? No contest there.
- Help - the games always come with a cultural component attached, and this allows for sharing cultures of and with other countries.
- Great community building impact, sure. But for 10 days. What happens when the buzz wears off and taxpayers are left with higher bills and dealing with infrastructure that was neglected to accommodate the games?
- Hinder. Wasting public money on a party for the elite will do nothing to help those in vulnerable positions. Montreals debt took decades to pay off and with no positive, lasting benefits. The corrosion of public trust of the municipal government enacted through the deception and secrecy thus far had already created outrage. Culturally the games have no benefit. A corrupt IOC promoting cheating athletes in a spectacle only accessible to the rich. It speaks for itself.
- Hinder. Either Calgarians paykre tax or services suffer.
- Definitely help
- I think the benefits would be short lived.
- Hinder, we can make this city much better with the money that would be wasted on a one time event. An event that has left many destinations in recent years in distress, with wasted and rotting unused infrastructure. This is not a smart idea if you care about the people of this city more than you care about 15 more minutes of fame.
- Yes it would help Calgary's future but benefits of Games verses other methods have not been discussed. For example are there other less expensive means to achieve these goals rather than relying on an isolated 2 week event. No tangible argument has been presented so far other than to say "Looks how great 1988 Games were"
- It would help. As it did in the 88 games, it put Calgary on the international stage.
- There is really no gain to hosting at this time, it will take \$ away from much need infrastructure needs like transportation, roads, traffic safety issues that have yet to be resolved. The city was unable to afford weed control this year. Snow removal in this city is a sham and costs Calgarians too much in vehicular accidents. Get our public transit at a level on par with cities like Montreal or Toronto. The entire country is in debt that our children's children will be paying for a party that they were not even born to enjoy. None of our 1988 facilities for these Olympics are up to the standards required and will be costly to retrofit. On so many levels it makes absolutely NO sense to be spending billions to pay for this. Even if provincial and federal money is poured into the Olympic, what does it matter since we will all be paying for it through our taxes anyway. Give your heads a shake. This province is still not out of recovery mode and hundreds of thousands of us are behind the black ball financially.
- HINDER - when it fails and our community is left worse off due to economic failures and saddled with debt.
- We're not getting a new hockey arena - so all this does is give money to Whistler and Edmonton at our expense.
- undecided
- Help
- I believe it would help. Many who are dismissive of a bid have been through the game previously which allows them a great view of the benefits but also means that the social and cultural benefits have been felt already on a personal level which can lead to underappreciation. There are youth and

new Canadians (of which I am one) who have not felt these benefits and in a world that grows more and more segregated a reason to bring us all together can be a light in the dark.

- Help! Calgary is a world class city time to show the world!
- The games will have no impact on anything other than increasing gov't borrowing. This question is a red-herring; a feel good fluff question.
- The social or cultural impacts will have a minimal impact on Calgary's future. We will receive a small bump in our brand but definitely not sufficient to justify the cost.
- I dont think it would impact either significantly. Calgary is already very multi cultural
- Social and Cultural impacts would likely be positive. Does not out way the cost.
- Hinder. The amount of debt, at the local and provincial levels will be a burden on the taxpaye, likely for decades. The province will reduce future funding, with the fact in mind that it already "gave lots" to Calgary for its party in 2026.
- There is great risk that significant, unforeseen and unplanned for cost overruns would plunge the city into significant and long term debt. The contingency for cost overruns looks ridiculously small given other games' massive, billion dollar overruns. Being plunged into deep debt would negatively impact the most vulnerable sections of society as social programs would be cut, and of course, negatively impact all Calgarians who would see their tax burden increase substantially.
- Hinder
- Hinder as the games would for the next eight years draw all the attention and detract from other efforts
- Too patriotic =nationalistic=racist
- The money spent on the Olympics could be better spent on other "cultural " programs
- Social cultural? Get bent. Taxpayers with a brain dont want to burden themselves.
- not accomplish anything other than a party
- "Not really. We are already part of a global economy. It isnt 1988 anymore, the world is smaller and much more interconnected. If YYC wants tourism they can market to desired countries for a significantly lower cost and risk.
- The money invested and volunteers needed for olympics will pull from other more important causes. We will be strapped with debt for generations."
- Help - will bring needed business and visitors back to Cgy. Will be able to feel pride again in our City hosting. Brings people together. Calgary will become a recognizable name again and common destination.
- Hurt. Most cities have had major difficulties following hosting.
- HINDER. I think planned affordable housing will be convenient to the athletes, rather than those who will need it after the Games are over. I think the affordability will come from lesser quality. I think the security risk is too high and will cause concern for years to come.
- It would hinder Calgary's future. We can't be pumping billions of tax dollars into a two week party when people are starving on the streets.
- I don't think it will help or hinder.
- There is no social or cultural impact. It is a lot of elite athletes getting to play at a cost that they will never have to pay for. A lot of risk and no real reward for the City. I also believe that after you read my response to this as against the Games, that the rest of my responses won't be considered as it isn't what this committee wants to hear. This is also not what the City is promoting. Both sides are not equally represented. I don't see any commercials against the process but I see a whole lot of money being spent on promoting the games and a lot of closed door meetings when this supposed to be an open forum. Whose paying for these ads? Us. Joe public whether we are on board or not. You have already made your decision as the vote you are proposing is a non binding vote. Why are you asking here elite athletes, who basically have never worked a day in their lives, who come from privilege, what they think, when you know they will obviously be in favour. Why not ask the general public who are living from paycheque to paycheque if they think an increase in their taxes is OK so

these athletes can play but they may have to sacrifice something else in their lives. Sounds fair. Alberta and Calgary are hurting right now with the economic downturn. Do you really think that imposing additional costs on us for the benefit of a very limited number of people, none of who live here, so they can have some fun and win a medal. I am all for promoting sports. Why not invest in the local communities and the local sports groups and spend our tax dollars on us.

- There is no positive benefits, the social impacts will cause problems far longer than any elected official who supports the olympics will hold office.
- The games will hinder Calgary's future. The costs versus ANY positive future economic impacts far outweigh the benefits
- Hinder. Resentment over having an Olympics shoved down our throats.
- Hinder! Our taxes are too high and we do not have the MONEY to lavish on the elite. People live paycheck to paycheck, yet council spends money like there's no tomorrow! The Olympics are obsolete and need to die. Two cities have dropped out and so should Calgary.
- Nothing to do with it. It's about the cost.
- The fact that affordable housing is seen as a benefit that results from providing it to Olympic athletes first, not the fact that we have a crisis now, is sad. We need affordable housing now and probably in 8 years from now too.
- "Thank you for your time.
- As a 26 year old calgarian who has been privileged to be born in this city, I will and confidently say that hosting the Olympics will be a Hinder to our future. The reasons are based on common sence and historic facts from the previous Olympic games.
- People prefer convenience at home watching on TV vs traveling.
- The closest major populations of the world are over seas making it more expensive for them to fly here.
- Our time and money will be wasted trying to draw people in, when they have free access with a click of a button online.
- The people of calgary for the next 50+ years will be paying off the debt.
- Any money made will be grabbed at by anyone and everyone from the high governments to small local businesses, desperate just to cover costs and make as profit.
- With huge profits to gain from the olympic, that alone will draw in theifs.
- The olympics have always been a high place for terrorism and political issues from around the world.
- The needed amount of security will have to be insanely high just to keep people safe.
- We dont have the proper road systems nor the transit power to be sustainable with the demands of the city today, so how can we even meet half of what the olympic population demands.
- Our head government and the provincial governments dont work together already for the major canadian needs, so how can they work together for the Olympics.
- The Enviromentalists and other groups demanding their wants, will become a nightmare to the city and government's.
- The city of calgary has already proven that it cant spend money properly with common sense for what it uses on a daily bases, which proves and shows that they wont use the olympic funds properly.
- I am 26 years old and can tell you first hand that my generations mindset, discipline and commitment of today's calgarians do not come close to the standards of the people from the 1988 olympics, which means there will be not enough strong back boned and hard working volunteers needed.
- The Olympics were already held in calgary, we dont need to host again.
- We are the only olympic held city on record to not be in debt and I dont want to break that record.
- Olympics have changed from being a wonderful sporting event for the world to becoming a political image game.

- Buissnesses will have a hype of funds from the olympics but after the years of taxes paying for the olympics, those earnings will disappear.
- As good as it looks to have ""hosted the olympics"" on the city counsels reseme, it doesnt out weigh the million+ calgarians paying years of tax dollars.
- With as much negativity as I have presented please realize that I do think the olympics are neat and fun! That being said, I also enjoy supercars but I will not put myself in a life long debt just to own one. Hosting The Olympics is one of those times where it is best to watch from the sidelines and still enjoy cheering on team Canada from the comfort of our home without debt!
- Thank you for your time.
- Daniel Sevcik"
- Hinder. You'll set Back the local economy by putting tax payers up front to pay the costs. Not everyone can afford to live here. You'll push out everyone who can't
- They would certainly help - but in the right areas? and will they impact that more than if we just invested in those areas without the games? I think not.
- Hinder, visitors leave after 3 weeks, homeless and vulnerable people are left.
- Accessibility, arts & culture are already being address without the Games. Affordability in this city is deteriorating and the Games aren't going to change that. Volunteerism is already strong and the Games aren't going to change that.
- Hinder future, cost would take years to pay off.
- We cannot afford to put on a show like this.
- Who really knows? Is Korea benefiting? Future benefits seem predicated on nostalgia around 88 Games
- I believe we as Calgarians will be left with a huge tax burden. To this point I don't think we have all of the information that City Hall has put a gag on.
- Hinder. Can't afford them
- Pretty shaky improvements to Calgary's facilities.
- The games would hinder calgary's future as they only impact a few participants and the risk is totally held by the many who are the tax payers.
- The games will hinder all aspects of Calgary's communities as monies are redirected to hosting an event that in reality provides little or no long term measurable social or cultural benefits.
- I think the social and cultural impacts of the Games would help Calgary but only when the IOC cleans up it's act. They do not respect and support the athletes anymore so why should we support them?
- Difficult to say, past record in 1988 games was commendable, but we could be overlooking other means to improve the community that are more appropriate to these times.
- I don't think it will have an effect
- Hinder, we can't afford it.
- Would help but the high costs associated doesn't justify any benefits.
- This will remain the same. Calgary already had the Olympics and the world is already familiar where Calgary is.
- "they will absolutely help
- Calgary's future. The games and Calgary's bid are a tremendous boost to social and cultural impact and our community as a whole - in addition to sport. The low cost housing that would result is a tremendous benefit to Calgary and greatly needed."
- Again given I don't support the Olympic bid I think it would hinder our future as it focuses on too narrow sport & recreation activities. Great cities are more diverse need to spend money on transit roads parks arts facilities that benefit everyone not just a few.
- Sure, they'd be short term fun, but long term costs
- It would hinder our future. Calgary's best cultural output comes from small, groundbreaking artists who work within musical and artistic genres that fall outside the mainstream. I highly doubt any of

those artists will see a benefit from the olympics, especially when we already have excellent cultural events in the city such as Sled Island, Femme Wave, ClIFF, CUFF, and Folk Fest. Any one of those events are more important to our city's artistic community than the olympics would be.

- Hinder
- I would like to see Nordic trails re-established at COP
- Some folks will feel good for a while. Yay! But mostly this community will pay a fortune for facilities that the vast majority will never have a use for. Olympics have been a money sink scam for a long time who aspire to be corrupt and morally bankrupt on a FIFA level. Don't touch this.
- Massively help. The cultural olympiad will raise the profile of the City internationally and foster growth for Canadian artists.
- The Games would completely bankrupt the City in the current economic environment. Calgarians cannot afford higher taxes, this will push many into homelessness.
- Hinder.
- this bid will hinder and break bank account, and result in significant taxes
- "I feel the games would only hinder Calgary's future. People will have to pay the debts back. Plus, Calgarians would have to 1) pay for the construction of new Olympic facilities, then 2) pay an additional fee to use the newly designed and converted, facilities after the games are finished.
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- Calgary is already becoming too expensive, and many parts of the city need local improvement without the addition of the Olympics. For example: In 1 day it takes 1.5 hrs (1 way), and 3 hrs return, using public transit commuting to work/school for MANY people. That's horribly inefficient. Improve that first.
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- The city's roads are polluted in pot holes and bumps. Improve that first too.
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- Yes, you're widening some roads. Thank God. Traffic is pretty congested at times.
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- Rent went up, construction cheaps out on insulation when building houses, pipes leak, and city taxes still went up on those houses. Try fixing those issues first too.
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- Gas cost went up, groceries are also more expensive. Maybe try fixing all these issues first before throwing an OVER PRICED Olympic party event, then charging us for the cost of supplies.
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- Calgary can be a very beautiful city. It's time to improve it internally for the locals first before putting on a big show.
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- Build better, affordable housing without the cost of the games.
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- Diversify the economy without hosting transient Olympic athletes, only competing at the next unknown location in these world wide events.
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- Stop raising taxes and start using tax money already received to better the city internally.
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- I don't know if this is possible, but local inflation is becoming quite rampant. Try finding ways to lower the cost of living while improving the city's infrastructure first before tossing the Olympics in the mix."
- Where did the homeless ppl go during the Vancouver games? I would really like to know.
- With all the secrecy and hidden costs the impact to democracy in this city is despicable and anyone who has challenged this agenda has been demonized by the mayor and his shill.

- Help
- Hinder. We need actual economic drivers and government policies that don't change so often that it is very difficult to invest realistically or to attract investment.
- Hinder. Our council couldn't even come to an agreement with the Flames for a new arena, now suddenly we have boatloads of cash for the Olympics? I think we have a mayor who loves the spotlight, not one who cares about community.
- I think it will help give Calgary the pride back that it has lost.
- Hinder. \$\$\$\$\$\$
- Help. Holding the premier sporting event in the WORLD can only have positive impact. Talk with any of the myriad 1988 volunteers who really know for their opinions.
- HINDER
- Help without question
- Definitely help Calgary' future
- Help. Generational experience.
- Substantially further destroy the city. Significant changes to Calgary since 88, very few of them for the better. No games, and you people should stop wasting tax payer money on stupid ideas like this.
- There are no social or cultural impacts. Waste of resources
- Hosting the games will hinder the community. The City of Calgary has more important things to worry about. For example Veterans, Homelessness, the cost of living, lack of schools, price of University, crime rate and so on. Instead of wasting money on the Games, let's help the people of Calgary first.
- Why not use "Olympic money" to spend on social and cultural events now?
- Help but at what cost to present and future tax payers?
- I think it would help us rebrand the city and province internationally and bring us together for the long term.
- "I view the Olympics, based on the horrible track record of the past 5 to 15 Games, as a massive spend of taxpayers' money that benefits too few entities. The political and sporting elite skim all the benefits and crumbs and crippling debt are left to the rest. I'd far rather see 100 million dollars be spent directly on Canadian athletes, another 100 million on affordable housing, and another 100 million on Calgary arts and culture. See how much cheaper that would be and how much further ahead we would be?
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- I could easily support the Olympic bid if the civic, provincial and federal governments could demonstrate their dedication to ""making Calgary a world class city"" - simply build the complete Green line AND build an LRT line from YYC airport to downtown. THEN I'll believe we can manage another Olympics. Only the most provincial and unsophisticated cities lack this kind of infrastructure. Build those to completion first - then and only then will I believe we have the capability to budget and build for the Olympics."
- Not interested in hosting the games at all.
- I see a lot of waste
- Hinder. Economy is fragile. Olympics are corrupt.costs are a burden. Don't trust city Council. Lack financial accountability. Tax burden too high.
- I believe that Calgary's future will be helped by cultural impacts because Calgary has a vibrant cultural scene and the olympics can help to drive peoples eyeballs to events and installations taking place. The cultural events will help Calgaryians to take part in activities that the family can have access to without having to break the bank. The social aspects must mean that the residents of Calgary will be better off after the olympics than before meaning, GDP must rise, jobs must be on the rise, people should be more active, and the building of community and having events that people actually want to bring families to and support.
- Hinder. Too much money

- It would make living in our city an onerous expense going forward
- Hinder
- Negative impacts - debt from games will result in cutbacks to programs and services.
- Hinder. Too expensive when Calgary has other priorities that are more important
- Cultural impact will be helpful. Though there are much better ways to achieve this.
- If done well could help, but from current media could be too narrow of focus.
- If we are asking current municipal programs and cultural institutions, including Heritage Park and Telus Spark, that serve Calgarians in diverse ways to reduce spending, then we should not be spending resident's tax dollars on a predominately athletics-focused event.
- Hinder. It all comes down to appropriate spending and fiscal responsibility. Bidding for the Olympics perpetuates neither of these.
- Additional low income housing would be helpful, but again this is not something that we can afford right now
- Hinder. We need to reinvest the money to improve/support our community. Spending all that money on a 3 week event is a gross waste of resources.
- Hinder. This mayor continues to tell Calgarians that, without incessant tax increases we can't afford to pay for basic services. How can we POSSIBLY justify spending BILLIONS just to stroke his ego?
- I believe it would hinder it as we would not be able to recoup costs and this could lead to less money being spent to create new jobs that are sustainable. I don't think it would have many cultural impacts aside from the city being unlovable during the games due to the influx of people.
- Diverts funds from existing arts programs (theatre, CPO) => HINDER
- it is only beneficial to those who can afford to participate. there is no real benefit to the 'people' of the city, 73% of calgarians with have nothing to do with the games. it is a huge expense for all of us for a select few that will actually benefit (i.e. restaurants, car rentals, hotels).
- No opinion.
- No comment.
- All the games will do is bring in a boat load of people for a 2 week party. Vancouver Olympic village sat mostly unoccupied for almost 2 years after the games. Social housing is a pie in the sky day dream. Developers want to make money not fulfill there social obligations.
- No effect
- Hinder
- The games will help. In today's divisive culture, Calgarians will have something other than Stoney Trail, Oil & Gas economy to collectively look forward to.
- If they aren't successful and don't make money our city won't recover for years.
- The games are irrelevant to Calgary's future on any front. We are already well known internationally and important destination for tourists from the rest of the planet
- We have 8 years to create excitement in our youth and citizens to get out, be active and support the Games. I see no downside to the community opportunities and promote a "work/life" balance that is The West, compared to the cut-throat, "work 'til you die" philosophy of Toronto. Our Calgary downtown sector is a ghost town after 5pm on a Friday, where in Eastern Canada, people dare not say "no" to working an OT weekend (in Toronto for example) for fear that there is a line-up of people behind you... willing to do so. There is no "work/life" balance in Toronto...it's live to work...otherwise, one can't keep their head above water.
- It would hinder us because the debt that we would go into just to have a party would put us on crutches for a long time.
- Neither, the Calgary stampede gives us a national attention already
- Hinder. The solution to diversity is not and never will be to throw more high income earners at it. You think that calgarians who cant afford to attend the games in their own city will appreciate being impacted for years so that others can. It's just going to cause hostility
- Hinder

- Help! Look at most western topic cities. Huge legacy!
- potential social and cultural impacts of the Games are negative. I can't even remember where the last few times the olympics was held. Probably long term hosting the IOC has a negative impact because by hosting we we are tacitly condoning their corruption.
- Help! This is an opportunity for Calgarians to once again come together and rally around a cultural sporting event.
- I remember the 88 games. I remember peoples rents sky rocketing so tourists could have them. People getting evicted. So this whole "low income housing" part of the proposal just sounds like a lie to me....
- Will do nothing to help the city
- Little gain not worth absurd cost
- A moot question for me. NO is NO!
- It would help with athlete development but very little direct benefit to my family.
- Sure it'll help, but everyone would be too busy watching the games, a lot of calgarians would probably leave the city because of it, like the stampede
- Hosting is a bad idea. Costs are too high.
- Money spent will remove funding from other projects
- Help, because hosting the games brings all members of the community together with a common goal and a shared pride as Calgarians and Canadians. I was part of the 88 Olympic effort in Calgary and shared in the games as a visitor to Vancouver in 2010. The experience is next to none! The coming together as citizens of a community spanned all ages, cultures and economic demographics. People showed acceptance and comradery of and with one another no matter who they were. The sharing of the games drew people together and strengthened the community spirit. This brought economic benefits as members of the community began to reach out to those, not just in their neighbourhood but to others in surrounding parts of the city.
- Helping by increasing civic pride and giving focus to thousands that are disengaged...
- Hinder, short term boost maybe but long term painful ramifications economically. We just can't keep asking Calgarians to shell out money, when we can't even get the basics managed like road repairs.
- Hinder
- I think a new venue for concerts etc. would provide more lasting benefits. This is a one off for the City to feel good about themselves for a few days and then what? Let's spend the money on community cohesion, amenities and things that really bring a community together.
- No major impact other than a party. The world already knows Calgary and we have an international / multi-cultural base. Extra taxes no worth it.
- We will never financially recover from this folly and will be the laughing stock of the world for trying to deceive ourselves that this will be a low risk venture and within budget.
- "The benefits of social and cultural impacts will be overridden by the costs associated with hosting the games. Calgary's poor venues, events scattered across the country and cost associated with purchasing tickets to the events are embarrassing. How can we put on opening and closing ceremonies to compete with China, Japan and Korea? The closing ceremony in Vancouver was just awful because they didn't have the money to do better. We don't either. Given the amount of dissention to hosting the games, I predict that the thousands of volunteers that will be required for this event will not be forthcoming.
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- Nothing I've read states anything about the plebiscite vote if the results are close to being tied. Will the city go ahead with their bid if the vote is 51% to 49% (either way)?
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- I'm upset that the Yes committee is marketing to students and First Nations when they don't pay property tax. That's just wrong.
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- Our tax dollars will be wasted for a few days of being in the news when there are so many other important issues affecting Calgarians that should take priority."
- Hinder. We will be in so much debt that everyone will be stressed out paying our bills
- Help. Calgary matured a lot during and after the 1988 Olympics, which are still a point of pride to many citizens that it was done with enthusiastic volunteers and made money. It could also help get Calgarians out of the bleak attitudes that have resulted from the economic downturn. The excitement generated by hosting would likely have a strong positive impact in the intervening years between a bid decision and 2016, still years away.
- hinder...are you that naive?
- Help Calgary's future. The world is getting smaller and options for travel and getting larger. Giving Calgary a platform to present itself as a world class destination for tourism, culture and business is an opportunity that cannot be missed. Those who love here know how cultural and diverse we are. Most people around the world have never heard of Calgary. It's time to change that and add more culture to our city.
- Help, because I believe children should experience this. Sports are so important in children's life
- It would hinder Calgary's economy cause this money could go to other social programs. Everywhere you go stores are looking for donations to help these programs. Remember this is a 10 day event which comes with a lot of expensive. Essentially one big party for 10 days.
- The last games brought many ethnic groups together to showcase Calgary - both before and during the Games - which fostered greater understanding and tolerance. I feel this will occur with 2026 as well.
- Help, anything that brings positive attention to the city is good for the city
- Proven time and time again properly spent infrastructure dollars will draw new events to a city.
- Calgary is not setup to handle the volume of people. Transit and road systems would be a nightmare
- Hinder.
- Helpful just refer back to 1988!
- Hinder
- Help. There are benefits for housing, show case of Calgary and area. Attract business and tourism
- Definitely help.
- You are destroying middle class. With increase in middle wage. It has already hurt small business. Dual income families with nannies. Nannies lay off. And dual income becoming single to support kids. You are unrealistic in understanding what games will do. It adds tons of social pressures once games are over. Remeber this. Once games are over and we are sweeping up the garbage. Not answering question but you do not leave enough space for questions you don't want answered
- Olympic Games entail tremendous amounts of funding and are not a wise long-term expenditure for City. The idea that there is long term benefit after the games are over is a fallacy. Our tax money can be better spent to continuously improve existing recreational facilities in the City and infrastructure that badly needs attention.
- Hinder - taxes too high already. Council needs to focus on getting taxes down. Need to see the taxes drop in this tough times. Focus on cost control!
- I don't believe it will help
- It won't help as much as spending the money of specific programs to do this.
- Hopefully it will help. We did very well in the 1988 Olympics and it opened new doors and helped in putting Calgary on the Map. Most people I meet when I travel know "Calgary" from either the Olympics or the annual Calgary Stampede.
- Help it! We can, again show the world that Calgary and Alberta is open for business!
- No, just a money grab - can't afford tickets if you're unemployed
- Help - international ideas and culture have helped progress calgarian culture in the past
- Alberta economy is still in recession. People cant afford their tax money spent on useless stuff that benefits only a few athletes and some businesses for a short period of time.

- Unless there was a need to move a large number of people from their existing communities, I don't think the Olympics would help or hinder the community.
- "In the long run it would probably help to bolster the image of Calgary at all levels (community, municipal, provincial, federal, global). Money would be spent on infrastructure which would in turn lead to bolstering the arts community as well as local art installations as per city bylaws which will make Calgary attractive to immigrants and Canadian and foreign investors. Business will be drawn here and ultimately Calgary will be able to get away from the severely volatile oil industry and diversify its interests. Over the long term, hosting the Olympics will benefit Calgary socially and culturally.
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- Having said that, there are certain risks involved with how hosting the Olympics is ultimately executed. The Olympics are an international event that draws the eyes of the world on a place, and historically governments have taken great, and extremely controversial, pains to portray their cities in a positive light. Consider the homeless population and the record of host cities hiding them away and using questionable laws to charge them and move them to areas away from venue areas. This does not look favourably on host cities or their governments. IF Calgary were to host the Olympics, there are opportunities to approach these situations differently with new perspectives and intents, and with a mind to help impoverished or less fortunate populations."
- Social and cultural impacts are not relevant. What is relevant is the cost and where the money goes. These games are for the gullable who wish to send money to the IOC.
- It will hinder by deviding the community.
- will help tremendously the arts, low housing paid for by the Feds, maintenance and upgrading of existing facilities in Olympic budget, use and re-use of existing facilities, setting an example for the world to follow. Legacy funds will keep existing facilities running at a considerable saving to Calgarian's. If we don't host the Olympics taxes will go up more. Take a look at the budget, the Feds, Province and IOC will chip in considerable very serious money. Ticket sales, sponsorship and merchandise sales should/will bring in considerable revenue into Calgary. All in all only positive. The press, TV, radio, and media are negative just like in 1981 until proven wrong. Negative news sells. Be positive, take a small risk, we have the venues, the risk was delth with in 1981 when most of not all venues had to be build. Negative people always find cause and contribute the least in life. Don't get mixed up with them.
- I think it would help to bring the city together with something we can all be proud of.
- No they would not hinder or benefit. We don't need them.
- I think whole thing could become very divisive.
- It would hinder because the cultural impacts are short lived and do not last. In order to have positive change in a culture you need incremental changes over a long period of time, not a brief 2 week stint.
- Yes, celebrating human excellence gives so many people hope, and pushes us all to overcome challenges!
- I feel it will be a massive help to Calgary in terms of community development.
- Neutral. I am seeing already that BidCo is pandering to Indiginous groups and others. That seems to be the high profile thing to do these days. I'd like to see more concrete examples of the benefits for ALL Calgarians and Albertans.
- It will distract from other important community initiative's such as building new rinks soccer fields schools etc that are needed in communities MORE than elite athletic facilities which would primarily be used by elite athletes from other parts of Canada or other countries
- The spending would not be controlled and that cost will be put on tax payers.
- Hinder, the finds been spent could be directed to other avenues

- "The plan appears to hinder Calgary's cultural future. Housing initiatives fall along the lines of identity politics. If you are not a student, a senior or indigenous your needs are not considered. That is flat out wrong.
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- ""One people"" are two words that have been ""sent packing"".
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- Calgary's housing strategy appears to be to continue the endless sprawl of over priced McMansions that force people to consume way more than they need. It's a destructive and unsustainable approach that will cost out community dearly in the near future.
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- We do need something our community can rally around but, this is not it.
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- Can you imagine what our city would be like if thousands of volunteers came out to improve our priorities instead of propping up a corrupt organization that has run its course? What a beautiful dream.
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- The world is changing faster than we can keep up. Pay attention. By 2026 we will be living in a vastly different world. We need to remain flexible and deploy our resources intelligently in order to navigate the impacts of climate change, technological advancements and a continually polarized political environment. Committing to such a massive expenditure in 2026 is foolhardy.
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- Culturally our institutions have failed us. The Catholic Church continues to operate with no resistance despite being a corrupt criminal organization. Our politics have turned into simplistic drivel, our education system fails our students and identity politics continue to divide us. These are the priorities. The Olympics only exacerbates these issues.
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- We do a great job of keeping our community clean. I have lived in many cities and Calgary is, by far, the best place on the planet. But, just because we navigate the housekeeping aspects of our community well does not mean it is being invested in properly. It is becoming a ""lipstick on a pig"" scenario.
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- Our farmers are struggling. There are almost 100 kids in my child's classroom. I know, it's the Province, not the City but education needs to be everyone's priority. Too many stupid people these days. It's a real problem and we need to raise a generation of people smarter than us.
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- The environment, education and ridding our communities of simplistic, divisive and ignorant identity politics need to be our priority and, these priorities need to be addressed with an appropriate level of urgency.
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- Practical things can be done today to insulate our communities. But no, we focus on a past that no longer serves us because...that's the way we do things. That is stupid. We need to change, adapt and re-imagine our community our services and how we deploy resources. That is a massive undertaking and needs to take priority over the corruption of the Olympics."
- "Hinder, the security enclosures and limited access is going to make it feel like a military compound
- Traffic will be limited and large groups not encourage to form. Like the pin trading areas in 1988 those would not be open and accessible without concrete barriers and security every where.
- The world is NOT the same and you can't replicate 1988 here again. Please stop trying this is a bad idea."
- Hinder Calgary`s future and sky rocket taxes to everyone
- "Why would social and cultural be a part of this. Its a sporting party.

- If there is a social paret it would be my taxes are going up becuae of this."
- "Although I generally disagree with the idea of Calgary hosting the Games, if we do host the Games, I do think that the social and cultural impacts could be positive. Having been in Vancouver shortly after the Olympics and (on a smaller scale) working in Prince George before, during, and after the Canada Winter Games, the legacies of volunteerism, arts, and community I saw there were generally quite positive. Community members' experiences of the Games were a frequent discussion point and a way to come together.
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- As it relates to social issues, for me, I don't find the connection between hosting the Games and an affordable housing strategy particularly strong. If affordable housing is truly a priority, than I think that the money earmarked for hosting the Games could go a lot further if it were focused on housing (rather than housing framed as a potential benefit of the Games)."
- I'm sure that the community would feel good after a successful Olympics. But then the bill would arrive.
- They would hinder Calgary's community development by diverting funds to facilities for high performance athletes at the expense of average Calgarians
- What are social and cultural impacts? This is compete non-sense. Olympics will have a long lasting negative impact on the city as we struggle to pay for the extreme costs of the Olympics.
- Ultimately, it would hinder Calgary's future because so much is still unknown and / or kept secret from the public! The high costs will more than outweigh any negligible benefit that might impact social and cultural aspects of our community.
- Somewhat helpful
- I don't think it would be of any benefit to our city socially or culturally. This is not 1988
- I think the cost impacts will over shadow any benefits in social or cultural benefits
- We have too many issues (unemployment in particular) that are more important than games.
- Hinder. Heidi and Howdy take 2.
- I don't think there is a community in there. We will be spending to afford the games and than spending to get into any games
- Higher taxes will result in further economic stress on families and businesses already struggling in a very depressed economy. This will have a negative social impact.
- Hinder!! There are more urgent, immediate, and critical concerns that need to be addressed to support Calgary's future, including environmental protection, homelessness, and arts.
- Hinder Calgary's future by saddling us with debt.
- Calgary is a generous city, if we can tap into our volunteers the way we did in '88 that will really help bring our community closer and show the world why our city is so amazing
- The extra onslaught of people to the city would wreak havoc on our already strained resources
- Help. New low cost housing. Facilities fornever gone to use
- It would be neutral in the long term and benefit only during the games in terms of social and cultural impacts.
- obviously the games would help our social and cultural fabric, developing community, spirit, volunteerism, arts, energy.
- I think it may help, but I don't believe it would be worth the costs, both economic and in terms of lifestyle for the next 5 years living in a city that is constantly under construction. Positive social and cultural impacts can be achieved by investing in social programming and citizens, rather than an international spectacle.
- Hinder due to costs.
- I don't think the Games would have a net affect on this.
- Potential positive effects don't weigh heavily enough to balance the negative; the city needs to fix its infrastructure before sinking in MORE money to yet another bid for something the vast majority of

your tax payers have plainly told you they're not interested in. Can we stop wasting money on selling something that we don't want in the first place?

- The money spent on these projects would be better spent on infrastructure, roads, parks and other projects that improve the quality of living for the majority of Calgary's population, not just the wealthier or corporations.
- I think even the naysayers will be buying tickets and getting swept up in the excitement of hosting the Olympic Games. 1988 was amazing - no reason why 2026 wouldn't be.
- Hinder, as taxes will permanently rise making everyone poorer.
- Short term impact but not long term.
- Frankly, I don't think it matters. Our culture exists outside of the games and I don't think the games have any important affect on it. Socially, spending money on games which give a small number of athletes justification for obsessively focusing on their sport, and entertain the taxpayers for three weeks, while passing enormous deficits on to subsequent generations makes no sense to me at all.
- Biggest social impact is bankrupting the city for a 2 week glad handing party.
- This proposal is so bland that it does little to change the impact to the community socially or culturally.
- It would help! The 1988 Olympics changed this city forever, it put us on the map. The 2026 Olympics will expose Calgary to World again and will show off our Western spirit and Native culture.
- The awareness of Calgary would certainly receive a boost from the Olympics but this has to be weighed against the overall cost.
- I don't think it's would hinder or benifit the social or cultural future of Calgary. Really it's about spending and making money.
- hinder because we would be so far in debt that the city will not be able to support the communities financially
- Hinder, Calgary can not afford the infrastructure costs
- Only the passage of time could answer. But if we look at past games and that of how such cities fared after the games came and went, only rust and decay is what is usually left behind in my opinion.
- Hinder. Money spent on things not needed leaves less for things that are.
- hinder
- Hinder it of course! Does our money mean nothing to you jokers?!?
- Help
- Hinder. When we have people, men, women and children homeless, when the food banks cannot keep up, jobs are gone, roads crumbling, schools needing repairs, and Calgary wants to spend billions on an event that will only benefit the IOC (which apart from being corrupt, gets most of the profits) - how can any rational person even begin to think that spending that amount of money on the Olympics will have any positive social / cultural impact. Just think what that money could do to actually benefit the citizens of Calgary if it was spent, not on a 10 day dream, but on improving the lives of Calgarians - how many low-income housing units could be build, how much could be spent to help the arts and music scene in Calgary, improve communities with new community centres, recreation centres etc. that all Calgarians could enjoy.
- Social, sure it would help. Cultural? I must have missed something.
- I've seen above that this would help put Calgary, actually they cite Canada, 'on the map'. We already are and take up a decent sized portion. Calgary specifically is already an international hub of travel, energy development, and study. Not only that but we see a huge spike in tourism ten days out of the year at minimum. We don't need the games to put us on the map, we are already there. Instead we should spend our time and efforts highlighting what already makes Calgary great, the people who live their lives here all year round.
- Yes it will help Calgary's future,

- I believe hosting the games would hinder Calgary's future. The debt burden will exist for decades after the games. What future opportunities will be forgone due to hosting the Olympic s.
- We have these benefits now from 88, no need for these games.
- This is an utter waste of tax payers money and will not impact "community" in any way long-term.
- Hinder. World class cities are dropping out so what does that say about us that we are continuing to investigate
- Help bring the city together! Focus on Calgary, not whistler or other cities.
- hinder. the last games caused a population boom that the city wasn't ready for. Doubtful it would be capable of handling it again.
- The cultural impacts of the games are generally positive, but the real question is whether they are worth the opportunity cost of being a host.
- It won't do anything to help. Look at Vancouver, they still have a massive homelessness problem.
- The impact of the games would hinder Calgary's future. Mainly the total cost not acceptable.
- Would not have a significant social impact other than to draw tax dollars away from other more necessary programs.
- I think it would help, bring more tourist here which adds more money in the pockets of local business. Making Calgary even bigger than it is
- This question is weird? It's a fact in recorded history they do very little if nothing at all to help a host city future! Right , everyone knows this.
- Too Damn Expensive
- Help - next generation experience and upgrade to facilities
- I believe the cost will put such a burden on the city that any future plans for social or cultural programs will have to be put on hold because of the debt these Olympic games will cause.
- I believe that the Games would hinder Calgarys future. In Canmore, affordable housing is already almost non-existent. Games would likely increase this, as it would once again put Calgary/Canmore on the world stage. It is hard enough for people to afford to live here, and this would not help. Many of the social issues we face today, were started with the boom following the Calgary 88 Olympics. We need to consider what we can do now before we consider hosting the Games
- These have already been here, give someone else a chance.
- I believe it always engenders strong social and cultural values in the positive. It also reminds us of our city pride.
- Hinder. The budget impacts would set us back socially and culturally for years since we will have no money to spend on these items.
- I believe it would hinder the progress of the city as our social and infrastructure agenda would be driven by the IOC instead of the needs of our city. We have pressing cultural and social needs that are not part of an Olympic bid, and spending billions on the Olympics will take money away from those other, more important, priorities.
- It would help. The games would bring people together and excite Calgarians and Canadians.
- Won't help when we have a huge debt to pay. No money left for cultural events. All our cultural institutions are suffering now. If the taxpayer has to cover the cost of increased taxes for the Olympic debt as well as increased property taxes to keep the current level of services, we won't have any money left to go to city cultural events. We already can't afford to buy tickets to go to Olympic events. It comes down to MONEY MONEY MONEY. The only place you get the MONEY to pay for the Olympics is to TAX TAX TAX.
- Short term gain. I don't see it helping out in the long term
- No doubt, it would hinder our future.
- Not when the IOC lets back into the games athletes that have been caught doping. What does that show our children, the only way t win is to cheat?
- Hinder - it'll result in social cleansing on an unprecedented scale as those who can afford high rents, hotel prices and ticket costs will push people who cannot out of the city.

- I think it will have a neutral effect on Calgary's future. The games in 1988 are touted as prosperous and a huge boost to our economy but that was before people travelled as much as they do today. I don't think the projected cost is worth the risk, and when have the olympics ever actually stayed under or on budget?
- These are short term benefits that will only last for the games. It may bring some topics to the forefront but we as a city and country need to deal with these social and cultural improvements on a regular basis. The future growth of Calgary unfortunately is still highly dependent upon oil futures.
- irrelevant - a two week party - soon forgotten - better to be remembered for a great show in 1988
- it will definatly help to develop a culture of sport and athletics
- It depends on what happens at the games. We don't need the games what we need is a new sports complex for both the Flames and the Stampeders. These are long term investments.
- There are no cultural impacts. It is no longer a sporting and arts festival.
- "Hinder. Your cost analysis is so off you should be jailed! We will go over budget, won't even have half the games in Calgary and will be paying for this for generations.
- The vote is going to be broken too. Anyone over 18 can vote!? So students and renters and non Canadian citizens can vote but won't have to pay the debt?"
- Hinder. It's a one time only bang that will draw from what is already here.
- "Hinder
- Olympic Games are elitist. There are many who can't attend due to cost"
- I think they would help, but at enormous expense.
- Hinder - as the cost associated with this would only hurt our economy drastically.
- Hinder, I do not see how the Olympics will help the communities. It's only 10 days of drinking coolaid for several billion dollars of tax payer money from municipal, provincial and federal government which is your and my money. If we have this cash which we don't as all levels of government have debt, let's use it to reduce our debt level so we save on taxes for our future generation instead of continuing to tax our way out.
- Unclear. These are easy to promise but difficult to quantify. Would the same results come from even less investment elsewhere?
- Yes it would. More taxes more burden on people
- HINDER. Absolutely hinder. This will force city council to increase taxes. We cannot afford the olympics.
- The huge cost risks of going over budget will hinder Calgary's future and will have negative social and cultural impact.
- No
- Help.
- "This will hurt our communities and erode our culture. When the bill comes due taxes go up. The cost to own or rent will go up and hurt everyone. Less money left in citizens pockets hurts Calgary businesses.
- It hurts or marketability to attract new business that would create good jobs. In today's growing mobile workforce why would I choose to live in a town or province riddled in debt?
- Future infrastructure projects will be put off as tax dollars go to make interest payments. Look at the core. Empty office space and missed lease payments. Those big towers aren't helping pay the debt. Empty building means no employees buying houses. No employees spending money helping Calgary businesses pay their taxes. Homeless, jobless and the house poor don't help build a society."
- hinder - the poor will be displaced again. More poor will come to get on the money bus.
- social and cultural impacts are minimal. The crowds will only be here for a short while. I can't see a social or cultural impact beyond that
- Nothing to do with social or cultural, its all about money we don't have!!!!!!
- Not worth the cost
- Help...international exposure

- Hinder - the drain and distraction of funding is a lost opportunity for many other priorities.
- Hinder. Partnering with a corrupt organization like the IOC sets the absolute worst example for our society.
- Low priority
- It would help Calgary and Alberta but at what cost?
- I think it's ridiculous that we can't properly fund the Greenline and we are discussing an Olympic bid.
- So many people are unable to find work. Why are we wasting money trying to prove to the world how great we are (but not really, because many events won't even be held here) when we can't provide for our own citizens? I thought we were trying to end homelessness. Making the citizens of Calgary pay taxes out of the hard earned money they are scraping by with to fund a giant show boating event put on by a corrupt organization does not seem like the best way to show Calgarians they matter.
- help - builds a sense of community/togetherness
- Neither help nor hinder
- I don't see how hosting the olympics will improve Calgary culture
- this is an obviously fishing for justification
- They are irrelevant. This is about whether we can afford to host a games whiles partnering with a corrupt IOC. Why do we have no financial information and the Victoria bus news was leaked, not actually shared with the taxpayers of Calgary. Getting money from Edm and Ottawa is not free money, last time I checked, there is only one taxpayer. WOW.
- It will bring our city together for 10 days then we'll be left with a huge tax burden for decades. Not worth it. I don't see a long term benefit.
- No change
- It will hinder the steady increase of growth on Calgary development and instead of diversifying the spending it will be poured in this one time show.
- Hinder ! costs!! Infrastructure and affordable housing already suffering - don't add to the mess by creating more issues when funds are limited. Paid volunteers - minimum wage
- I see no positive social or cultural impact.
- The Games could be a turning point and an example for how a Games can be properly managed. The '88 games were transformative for Calgary. Very few people would disagree. A chance to do it again is simply light upon light.
- Hinder: costs too much taking away from other programs. And costs r going balloon. O ly a fool would think otherwise
- This seems like an incredibly expensive way to achieve the goals of the community. Why not take half (~\$2.5 billion) and build a few new ice sheets? I bet we could achieve much with that kind of cash, and save the community from the IOC and all the related risks.
- Help. New jobs created. Use of facilities and housing after the games.
- could be achieved more cheaply and sustainably without the pretense of the games
- No long term effects.
- The would likely help Calgary's future, but the impact would be minimal. If we are paying for the games for generations to come, this could actually hinder Calgary's future
- Do not care, obviously it has the potential to benefit Calgary but this is not a priority and not an appropriate or efficient way to achieve social impact!!!
- Will not help Calgary.
- It will hinder our community social impact. What does Calgary really care about business or people! Look after our people with my tax dollars Nenshi.
- The point is the cost, we can't afford it
- Hinder. It's a party for rich people that has little benefit for the poor.
- I believe they would help, providing an incredible catalyst for increased volunteerism, accessibility and for boosting our arts and culture scene

- Hinder
- The coat is detrimental to all and there is no net benefit except to a few at the expense of the many.
- Help. Increase volunteerism, environmental standards Calgary can set/achieve, work and training programs that could be integrated into prep and execution of Games.
- Positive if The Org Committee use its leverage to ignore the straight jacket imposed by IOC guidelines and improve the Games.
- There would be 16 days of cultural learning between athletes. Again except for watching the games on TV which I can do when they are somewhere else at our salary between my husband and I of \$30,000 per year there will be nothing but more taxes for us.
- help, but not as much as a new Dome and Stadium
- Hinder. Why would you want to destroy a legacy of the games that Ralph has, knowing damn well that it'll be messed up & we'll be on the hook for billions.
- Hinder, there will be so much animosity between the majority of Calgarians that don't want the Olympics, versus the small minority that do. There will be so much tension and resistance.
- It is irrelevant.
- Hinder. The money spent servicing debt is too much. The opportunity costs of an Olympics draws money away from other potentials like highspeed rail, a stadium that can host world class artists, better transportation networks, paying off debt the city already has, etc. Spreading the games out across western Canada is a bad idea that doesn't help our community at all.
- They will hinder the community by asking the people to pay more in taxes
- Potential impacts? Who could guess?
- Help, definitely. Calgary needs some more diversity.
- HINDER
- help, Calgary became an international city as a result of hosting the '88 games, The brand is now declining. Calgary should be known as the home of energy, the Stampede and winter sport
- Of course it would help, but we cannot afford it.
- Neither - it is a limited high
- It's absolutely helping Calgary to stand out from international reputation
- if you think Calgary needs new community facilities, just build them. the Olympics will not provide any additional benefit.
- Spending \$\$ on the Olympics does not help Calgary's future
- No. Our city cannot afford to make this happen. I'm not paying for it, and I would not be able to afford to attend any events like so many other people in our city.
- Any potential benefits are minuscule compared to the cost. Because of the outrageous costs the games will be a hindrance to Calgary's future.
- Help!
- Worked in our favor before, more people need to know we are more than the Stampede.
- I think the social and cultural impacts of the games are being overstated. It will help Calgary's future only a small amount.
- Help, FOR A SHORT TIME. Not a good move to do something that costs so much to have a SHORT Party high.
- The social and cultural experience for our citizens, and those from around the world that will come, will be excellent... but at what cost to Calgarians and for how many years??
- Money Money money that no communities will actually see.
- Hinder, distracts from mandated priorities and spends on services that are not universally appreciated.
- Hinder. Because we cannot afford it.
- If we are talking strictly about social and cultural impacts, INDEPENDENT of cost, I think the impact of the games would help Calgary's future. The legacy of sports funding would be great but it is not

worth the COST of hosting the games (especially since we haven't been able to nail down provincial and federal funding)

- There is no acceptable cost/benefit to any potential social or cultural impacts. Don't hide behind this flavor of the day in an attempt to leverage public opinion in favour of continuing to participate in this bidding process.
- Considering our debt and poor economy this is a non-issue - to even make this part of our consideration is laughable and a hinderance in itself. I'd rather have a JOB and a roof over my head than worry about how this will make our city look to outsiders.
- I think it will help put Calgary on a map again. Display to the world that we are a WORLD CLASS City that provides a home to 1M+ people that is beautiful, prosperous and an exciting place to live.
- I don't think the games would have significant social and cultural impacts, and therefore, minimal impact on Calgary's future.
- Both. There are benefits and drawbacks that make is hard to be definitively yes or no. I feel there should be statistics and verifiable facts from past Olympics (not only in Calgary) that should be helping make this decision rather than my mostly uninformed perceptions of possible social cultural, economic, or environmental impacts may/may not be. Olympic Games have adverse impacts on people who are already "marginalized" or experiencing conditions that make life challenging and in past Olympic games hosting the Games has made these conditions much worse. Overall this could make more things more unaffordable in the future.
- This is non-sense... HINDER. Social & cultural exposure will NOT pay the bill. We are in a recession, entertaining hosting the games is plain irresponsible of the city of Calgary.
- We don't want it!
- If there was some guarantee against cost overruns and that the scope of the infrastructure budget will not increase dramatically then the games would have a great social and cultural impact. If these two things are not met though then the games will always have a black eye.
- Terrorism will for sure increase. though short term jobs may seem to go up but long term losses and debt will be huge for generations to come. Even now common Calgarians can not retire and have to keep working to make both ends meet! Snow removal is huge expense for a family, in terms of time, health/ energy and money. we need decent services for the amount of taxes we pay. Canadians residing in other Canadian cities pay similar amount of taxes and get much much better services in terms of recycling/ snow or flood managements , street cleaning , waste management and lots more . Calgary councillors are always asking for more and more taxes/ and keep crying for short fall no matter who is the mayor ? WHY SO â ¦fix that first and bring Calgarians at par with services to taxes RATIO as compared to other Canadian cities . Toronto and Vancouver have more volume / area/ budget / man power and logically more capable to HOST games , we are broke and poor Canadian city . stop the bid and focus on domestic economy .
- Hinder. this is a one week social party for those who can afford it. No benefit to the average Calgarian and likely more harm given the costs and impact on other City/provincial services. During a time of cutbacks, why would we spend money on these games. Council must be looking for a project to give them a legacy. Maybe try and get their names written in stone somewhere. "I helped make the games happen" - yea, in your last term in office because we do not want you after that...
- The Olympics seem to continuously be overshadowed by controversy and scandal. I see no need to invite that into the city. I don't believe the Olympics would bring the boost to community pride and spirit that they once did.
- The reputation of the IOC is not something Calgary needs to be associated with. The fact that Council is even entertaining the idea tells me a lot about their character and how low they would stoop (not to mention tap the wallets of all Canadian Taxpayers because they are running out of money due to poor financial management). The CEO Moran is an embarrassment trying to pit generation against generation with her 'Over 55s' argument (there are many young people who are smart enough to know hosting the Games is a lame idea). Incredible they would appoint her to the

position given poor performance on the City Economic File for years (too close to the Bid Co Chair and others in political power makes poor choices for leadership files paid with city money). Do not tell the public what you will be spending money on and then move budget dollars to something else and act so dishonest after the plebiscite as some Councillors were trying to do. They have caused trust issues that will linger long after this plebiscite is a FIRM NO ON NOVEMBER 13TH.

- Neither, it's not relevant when we simply don't have the money to submit a bid.
- Doesn't matter, cannot afford it. Always cost overruns, and we will be stuck with the bill. Cannot trust anything the IOC says. If this city votes no in the plebiscite, I have no confidence in the mayor or the council to pull the bid. They will ram it through anyway. All this getting the opinion of the people is smoke and mirrors.
- We have had an influx of immigrants to alberta. Lets show them our spirit and engage newcomers to participate in this event. Community can get behind these games and show the world that calgary is a place to come and prosper.
- "Calgary already has a high percentage of volunteers, the Olympics will not increase the numbers.
- The arts need funding, Heritage park needs funding, how wasteful to spend \$30M on an Olympic bid when these areas of community in Calgary are begging for money."
- "The way the mayor & council have divided Calgarians on this subject is disgusting. They feel it is more important to waste money on a bid where accurate information on costs vs benefits have been not truthfully forthcoming. Lots of hoping to provide costs/information and maybe this or that. And then to have other locations be involved in events such as ski jumping, curling, hockey is absolutely ridiculous.
- Calgary already is a world destination because of the Stampede. Let's stick with this, we do not need another Olympics to promote Calgary.
- Take care of Calgarians first in dealing with issues that are important to us such as homelessness, affordable housing, opioid crisis, infrastructure upgrading and finally fiscal management. These are the things that our mayor & council should focus on."
- There are no benefits
- Hinder
- Do we want to be in the world's eye with today's security risks? What about a potential platform for everyone hell-bent against the "tar" sands? I believe we are already a world-class city with adequate tourism (e.g. Banff, which is restricted from growing any bigger). We need to invest in long-lasting economic diversification, not a one-time block party. We were a young city when we first hosted the Olympics and needed the status boost. We're grown up now; let's act our age.
- It would have zero impact.
- Hinder, I think we can do better putting our money elsewhere. We already have a world class multicultural city that is the envy of the world.
- I DO NOT SUPPORT A BID FOR THE OLYMPICS!
- It will help. There is a lot of non-monetary benefit. No doubt. I just wish there was a better understanding of "how much we'd be in the hole after the games" so I can compare that cost to these non-monetary ones and make an informed decision
- Opportunity to promote active, healthy lifestyles. Volunteers spirit to energize the community. United vision of ensuring Calgary is a world class city and elevate it in global hierarchy to #2 as most livable city.
- How well has the last Olympic helped? Not at all
- We don't have to host olympics to further culture. I am against supporting an organization as corrupt as the Olympic Organizing Committee. Their demands are unreasonable. Costs far outweigh any benefit.
- No material impact either way after the event is done.
- Not help

- For the events themselves there is likely positive impacts. Even the economic benefits leading into it are likely positive. However it's likely not for the benefit of Albertans. The labor required to facilitate the games will come from outsiders who after their jobs are done, will be gone with our money. Just like the last oil boom, workers had to come from all over to meet demand. They aren't here anymore as is the benefits of the boom. We'll be left with the debt and facilitates, which under current perceived social needs, will be considered replaceable in a few decades. It's not worth it.
- Social and cultural impacts are fluff and should not be considered. It should be a cost issue and we can't afford it.
- The social impact of the games is felt for years after the event ends. People will continue to come to Calgary from around the world, including athletes, coaches, families to utilize our renovated and world class facilities. It also give Calgarians a shared goal and something to look forward to. The economy has been tough, and we have to decide if we want to live and die by the price of oil...something we can never control...or if we want to strive to be on the world stage and celebrate youth, excellence, and sport.
- I feel the impacts to lower income and senior populations - those who may have their own home and pay taxes - will be too much for them to handle. Even middle income families are struggling. Calgary is not in a position to spend huge amounts of money on an event that will not benefit most Calgarians. The only positive thing I see coming out of this very costly endeavor is the possible low cost and senior housing. Unfortunately this can not be considered a solid outcome because too much of this proposal is lacking facts and concerns are high on the costs now and as time goes on. Prices only seem to go up and that is not reassuring. Money would be better spent on improving Calgary as a safe city with roads, sidewalks, parks and other green areas kept in top condition. As we continue to grow (as evidenced by the addition of more new communities) we need to focus on services such as fire halls, police force growth and places for ordinary Calgarians to spend recreational time in free, well-kept parks and green spaces. Walkways, bike paths are important additions to communities all over Calgary. As a native Calgarian I would like to see Calgary help out Heritage Park which is culturally important and a huge attraction for tourists. We also need to remember that the people who are living in poverty, with mental illness, living on the street or are home-bound seniors are not likely to be able to vote with regard to an Olympic bid. They are just trying to get through each day as it comes. Who will vote for them? I don't think they will be visiting the Olympic venues and neither will many other Calgarians who are out of work or simply can't afford to add this event to their list of increasing costs just to feed and clothe their families. Charities will suffer as corporations move their charitable donations to the big time advertising potential of donating to the Olympics. It may have been good for Calgary in 1988 but this event has lost money since those times and that is the last thing Calgary needs. Our future Calgarians really don't need to deal with a huge debt either.
- Hinder
- Hinder. The costs and risks are too high. The focus on elite sport means a lack of attention to other priorities. For 8 years we lose our flexibility in planning and if things go badly with the Olympics that flexibility could be gone for several years.
- Help- Calgary is a fantastic city with many things going for it already. The Olympics will add landmarks and stories to the city's history and bolster cultural pride.
- I believe socially and culturally the games would be a benefit to these areas; however I am very concerned about the financial cost of hosting the games. Our taxes are too high in this city already.
- Wouldn't make much of a difference
- Hinder due to probability of cost overruns which will impact services. Can't see how we will have social and cultural benefits if the economy is suffering too much due to frivolous spending
- The impact will benefit Calgary's future. Calgarians will have an opportunity to work together. The paralympics will increase Calgarians awareness of those with special needs.

- the costs could put us in a big hole financially. If we don't go ahead with this is such a waste of money that never should have been spent in the first place. This must be a vanity project for someone at City Hall
- help
- I think the games will negatively affect Calgary as we will have less funds for the community.
- Waste of money
- With the eyes of the world upon Calgary, our success - or failure - to hold each other accountable to the principles outlined in the hosting plan will reinforce what we can learn and apply as a living city. We have a real chance to demonstrate our commitment to making a liveable city, for all citizens, consistent with reconciling our past, and focussed on the future.
- help
- Having the Olympics will have a positive impact on the community. Calgary can continue to flourish as a top tier winter sporting city not just in the country, but the whole world. These facilities will give the public (especially youth) an opportunity to engage in multiple sport and recreational activities.
- In the end the people who will benefit are those already in the mainstream. Lip service with little substance. Little or no consideration is given to those on the fringe i.e. those with the greatest need. Unfortunately it is this sector of the population (and they pay taxes as much as anyone) who are left holding the bag when all is said and done. The appalling social conditions that still exist in such a wealthy city is shameful. Monies need to be distributed to support infrastructure to benefit ALL Calgarians. It is long lasting sustainable programs that require attention not the one time 'flash' event that will leave detritus in its wake and crippling debt.
- Hinder.
- Hinder, this is going to split the social opinions in half and not bring us together
- Hurt, instead of helping our community organizations we will be putting resources towards making tourist feel safe.
- there is minimal social and Cultural impact left in the city from the previous olympics and the Indigenous peoples would seize this opportunity for excessive exposure, The cost is so prphibitive that it would be a sad day to put a city in such economic crisis further into debt simply for the mayor's dream projects.. We are only a cith of a millionn people with the highest unemployment rate we've ever livid with as well. All the major companies that stepped up and volunteered last time are either gone or running with skeleton staff and there isn't a hope in hell of finding that rainbow again
- Hinder. Nothing good comes from increased taxes and likely still high vacancy rates.
- I believe it would help, as long as we set requirements for IOC members to not be racist/sexist/homophobic or corrupt.
- It will do neither help or hinder socially. It is too big an unknown cost
- Neither. The future of Calgary has little to do with hosting an Olympics. If that were the case cities would be lining up.
- Could hinder. The way things are right now I think the cultural impact could go sideways.
- Too expensive. Other things to do.
- The real and potential risks far outweigh any possible benefits.
- HINDER. We are in an economic mess, and will not do a good job. We'll simply look bad on a global stage.
- Help for sure
- Help as the Olympics are World Games
- Certainly the games would have a positive social and cultural impact, but at what cost to the taxpayers. Calgarians eho have lost their jobs, their life savings to try to stay afloat don't need to have increased property taxes for little long term gain!
- Hinder. The tax levels will rise beyond acceplevel to pay the debt incurred for hosting the games. This will impoverish the citizens and prevent the City from being able to provide badly needed infrastructure and services due to high levels of debt servicing.

- Culture and tourism is beneficial. Not on my tax dollars for an IOC bid... they do not deserve my tax dollars!
- Waste of time. Nobody cares
- The housing created will probably go to a "new" Non-Albertan
- No one cares about the Olympics anymore. It's just a way of funding corrupt Eurocrat good ol' boys. It's a tarnished organisation, that stains the image of host cities.
- Neither
- "It will hinder Calgary because of cost!! There is only 1 tax payer - and it's us! Whether the money is from Municipal, Provincial or Federal Govt - it's out of our pocket.
- Why can't Mayor Nenshi and the Council be HONEST with us about the real costs. It's a total cover up."
- I don't believe the social and cultural impacts will outway the costs to Calgary and it's existing social and cultural programs and services.
- I think it might promote people from other cultures to come and live here, as it would show off our city.
- Help. Having more people from different cities/provinces/countries is not a bad thing. The only hinderance comes from the congestion the highways/hotels/airport will feel with an influx of visitors.
- No
- It would be lovely to say we held the Games 2 times but not at the risk of finding ourselves in debt afterwards. Culturally its positive. It would bring the community together in celebration over a long time tradition from around the world. But if it put's us in financial ruin then it's not worth it at all.
- Help. One thing that many Olympic host cities struggle with is what to do with the facilities once the games are over. This is not the case for Calgary, and we know this as fact as many of the venues from the '88 games are still in use today. People are concerned we will be spending "5 billion dollars for a 2 weeks party", but really we will be continuing the legacy of the '88 games for generations to come.
- If Calgary is unable or unwilling to address the above stated community needs without having the Olympics, then I don't have a lot of hope for the future of Calgary.
- Honderhinder
- I think the cultural impacts of the game will temporarily help Calgary. But cost over runs will soon raise taxes and cuts in services will result from the city for social and cultural programs. Tax payers will have less disposable income for social and cultural opportunities as we will have to pay for the overrun.
- I think it will be good, but care must be taken to not burden low income Calgarians with additional financial challenges. I would like to see any paying positions be offered to low-income Calgarians first.
- I dont think it would be wise when there are many more important things to spend the people of Calgary's money on. we would all like new arenas and facilities but the reality is the city is already getting expensive to live in and do business in so anything that would drastically increase that cost is not a wise move either financially or politically. when a community has the perception that their views dont really count as i suspect the olympic bid is already a done deal , it removes what i call the quality of life feel in a city and people then move taking their skills and finances with them.
- It would perhaps temporarily help BUT construction and pre construction would benefit for projects on the unfunded list. If we need to build we should build. Borrowing for certain long lasting infrastructure can make economical sense.
- Neutral on this
- It would hinder because it only lasts 10 days so it would cause caos all through the city for hard working Calgarians and after that we're left with awesome sport arenas that most Calgarians can't afford to use anyway and everyone else just goes home and we're left with paying for everything.
- Are you serious there is no benefit just costs that will bog us fown for decades.

- Not sure the Games would help the community at all. The 88 Olympics were a different time for Calgary and for the world. Right now there are way too many unknowns, at home and globally. Calgary has already been discovered by the world.
- Hinder. This whole process has angered many Calgarians - closed doors, secrets. Council failed to recognize the downturn when it happened. Burgeoning Tokyo costs should be a lesson.
- Possibly hinder
- Hinder if cost over run brings long term debt
- There is nothing in the information you provided that proves a social and cultural impact to Calgary's future, These are just "talking points"
- "Hinder! We are broke and being run by the most corrupt council in my 58 years here. We cannot trust the current mayor whom thinks the city should lend him money to pay off his \$300,000.00 legal bills interest free! He then awards contract funds to his major contributor toward paying off said legal bill. Meetings are almost all conducted in secret. Elections are illegally run with out letting the citizens vote due to lack of ballots. No one is held accountable for this sham of a civic election. Are the same people conducting the plebiscite vote? Mayor calls citizen racists if they don't vote for him. Taxes climb every year at increasing rates. City services charges climb monthly. Crime is up, homelessness is up, regulations thru the roof. Still can't plow the roads and wages are increasing daily.
- You expect us racists to approve a budget in billions for your little ego trip. H#ll you can't even tell us how much, can you.....? So where does the buck stop Mr Mayor? Hopefully in court with your corrupt bunch in jail?
- So yes it would hinder this community for 50 years!"
- - Calgary is already recognized as a world class city another olympics is not going to greatly impact that. If social and cultural pact is the goal, then invest directly in city programs and services directly.
- "May" help. Calgary is already a known name in the world, I don't believe hosting another Olympics will be a great impact. It did not do anything more for Vancouver. I would consider this a hinder
- "Legacy" is not worth this cost to our community...in fact, our legacy, if we go through with this, will be that of the pathetic fool, desperate to hang on the glory of their prosperous days so much so that they ignore their present realities and spend even more recklessly. One post quite accurately noted that Calgary is not known internationally for the 88 Olympics - Calgary Stampede, yes...Olympics, no.
- A 10 day sports event may get the city short term fame as a destination. After that we will be forgotten with under used facilities that will require upkeep. Overall the impact will be negative.
- A bid on the games will do nothing to help an already struggling economy.
- A corrupt entity (Olympics, not city hall...although I fear the fix is all but in) shouldn't be dictating terms to a first world, first rate city like ours. People are having a hard time paying their taxes in this city. Burdening them with subsidizing this thing is malfeasance of the highest order. Please don't pursue this by pouring in good money after bad. We're not a dictatorial regime feigning legitimacy by hosting a publically funded farce. No Olympics, yes to a just Calgary.
- A definite help
- A legacy of higher taxes and adversely affected small businesses would damage Calgary's future ability to welcome the growth that would diversify us socially and culturally.
- A loaded question. Sure the Olympics would have a positive impact on the social and cultural future of Calgary. But the cost is not worth it. That's the point that governments and idealist just never seem to get. It's like asking if providing dental care for everyone for a two week period would benefit our health. Yes it would. But the cost of providing this would be huge. And our governments at all levels had better start understanding the concept of living within your means.
- A lot of money for a 2 week event. I don't see there being any help or hindrance
- A misdirection of funds that could be used for low income housing and green line. Not just a few housing units
- A short term benefit with minimal long term positive impacts

- Absolutely help!! Engaged citizens and being on the world stage creates pride, volunteerism, inclusion opportunities, integration of arts, sport, business, not to mention accessibility improvements.
- Absolutely help. Calgary has changed from the "Can Do" City to the "Woe is Me" City. We need something to bring this City together to get away from constant negativity.
- Absolutely it would help Calgary's future. we want to be recognized as a world class city in the 21st century, a city that can make decisions and follow through on them. We have a strong history of development of athletes in Winter Sports and it would serve our city well to continue that tradition. We are a young city, with many newcomers and it would be beneficial in the long term to continue to attract and engage newcomers to feel a part of this great city.
- Absolutely not. The only impacts would be on the egos of Nenshi and his supporters
- Adding massive debt spending will definitely hinder the future.
- Additional inventory of low-income housing is a big positive...but the city doesn't need to host a two-week, multi-billion-dollar party to address this need. Sports "culture" is already over-emphasized in Canada. Any money spent on the Olympics would be much better spent and give much higher returns if invested in education.
- Affordability and accessibility are huge concerns. People still talk about how they couldn't go to any events during the '88 olympics because of the cost of tickets. Transit is going to be overwhelmed and will struggle to handle getting the volume of people to events. Events outside the city (ex. Canmore) are beyond many local residents to access. Who is this even for? A showcase and party for the wealthy from around the world? The event itself is rife with scandal, budget overruns, and favouritism. This is not an event that would benefit the citizens of Calgary to be associated with.
- "Affordable housing is critical, and I would agree that it is important. Calgary has a growing arts and culture community that is creating great things.
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- However, I don't understand why this needs to be attached to the Games. What is unique about the Olympics that would make affordable housing feasible? Why can't we do these projects ourselves and save on operating costs?"
- After the 88 Olympics we were known as the friendliest place on earth and it was for quite a while after the games. Sure would be good for the city to be lifted up like that again!!!
- After the Hoopla of the games pass, there will be no lingering tangible benefit.
- Agenda 2020 increases the significance of sustainability and recycling of facilities. Building new facilities that continue to add to Calgary's economic wealth as the 1988 legacy has, and adding green technology such as carbon neutral athlete villages and transportation that will benefit the city, province and country has an inestimable social benefit. We can use the games to build new green and sustainable energy technologies, build social housing and have world class athlete training facilities that other countries pay to use.
- Already was a game in 88. The debt and increased taxation will push people farther away from owning a home
- Although this is a distant fourth concern, expanding our culture would probably help Calgary in the long run.
- An absolute hindrance.
- Any benefits are outweighed by the potential of cost over runs
- Any billion dollar output will have a negative effect on Calgary's future.
- Any gains are not worth the cost.
- Any positive impact will be overshadowed by the cost implications to tax payers and if it were to proceed when Calgarians clearly don't want this it will have political implications. Any social gains are small compared to what a tax and energy tariff increases would be
- Any potential benefits would not be worth the cost.
- As I did not see any after 1988's olympics, I see NO benefit socially NOR culturally.

- As one of Calgary's longtime residents, I don't see a lasting impact from the previous games in 1988.
- As proven with all Olympic games it would hinder our future due to outlandish tax increases by the purple princess. Calgary has no infrastructure or transportation to take on the games at a cost of over 10 billion taxpayers cannot afford her highnesses so called flat legacy. When will calgarians wake up. There is no economic benefit to an Olympic games plain and simple. Anyone who knows economics knows that is a fact.
- As we saw with the 1988 Olympics, there are negligible benefits.
- Associating Calgary with the IOC could damage Calgary's reputation since the IOC is a repeat offender of corruption and cheating which has shown little interest in correcting.
- At this time, I do not see a positive or a negative here. Calgary is already well known due to the 1988 Olympics and the bid for the Amazon HQ2. The social and cultural impacts should not be a significant factor in determining the way forward.
- at what enormous cost? Hinder!
- Bad in all aspects
- Based on limited information that's been provided to date, I suggest impact will be neutral. From a social (housing, accessibility, diversity) perspective, I feel there will be negative or no change from what we currently have in Calgary. For cultural exposure, I do not agree the world will see us differently than it currently does, nor retain any of the cultural "stimulation" from an Olympics event. Based on my experience watching international events of all types, what sticks with me is how the event was executed and the impact in the following years. I have not been convinced of any positive, life-changing impact from the presentations made to date by Calgary2026.
- Benefit if we can be seen as a modern, multicultural, embracing society with a educated, modern population to service business diverse business growth
- big help for Calgary's reputation, tourism, etc
- Big unknown and risk involved. Any facilities built will only benefit a small percentage of citizens.
- Bit of a silly question - the answer is help, obviously. But the price is too high.
- Both help and hinder if we dont treat this differently from Vancouver. Vancouver was a mess and they shipped most of their homeless to Vancouver island because of the games, creating worse conditions for people. It might help Calgary but I dont want to destroy another community just to make ours look better.
- Brings community together . Volunteerism was an important factor in the success of the '88 Olympics. Volunteers will help keep costs down and , more importantly, help develop a feeling of unity and pride in our City.
- Calary is already broke, why make it worse!
- Calgarians will be encouraged and inspired to be more involved with sports, thus helping improving the health of the general public.
- Calgary already has an extremely diverse culture, the games would not help or hinder. This question is completely arbitrary.
- Calgary as a community can not afford this expenditure. The economy of this city is of most importance and the games will stress that recovery beyond repair. As a senior I am community minded but I also question where this city at this time will find or be able to supply the volunteers for the venture. I was part of the 88 party and an employer who allowed my employees the time off to partake. Today I would not be able to afford such an idea. I am NOT for the games.
- Calgary council is to concerned with destroying our culture to take any credit for those that have built this city
- Calgary does not need the Olympics.
- Calgary doesn't have culture. The first Olympics didn't change the culture so why would these ones. The only reason people live in the winter hell hole is because of jobs. Culture has zero effect on people moving/staying in Calgary. It's all about the money. That's why everyone care about that. Folks working within cushy government jobs just don't seem to get it. Spend 5 billion to get

pipelines through and reduce the WCS differential and you would have support. Not with this because it's all debt we can't pay back.

- Calgary has already hosted one Olympics so I think any added social/cultural benefit would be minor.
- Calgary has community. We are also politically divided - forcing an unpopular project on a strongly opposed population will cause further fracturing.
- Calgary is already diverse and hosts a number of world class events including Stampede, Petroleum Show, Pipeline expo etc. Hosting another world event will not effect Calgary's cultural presence.
- Calgary is already quite diversified in the cultural sense, i dont think hosting the Olympics would either help or hinder.
- Calgary is already the place to be in Canada for winter sports athletics. Hosting the games again will be superfluous.
- Calgary is known for the Stampede and as the gateway to the Rockies. No one I've spoken to in Europe or Asia mentions the 1988 olympics. Even the Flames garner a greater response.
- Calgary needs to compete globally in education, health, advanced transportation and high technology, not IOC corruption.
- Calgary was not made a world class city because of the last Olympics.
- Calgary will be in spotlight for 2 weeks and then forgotten by the world. Use history of previous Olympic games as a guide. Brazil and Greece took huge hits to their economies due to staging the Olympic games not to mention all the social issues that emerged by directing funds to the games instead of social issues like jobs, affordable housing, drug addiction, etc.
- Calgary will get exposure during a games but no residual effect so not worth it. History shows that many host cities actually see a drop in visitors during a games because those not attending events choose to stay away because of the busyness while the games are on.
- Calgary's future is more dependent on the businesses and industry it can attract and develop and if there is a strong successful business community then the cultural and social benefits to the city will follow.
- Calgary's future would be better served by spending on needed services an infrastructure and not adding unnecessary debt load to its citizens.
- Can't you people see how many are against this? It is not organized... it is just grass roots opposition. Try talking to people who don't agree with you... actually, don't talk to them... listen to them. There are no political parties in municipal elections, so try listening.
- Certain benefits do accrue to the city. Economic migrants don't really care about the benefits. Certain groups benefit largely. Most citizens will not really see the benefits or use the facilities. Not a worthwhile investment. City could improve infra in general not really using the Olympics as a support.
- City council claims they don't have money for services already. Quit mortgaging our future.
- Cost and economy dwarf the social and cultural impacts, so they are pretty much inconsequential.
- Cost and risks are tangible and far outweigh any pie in the sky potential social and cultural impact
- Cost of repaying for years. People who fund this can't afford to attend the games.
- Cost overruns are a fact of life for virtually all Olympics. Why would we burden ourselves with an uncalculated future liability that will limit our ability to invest in communities and spending on social programs?
- Cost would burden citizens
- Costs associated with this bid will be unfortunately carried by the future adults that currently do not have a vote.
- Costs will hinder
- Could could go either way

- Could go either way! If there aren't any problems it could help BUT if there is ONE or MORE problems particularly if there a major problem risking lives or causing death(s) it could be a disaster for Calgary's future
- Could help but with this economy we need more concrete economic imitative S for all citizens of Alberta
- Could help by getting Calgarians working and celebrating together.
- Could help if we focus on the indigenous communities
- Could help, although the cost burden will be a divisive element that could outweigh any community benefits
- Cultural dollars would be best spent supporting local artists and projects. State-of-the-art convention centre would provide continuous and long-lasting benefits. There will be little to no community benefits. Social housing will be the first item dropped once the costs spiral out of control.
- Cultural impact would be a plus if it was cost beneficial, which it won't be.
- Cultural Impact: Spending billion of dollars to fund a PED competition - wow, what a concept.
- Cultural impacts? No level of government has enough money to waste.
- Culturally, the games would improve Calgary in the long term. However, not by enough to justify the costs.
- Culturally, the Olympics will showcase the city of Calgary to the world and provide immense exposure.
- Culture is going to help.
- Definitely help! I want Calgary to be a world leader in so many facets: sports, arts, culture, entertainment, education, community. We also need to build our competitiveness to draw businesses. We know 9ur city is an amazing. Let's show the world again.
- Definitely will help! Bringing the world to this city will take us away for the letarcy of our culture
- Depends who you are talking about. If you mean the average citizen then it does nothing for them but adds tax burden. If you mean the rich who can afford all these obscure sports and skiing then sure, it helps them. They say everyone benefits from these things but that's not true. The only people who say that aren't coming from my non-privileged, low/middle income, non-business, no "connections" background - for us we get nothing but more bills and less income left for everything else in life.
- Do we really need to rely on sports to bring the community together? Honestly...there is so much more to life that the flames and the Olympics.
- Do you expect those that need affordable housing to wait till athletes are finished with them 10 yrs from now? Affordability and Access needs to be addressed now. If we don't have this for our citizen now we are not a world class city. You don't address these issue because you want to impress people. You have citizens whose taxes are going up. You need to manage our money better now.
- doesn't matter cost is too high
- Don t know
- Don't know
- Don't need so many people in that duration of time
- Don't think it would matter...this is about cost
- Don't want it sick of talking about it
- Enhance but at what cost to all?
- Enhance. The winter games exposes the world to this city.
- Even if it helps, it comes down to "at what cost". We'd be far better off focusing on the already major issues facing our City (unemployment, underemployment, failed pipelines, failing companies, the loss of the Alberta Advantage, etc.) rather than having an "ego" boost event like the Olympic Games.
- Everyone will be taxed to their limit to pay the debt that will come from the venture you will negate any positives that might come out of hosting. Considering the cheaters in sports being allowed to

compete, what is the message you are sending ? Stop living in 1988.. those days are gone. The city has the saddle dome that largely sits unused, ski jumps being decommissioned. Just google all the ghost venues from previous olympics, it's an incredible mis-use of funds for a select group of people.

- Exposing Calgary to the Olympic Games will have a positive social and cultural impact.
- Focus on games will hinder investment in critical infrastructure.
- Focus would be shifted to the games at the expense of infrastructure including replacment of many outdated arenas used for many community events and sports activities, particularly by our youth.
- For 10 days the cultural exchanges will be great (especially for the athletes) but after that we Calgarians are left with the debt, maybe a couple cool venues that nobody can afford to use & still crummy transit & infrastructure. The money could be much better spent improving Calgary for Calgarians.
- For a little over a week, the community comes together, but beyond that, the social and cultural impact is minimal.
- For me cost is the most important factor. Of course social and cultural impacts would be positive and help Calgary's future but AT WHAT COST!
- for the cost of the games, the community could make far better investments in housing in locations that make sense.
- "For your consideration of just how fictitious City Hall numbers are (not including the stuff they tried to hide that got leaked), take a look at a past Olympics and an upcoming one...
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- Cities tend to exclude large amounts of associated costs when they submit a bid to host the Olympics. Such bids usually include only core components such as the main facilities so that the bids are easier to compare. Building design, security measures, transportation and other costs are largely excluded.
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- The 2012 London Olympics cost \$19 billion, compared with the bid estimate of \$6.5 billion.
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- In 2013, when they were awarded the right to host the 2020 Summer Olympics, Tokyo officials said they could stage the Games for 829 billion yen, or \$7.3 billion at the current exchange rate of 113 yen to the dollar.
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- According to a report released this week by the national government's Board of Audit and reviewed by the Associated Press, Japan is likely to spend at least \$25 billion and possibly more for the 2020 Games. That figure is nearly four times the original 2013 estimate and more than doubles the number that was thrown out just 10 months ago, when the Tokyo organizing committee said the Olympic budget was about \$12 billion.
- Japanese taxpayers will foot 80 percent of the final bill, the audit found.
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- "The Games overrun with 100 percent consistency," University of Oxford researchers wrote in a 2012 study. "No other type of mega project is this consistent regarding cost overrun. Other project types are typically on budget from time to time, but not the Olympics.""
- From what I can tell, many Calgarians are not interested in hosting the Games. Our international reputation could be bolstered, but locally speaking, I think it will be too divisive.
- Games are a circus, they do not feed the poor and needy
- Games may help to alleviate some pressure on affordable housing but only perpetuates the problem. Stats have shown that even though the city has housed over 3000 homeless people in last 10ish years, we still have 3000 homeless people.
- Games will disrupt normal planning processes and take priority away from other social and cultural issues that need attention.

- Games would negatively impact Calgary's future with the over-run costs being borne by taxpayers for many years to come.
- Great deal of HARM. Tax burden that would drag Calgary down for decades.
- Greatly help Calgary's future
- Hard question to answer, I would hope that there would be unity of the diversity in our city, but I've seen many intolerant people.
- hard to say, but with the extremely high cost of hosting the games and the difficult economic situation in Calgary, the community may very well suffer
- Hard to worry about social and cultural impact when your bankrupt
- Has the potential to hinder socially by taking money away from other civic priorities.
- Having to potentially increase taxes will have a more detrimental effect on peoples ability to use disposable income to enjoy cultural activities in the city
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- Help - a Games opens up your community, draws world attention, explores the strengths of a city/province/country and highlights areas for growth. There are no other events that uniquely unite a nation. I feel, come Games' time, even most critics have to admit during the event, the community is lifted. And that energy resonates deeply and for years. So much of Calgary's identity was built around '88, but as that fades, we can benefit from a new Games. Internationally, we can also be a beacon for a responsibly-hosted event; a desperate need of the IOCs.
- Help - bringing new ideas and people to our city - showcasing what we excel at, and attracting bright innovative minds for areas where we don't
- Help - Calgary will continue to be a world renowned centre for athletics development.
- Help - costs will be irrelevant in a decade, legacy will be enduring
- Help - it would require calgary to take a hard look at what we are good at and amplify it in time for the games
- Help - it's all good.
- Help - unite the community on showcasing the responsible/sustainable nature of how we host games to the world at a time when YYC NEEDS this profile.
- Help - would bring the city together, but so can many, MANY other and better ways to spend the money
- Help - yes we can showcase the city and may lead to improving the global view of the city. Although aligning ourselves with a corrupt organization like the IOC is not good
- Help a great deal. We need updates to sports facilities, we need more housing, and we need to get our mojo back! Calgary can do a fantastic job and show the world how to host a modern, responsible Olympics.
- Help because it would not only improve community in CGY but also in Canada and globally... we are taking Olympics... everyone from around the world would come here...
- Help because of investment potential.

- Help bring us together.
- Help- brings us together
- Help but any positives would be minor and short lived.
- help but very expensive
- Help by bringing everyone together through volunteering to make the games great.
- Help by bringing international athletes and delegations to the city.
- Help Calgary's future. No denying this would be a historical milestone for Calgary that would cause lots of excitement. Would attract tourists from all over the world.
- Help Calgary's future - First, let us ask what we mean by future... future refers to the young of today. Having the Olympics in Calgary will not only be a huge boost to the sluggish economy but will help create social and cultural links which the "future" will never forget. Imagine the myriad of connections created for young people!
- "HELP Calgary's future. Our ""brand"" is seen around the world, again! World class facilities... world class athletes.
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- Let's ""Own the Podium 2.0""
- Help Calgary's future. Increase tourism, improve infrastructure, civic pride
- Help Calgary's future. Turn it into the large world renown city we feel it should be
- Help definitely. Calgary would be an attraction and the games would be exciting and vibrant.
- help due to collective warm glow of hosting a great Olympics.....creating important legacy facilities and programs.
- Help for sure!! It will promote a culture of growth, optimism, community, global connections, and stewardship! The athletic and recreational facilities will be so important for the mental and physical health of our youth. It will be an investment in our now, and in our future!!! One of the reasons we moved back here to raise our children was because of the opportunities that were opened up to us as Calgarians during the '88 Olympics... and that was 30 years ago! My life as a teenager was greatly impacted by the hosting of the '88 Olympics, my life as a young adult was guided by the principles I had learnt from the '88 Olympics (health, activity, mental health, community), and my life as a parent and a 46 year old is enriched with the optimism and health benefits of the social and cultural experiences gained 30 years ago. Let's do it again!!!
- Help for sure, highlighting our city's beauty and culture on a global scale will further put Calgary on the map (like, not a literal map, but the metaphorical map)
- Help if successful on budget and execution of games
- Help in the long term. It would build community spirit.
- Help nor hinder Calgary is already very multicultural. And already see various different social and ethnic communities come in for the Calgary stampede or moving on to Banff. The games may increase traffic but that is not cultural
- Help obviously.
- HELP our future immensely, and be an important example for the world! In this climate of nationalism, we need to be embracing the global community. The social and cultural impacts will be far reaching (i.e. new friends made by hosting or volunteering or just rubbing-elbows with the many international visitors to our city) and likely very difficult to measure. My Mum volunteered at Montreal's EXPO'67 as a young woman and met people from all over the world and after EXPO she then travelled all over Europe visiting people she met during the games. This had far reaching impacts on her worldview, and that of generations that followed including her children and grandchildren. Anything that can forge and support international connections is politically paramount- and Canada knows how to do this right
- Help socially and culturally, but increase our debt. We can't afford it under current economic times.
- Help the future.... build community spirit and get people to be excited to volunteer and improve the community

- Help with volunteering, but same money could be invested in work projects for people out of work.
- "Help
- 20,000 new jobs
- 9000 low income homes will be added"
- Help! Calgary and Calgarians love to have a cause or event to rally their identity around and bring us together. See ample evidence in our yearly stampede celebrations, the community outreach after the 2013 floods, and the ever-expanding arts and culture scene in the city. Calgarians love to have a reason to be proud of their city.
- Help! Great exposure for Calgary economy and help to diversify away from oil.
- Help! Our city is in the doldrums - we need a boost! The Games will be a huge catalyst for social and cultural engagement. Our arts organizations are struggling with the loss of corporate and private funding due to the downturn. I believe hosting the games will revitalize financial engagement in our arts organizations. Calgarians are good people but we have lost sight of what it means to come together - preparing and hosting the games will engage our citizens, young and not so young. It will be a unifying force. I have seen it first hand.
- Help! This city has been torn apart by the oil crash. We need something exciting to bring us together again. People complaining about the money are being too shortsighted.
- Help! Will be great for the city.
- HELP, as it will once again expose the world to our Canadian heritage and culture.
- Help, bring a positive shared experience to Calgary. Provide new generation the opportunity to enjoy hosting the games and free up funding support from other levels of government that would not be forthcoming otherwise
- Help, bringing more jobs and affordable housing.
- Help, but not enough to justify the costs. Calgary is already an international city as a result of the 88 games. What incremental benefit will hosting again provide? Compared to even an extremely conservative \$5B bid, the benefit is not enough.
- Help, but only temporary
- Help, great opportunities for the future for many people
- Help, IF they are carried out with First Nations participation
- Help, it makes the city more appealing to visit and move work. Most major city's to have hosted Olympics are now booming in the aftermath
- Help, its self inherent
- Help, the Olympics bring all walks of life to our community, what a great opportunity to celebrate our richly diverse city.
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- Help. See the lasting effects of the 1988 Games. Such an impact would not be as strong in 2026, but still valuable.
- Help. Volunteerism has been steadily declining and is difficult for people to find spare time while struggling to make ends meet. A strong, inspiring, unifying event dependent on volunteers would be a needed boost.
- Help. We are supposed to be a diverse city anyways. Our kids need to see that tolerance is the key to community.
- Help. We need the world to see the great city we are to allow for more opportunity for the young people who are entering the workforce.

- Help. Adding more affordable housing, focusing on and improving accessibility in our city, promoting additional cultural events and fostering volunteerism will help improve Calgary as an inclusive, dynamic and caring city.
- Help. After the games not only is the world more aware of Calgary but the improved or new facilities can host a wide variety of cultural, entertainment and sporting events
- Help. Bring a sense of pride to our community.
- Help. Greater sense of community and purpose. Pride. Athletic infrastructure and human capital prior to and long after games (like with '88).
- Help. However, if you specifically think these benefits are important - address them as separate items and don't link them to the Olympics. A two week party in 2026 doesn't drive this. If this doesn't get addressed without the Olympics how important is it?
- Help. I grew up in Calgary and went to the 88 Games. I had family volunteer, they still talk about it fondly and have the posters on their wall. It brought the city together and created a lasting legacy.
- Help. I was here in 88. The legacy is still recognized world wide defining our city and supporting the economy which must diversify in the future.
- Help. It brings communities together and puts Calgary on the world stage.
- Help. It inspires business and brings together the community through volunteerism
- Help. It introduces Calgary to the world.
- Help. It's growth and tourism.
- Help. I've lived in a city while it hosted and Olympics, and it was transformed into a place of beautiful positivity.
- Help. Lasting benefits.
- Help. Our culture is sports.
- HELP. The games are so much more than just elite high performance sports. it starts with the community engagement in culture, economy, sport, volunteerism...
- Help. The games put the spotlight on Calgary and solidify us as a world class sports destination in Canada.
- Help. The investment in infrastructure, affordable housing, and culture will be big for this city.
- Help. Things like this electrify and already exciting Calgary.
- Help. Tourism is a major "backup industry" to oil and gas (it often runs counter-cyclical to it). The games would help reinforce this industry that helps the economy in times of economic downturn.
- Help. We have become known as a selfish oil & gas city that is only focused on the dollar. We could show the world that we are more.
- Help. We need more diversity than just to be known for oil and gas. We have top notch athletics, artistic talent and rich First Nations heritage.
- Help. We need to show the world that Calgary isn't the same as it was in the 80s. We need to attract new business and new investment. I think the Olympics will help us.
- Help. Will propel the youth of Calgary into action before, during and after the Games. It'll leave a positive legacy and help young people aspire to something greater.
- "Help: Bring us together as a community showing our best side to the world
- Hurt: Provide a "venue" or opportunity for ill intentioned individuals to profit : ie: human/sex trafficking, drugs, etc."
- Helping Calgary's future is dependent on empathetic planning that is evidence-based. Hosting the olympics is rarely worth it to the cities that host it based on many studies. Our funds should be spent on communities sooner and more appropriately.
- Higher taxes will hinder all taxpayers in the future. With high unemployment in the city, this bid is just not justifiable.
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- Hinder - \$ are best spent on other opportunities. Even for items that we may want e.g. affordable housing, we are likely being constrained within the confines of the olympic requirements, which is less optimal than a city-focussed affordable housing approach.
- HINDER - a financial disaster would have far reaching effects.
- Hinder - a lot of our resources will be going to non-priorities of a fleeting nature
- Hinder - all for the global spirit it tends to foster during the games and then it's done
- Hinder - as no Olympic bid in the past 30-40yrs has come in under or on budget. This 12 day event will rob countless future cultural and social events of funding for many years if not decades to come.
- Hinder - based on debt load & 28% office vacancy rate
- Hinder - beneficial social and cultural impacts are overblown when compared to the huge financial costs and risks that could impact Calgarians for DECADES.
- Hinder - by spending too much money in areas that aren't needed and neglecting the important areas.
- Hinder - cost overruns will make taxpayers angry. Spending is already out of control.
- Hinder - from the huge tax burden
- hinder - Games would steal money we need for other things
- Hinder - huge cost and debt would take money away from more important expenses and be a massive burden for citizens
- Hinder - it will strain taxpayers' pockets
- Hinder - something that should be obvious based on other Olympics
- Hinder - spend the dollars allocated for the games now on social programs, affordable housing, poverty reduction initiatives, healthcare, education, infrastructure.
- Hinder - the effort and expense this project involves would be far better directed in helping our city's poor, homeless and vulnerable. It sickens me that as a city with such significant social challenges that we would even consider prioritizing this initiative. This is not the legacy this current provincial government nor current city Mayor should strive for.
- Hinder - this is a corrupt entity and we have no money to pay for it.

- Hinder - unnecessary debt costs for future generations.
- Hinder - will create divisions within our community
- "Hinder
- No lasting facilities"
- Hinder- "may impact City of Calgary's current programs" was one item you pointed out.
- Hinder ... 8% unemployment and poor economy will not be helped by a big flashy Olympic games
- Hinder as affordable housing numbers don't compute
- Hinder as the increased tax burden will not allow for new spending.
- Hinder as the burden to the citizens to host are too costly
- hinder as the cost affects everyone and we are not in the position to foot the bill
- Hinder as the costs do not outweigh the benefits of a 2 week event
- Hinder as the millions spent on hosting the aristocratic IOC delegation could be better spent on finding direct solutions to the problems that affect our city.
- Hinder as these resources could otherwise be allocated to more effective programs.
- Hinder as this is creating division in our community just the fact of arguing whether to have it and most people don't want it and feel like it's going to happen and they have no say. More people will move out of Calgary after as it will be even more expensive to live here.
- Hinder as we need to be concentrating spending on more realistic issues, The Homeless, social spending, halting tax hikes.
- Hinder as we'd be saddled with debt. When did an Olympics go UNDER budget??
- hinder as who wants these games, isn't the public. Public didn't go to city council and beg for them. How about fixing the city instead of enslaving the taxpayer to decades of debt to benefit whom exactly? There will be no return on them. Ask Vancouver or Greece or Brazil.
- Hinder because money that could help people, are going to the corrupt IOC.
- Hinder because of economic burden
- Hinder because of the cost including higher taxes
- Hinder because tax payers will be so far in debt from paying more than they should for the Olympics overall. Cultural events should not be put ahead of the unemployed and homeless.
- Hinder because the city will be broke, more people will be out of work, and the housing being built will not be used for affordable housing
- Hinder because we will never get the money spent back in other ways
- hinder Calgary's future
- Hinder Calgary's future because \$ spent on Olympic bid, never mind the \$\$\$\$ spent on Olympic hosting could be spent so much better on current community needs and improvements. Just one example - affordable housing AFTER the Olympics?! What about now and the years before 2026?
- Hinder Calgary's future by leaving a legacy of debt and facilities that are costly to maintain
- Hinder costs will leave us unable to fund critical projects
- Hinder due to cost
- Hinder due to costs that taxpayers will be stuck with.
- Hinder due to money being required elsewhere during hard times
- Hinder due to money that needs to be spent
- Hinder due to poorly allocated capital on inappropriate projects. Increased debt levels will further crush the Calgary economy. High risk on security.
- Hinder due to the debt and more borrowed money. I think Calgary will be the laughing stock of the world- been there done that.
- Hinder due to the expected overruns. I have yet to see a major project in Calgary come in or under budget. Not impressed the city is paying / sponsoring / funding the yes program.
- "Hinder during the games.
- Afterwards...people come to Calgary's airport on the way to Banff."

- Hinder for sure with a much deeper debt that our children's children will be left with. No matter what government contributes it is still taxpayer money and increased taxes for decades afterwards will definitely harm future social and cultural aspects.
- Hinder for sure.. The people need a break from the bad economy, the money that would be spent of the Olympics facilities can be spent on road enhancement and reduce waiting time in the health system (ultrasound xray machines)
- Hinder- gentrification and rising housing costs always come after the olympics. The games hurt the most vulnerable in our communities.
- Hinder hinder hinder hinder and more hinder
- Hinder if they proceed as proposed. it will be a waste of money.
- hinder If we end up pinching pennies for years to come to pay off the deficit.
- Hinder in every way, put the money where people need it most
- Hinder- it is going to make the divide between the "haves" and "have nots" much worse. Every other bid city has evicted hundreds (or even thousands) of marginalized households in order to build new housing for the Games, which is unacceptable in a city that is as unaffordable as Calgary is. There is also a very small group of people who will have access to Games tickets, which means most of the taxpayers supporting this endeavour will be relegated to watching it on television (and if they're doing that, let some other group of taxpayers get suckered in by the IOC).
- Hinder it will raise taxes
- Hinder the community with tax increases.
- Hinder the future. The money could be used elsewhere.
- hinder the PEOPLE in the city
- Hinder too costly! Not enough truth
- Hinder were already struggling financially you think the average person can pay for it.
- Hinder yyc future. Huge longterm tax burden for 3 week party while ignoring much needed other infrastructure- Complete Green line extension, Multi purpose Field House, Concert venue, more LRT, more road carrying capacity N-S and E-W.
- "Hinder
- This is an unacceptable cost to the citizens of Calgary"
- Hinder!
- Hinder! This will send our city into debt and then prevent us from partaking in other projects that are of direct benefit to Calgarians.
- Hinder! We can not afford this and our communities will feel the negative impact of carrying the debt.
- Hinder! How about building our greenline and getting out of debt!
- Hinder! Look at Vancouver/all Asian host cities. Ruined and so expensive to live there. Our children and their families will have to move away because cost and taxes will be so high in Calgary. Our city will be ruined like Vancouver has been ruined. No no no!
- Hinder! The Olympics benefits only a precious few and the rest pay for it.
- Hinder! We cant even respond to a snowfall effectively. How will we do anything when we have no money left after this disgustingly grandiose party?
- Hinder! We will be left with cost overruns and debt for future generations to pay off this 2 week party. Most Calgarians won't even be able to afford tickets to the events!!! This is a waste of time and energy for a city with real problems. Bread not circuses!
- HINDER!!! Taxes to pay for this folly will cripple the residents for generations.
- Hinder! This should not be a priority given the current economic conditions.
- Hinder, absolutely. Money wasted on the Olympics could be better spent improving access to our existing social and cultural attractions. Do you remember when it snowed last week and our roads were at a standstill? How did that impact visitor numbers at the Glenbow Museum and the National Music Center? Let's focus on building infrastructure to facilitate RELIABLE and SAFE access to our

existing amenities. Then, we can invest in lifting more Calgarians out of poverty so that they can afford to partake in social and cultural activities.

- Hinder, as Calgary would be burden by HUGE debt due to Games.
- Hinder, as the city goes further in to financial disrepair.
- Hinder, benefits skew to middle upper income. Jobs it would create are either short term (construction) or long term minimum wage type jobs (service industry)
- Hinder, bury us in debt for a generation
- Hinder, Calgarians will be paying for this for decades probably
- Hinder, Calgary cannot afford to push this ahead. Alberta's economy has not diversified enough to overcome the oil bust. We will not recover from this like previous busts. There is more likelihood of costing us than achieving a profit. In addition we don't even have the proper infrastructure for this event that we must rely on other communities to assist with venues. This means we are hosting but paying the bill that supports other cities and towns. Poverty only escalates during and after these events. We already live in one of the most unaffordable cities and despite the promise of Olympic residencies being turned into affordable housing the amount if housing is a pittance of what is required for seniors and low income singles.
- Hinder, city can't even afford snow removal we just push it to the side making hazardous windrows.
- Hinder, cost factor
- hinder, cost will be excessive
- Hinder, costs will remove all other programs
- Hinder, due to incurred debt, too much development and too crowded, too many people in Calgary, Canmore and the parks. Bad for the environment and wilderness, as well as quality of life.
- Hinder, games do not bring long lasting benefits to the city
- Hinder, how do we help our current homeless by spending money on Olympics.
- Hinder, it will take years to recover from the economic burden of hosting the games.
- hinder, money can be spent on better things to improve the quality of life for all
- Hinder, monies will be diverted into Olympic that should provide lasting benefits rather than fleeting benefits.
- Hinder, No money and great Grandkids paying for this frivolous waste of money. No social gain no culture gain.
- Hinder, no money for that
- Hinder, other projects requiring funding now have the backseat.
- Hinder, our communities need more police, fire, health care, schools and road ways
- Hinder, taxes are to high already
- Hinder, taxpayer monies that are supposed to be spent in the community will be funnelled into pet projects and ridiculous city council/mayor vanity projects.
- Hinder, the city is broke and the recession continues to dominate the economy. Combined with poor economic decisions at all levels of government has destroyed small business and those most vulnerable.
- Hinder, the cost for the plan created will not help Calgary's future.
- Hinder, the cost of the games will increase tax burden on the many. Those rich will enjoy the additional venues but the regular person will find it more expensive just to own a home.
- Hinder, the cost to taxpayers is not acceptable especially given the current economy
- Hinder, the financial burden to tax payers will last a long time, social programs will feel pressure.
- hinder, the games will in no way help the less fortunate or those of us who are finding it hard to make ends meet as is. You also open yourself up to a HUGE public risk, these are dark days and there are people and groups who will use the large crowds as an opportunity to do something horrible - hence a high security bill that will leave Calgary with nothing tangible
- hinder, the IOC has proven time and time again it is corrupt. I don't wish to host a party of drug cheating Europeans.

- "Hinder, there are few if any long term jobs or opportunities which will be provided by the games. The short term increase in population and overall disruption to calgarians does not seem to be beneficial.
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- The diversion of tax / city funds to pay for the olympics will certainly off-set any programs and services which could potentially build / develop the community and social networks within the community."
- Hinder, too costly for the projected benefits
- Hinder, too much money for facilities that will be used by too few.
- Hinder, we are already over taxed, cannot even afford the necessities just to survive.
- Hinder, we are still trying to recover from the past few years. We still have empty office buildings.
- Hinder, we do not need the added cost
- Hinder, we have NHL team and CFL team both requiring new stadiums. Let's make certain our house is in order before inviting others over
- Hinder, would tear communities apart as NOT everyone would come near reaping any benefits at all other than increased taxes and burdens from the games for years to come.
- Hinder, too costly, the risk would outweigh the benefits
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- Hinder. \$ could be spent better elsewhere.
- Hinder. Frankly, we don't need more crowds in Banff and the surrounding areas. The Olympics do not generate economic activity. If that were true, Sochi would be a hub of international investment.
- Hinder. Further alienate citizens that think this is a bad idea
- Hinder. How can all these dollars spent not be taken from other places more in need? How can we possibly expect any long term benefits from a one time event! We cannot predict the weather, popularity, spending, venue issues accurately. It is all risk and no responsible way to spend funds and build infrastructure. I'm angry this idea has even gotten to this stage! Do we have medical facilities, schools, roads, parks and so on that could use funding? Have we housed every citizen? If the answer is no we have no place hosting a sports show.
- Hinder. Huge debt.
- Hinder. I cannot see what will be gained but do see that hosting the games will come at a cost to other programs.
- Hinder. Investing the money into education instead would have much greater positive social and cultural impacts to Calgary's future than investing in the Olympics would.
- hinder. It will drive a deep wedge between the two groups especially the younger generations that ultimately pay for it.
- Hinder. It's too expensive and benefits if any will not go to vulnerable populations
- HINDER. It's a few weeks of intense tourism, then everyone leaves. We are already asking people to stop sharing pictures of Banff National Park.
- Hinder. Less money for more needed social or cultural items.
- Hinder. Many on the street and many out of work. Idiotic
- Hinder. Negative impacts on progress on quality of life for most vulnerable. Resources will be redirected to support games vs being applied to dealing with current pressing issues. The burden of paying for these games will fall on our children and grandchildren...not a legacy I want to leave them with, considering they will also be dealing with looming climate change issues.
- Hinder. No money will be left for generations to come.
- Hinder. Other Olympics have proven the long term impacts to be minimal.

- HINDER. Our economy is being ruined by our current federal and provincial governments, and many people are out of jobs! The olympics is not going to help whatsoever!
- Hinder. Overruns passed on to tax payers.
- Hinder. Programs will suffer due to financial losses associated with the games.
- Hinder. Promoting sports as a legitimate career option is only for the wealthy. Calgary's fledgling art scene will again be underfunded as people pump money into sport rather than art.
- Hinder. putting money into unnecessary events at the expense of critical community services is irresponsible. If we can find money for the games, why can't we find money to directly improve poverty and municipal services that directly benefit Calgarians rather than the IOC and elite athletes.
- Hinder. Social and cultural aspects of Calgary would suffer due to financial stresses of the city due to costs incurred by games.
- Hinder. Social impacts will be miniscule compared to the costs. Cheaper to just build low income housing etc. As for cultural. We are pretty cultured and diverse. Not necessity to push it further.
- Hinder. Sports facilities always win the big infrastructure prizes; cultural activities and community-building volunteerism is ephemeral and short-lived. Priorizing Olympics infrastructure is a disbenefit to the larger community.
- Hinder. The costs to achieve this are unknown and/or being hidden. To risky
- Hinder. The Olympics are kind of like the Stampede-- 2 weeks of fun and glory but no lasting benefit on the culture or social needs of our community. We still have children going to school hungry, addicts and the mentally ill roaming the streets-- if we can't afford to address those issues now, how will spending north of \$5 billion help.
- Hinder. There are no cultural or social impacts to hosting the Olympics. This is an expensive sports competition that will likely end up saddling all current and future taxpayers for generations (municipal, provincial and federal) with a significant debt to pay. Regardless of any perceived or social impacts that committee and city council may have of hosting the games, it is not worth the financial impact this will have on current and future taxpayers. At the end of the day, if low income housing is what is needed in the city, build it and pay for it but do not use this social issue as lever / justification for hosting the olympics.
- Hinder. These "terms" are just fluff ways of talking about something that will cost billions of dollars. Culture and Social ..... shut up, lets talk about someone spending billions of my money.
- Hinder. This is silly billions of dollars on "games"
- Hinder. Too expensive
- Hinder. We cannot afford the security required to host this event given the current state of terrorism in this world. I do not want a global even in my city.
- Hinder. We need more attention paid to our roads
- Hinder. Add debt and reduce the funds for essential services we truly need
- Hinder. As funding allocation would be away from The City's Operating and Capital budgets and towards The Games. Given that property taxes are increasing more and more each year to barely provide adequate basic services, these services will have to be scaled back and future capital projects will be postponed to pay for The Games. Citizens are already unhappy with the year to year increases in taxes (especially property taxes), that further increases (potentially through budget overruns) will increase small business closures and homeless numbers. This does not seem to be a good trade trade off for the "potential" benefits. The affordable housing proposed would be filled by the homeless numbers created from the increase in property taxes. Potentially a net zero benefit in terms of the Affordable housing component. In terms of Arts and Culture, this is a temporal component, there seems to be no long term benefit in generating revenue. Volunteerism has always been high in Calgary, and spending excessive money as an excuse to get more people to volunteer for an event (short term) is financially irresponsible.
- Hinder. Calgary already has issues with disrespectful tourists with the Stampede, and our culture is already a Party Town, why invite more of the same?

- Hinder. Calgary is already a world renowned destination and we don't need an expensive event to gloat in our pride of promote tourism.
- Hinder. Collateral damage of the financial drain of hosting would constrain our future for much too long.
- Hinder. Corruption. See the documentary "Icarus".
- Hinder. Cost overruns would burden taxpayers and prevent other services from being delivered.
- Hinder. Costs are too high.
- Hinder. Currently we have many arts facilities that cannot seem to manage their finances and are constantly going hat in hand to the taxpayers for funding. Having worked at a not for profit, these organizations squander almost every opportunity they have been given to secure there future. Whatever benefits there will be from the Games will be short-term. Plus it will use resources that could be better spent elsewhere.
- Hinder. Do not want to live where I cannot afford to live, that would be Calgary post olympics.
- Hinder. Economy is too bad.
- Hinder. Eventually the costs are going to have to be paid.
- Hinder. Focus on games diverts attention and resources away from other more beneficial longterm community investments.
- Hinder. Higher cost of living = more homelessness
- Hinder. I believe the costs will cause the city huge setbacks for investment.
- Hinder. I do not want my taxes spent on 2 weeks of sport. Let the corrupt IOC pay for the whole thing.
- Hinder. I don't think there will be positive social and cultural impacts. There are too many Calgarians who don't want these games. Trying to push the games down people's throats does not build community.
- Hinder. If we want infrastructure, we should build it. The Olympics are a flimsy excuse to do so. Nevermind that regular calgarians will never see a event in person; we will just have to put up with the chaos, cost overruns, and crippling debt. A small number of already wealthy people will walk away with far more money which will be extracted from the pockets of everyday calgarian s under the guise of "civic pride"
- Hinder. Imagine the benefits to Calgary if some of that money was spent on local facilities instead of squandering it away on an Olympic event to the benefit of the World instead of Albertan's
- hinder. increased taxes to build facilities will not help those that already can't afford to stay in their homes.
- Hinder. IOC nothing but a corrupt organization selling cities monoraild
- Hinder. It can only do damage.
- Hinder. It seems that every city that host the games banishes their homeless and "undesirables" from view. They LIVE here, how arrogant to remove them from their environment.
- Hinder. It will turn Victoria Park into a ghetto of low income housing, with just as many social problems as the Drop-In Centre has created for the east side of downtown.
- Hinder. It would put the City so far indebt we would never recover
- Hinder. It's blazingly obvious these games aren't financially viable. The money lost can't be used to more efficiently improve 'social or cultural impacts'
- Hinder. It's a waste of money. Just invest in culture if they care so much.
- Hinder. It's money we don't have.
- Hinder. Many Calgarians feel like the City is not hearing them and will proceed no matter what the majority wishes for, leading to unrest amongst the civilians. We have an opioid crisis, half of the Calgary Housing Company units are on hold due to a budget crisis, we apparently can't help low income individuals with their water, but we're more than happy to throw millions at games?

- Hinder. Money that could be better spent on maintaining infrastructure and services will be funneled away for a two week celebration. The problem is really cost over runs!!!! With no cost over runs I might support the olympics but to say there won't be any is a fairytale
- Hinder. Money will be spent on the olympics and not on other programs that affect the citizens more.
- Hinder. Moneys used to bid on these games to date would have gone much farther.
- Hinder. Much less money available to spend on social programs desperately needed.
- Hinder. No one will be able to live in the ghost town we will all be flat broke
- Hinder. Olympics are a waste of money. City council has been shady with information
- Hinder. Olympics benefit people with money, and athletes. Does nothing for most anyone else
- Hinder. Only the corrupt will benefit. Crooked politicians already have their hands on taxpayers money.
- Hinder. Only those with lots of disposable income will even be able to afford to watch the games
- Hinder. Please do not bid. I am a 27 and don't want to be paying for these games while my career takes off. There are so many important things to be spending money on. We are a city that thrives on the arts and we are seeing cuts this year but somehow are moving forward with this terrible idea to pursue the olympics. I have seen amazing infrastructure projects being done in Calgary and communities changing. I am a huge fan of what the city has done to transform east village. I would rather see those types of projects than frivolous games that last 10 days where most citizens can't even afford to go. Please vote no and focus public money where it is most valuable to the public.
- Hinder. Potential benefits are nebulous.
- Hinder. That much money for a 2 week party that costs us billions is pure stupidity. Selling it as anything else is a lie.
- Hinder. The cost is far too high. I do not want to have my city associated with a corrupt, and arguably criminal, organization like the IOC.
- Hinder. The cost of the Olympics funnels money to contractors and the IOC and away from community-enhancing projects such as affordable housing.
- Hinder. The costs alone will effect spending in all areas for years down the road
- Hinder. The debt burden will be outrageous. We have homelessness now and if you think the athlete's village will be low cost housing in the EAST VILLAGE, shake your head. Gentrification has already taken over!
- Hinder. The drawing away resources from established and successful community and social support programs will leave the most vulnerable communities in Calgary hurting. This has the potential to leave a lasting negative legacy.
- Hinder. The excitement of the Olympics will divert resources from grass roots community efforts. The focus on a one time event is nice but the growth of a diverse social and community is better served with smaller local community projects
- Hinder. The games have already been hosted in Calgary once and most people don't remember it
- Hinder. The Games will only benefit a small part of our population.
- Hinder. The Games would just divert investment from more meaningful ventures. If housing is important, invest in housing. If Arts are important, invest in Arts. Don't hide those costs behind a veil of a boondoggle like the Olympic Games.
- Hinder. The high taxes after the games complete will keep people and companies from moving here.
- Hinder. The IOC has proven itself to be a corrupt institution that rolls through city after city claiming to inspire economic growth and young athletes. Instead they cause tons of financial and geographical stress for the local citizens, while bringing in drugged up athletes and their own politic agenda. When did Calgarians decide this was a good idea? No municipal party ran their election on a potential Olympic bid. This is happening because out of touch politicians are obsessed with silly little projects that keep them from actually coming up with long term infrastructure solutions. I personally do not believe hosting a two week event will bring in enough tourist revenue to outway the

unforeseen costs. Especially when you consider many of the events will not even be held within city limits.

- Hinder. The last thing the city needs is another reason to find a way to collect more taxes. Wasteless spending will only make things worse. Short term gain for long term pain.
- Hinder. The olympic games are big for ten days and then everybody forgets the venues once the games are over. All that calgary would be left with is the cost of running facilities that will never be used to their full potential again. (See any other massive sports undertaking; past olympic venues, past fifa world cup venues, etc) and thats even if the city manages to pay off the facilities before the games are even begun. Its a lot of money that could be spent on other cultural and social aspects rather than just a sprrts event that isnt even as big as the summer event anyway.
- Hinder. There have been costs that were not included with the original projections, and I am concerned that council is more concerned with keeping things secret than giving Calgary the full truth.
- Hinder. There is significant risk to the Social safety nets available to the less fortunate within our city. This includes economic, and volunteer support of that support fabric.
- Hinder. There would be no net-new cultural impacts, no net new social impacts. If we can't justify re-building these facilities without the olympics we don't need them.
- Hinder. They are a waste of money.
- Hinder. They city will waste valuable resources on these games. It is far better to let taxpayers keep their money so they can spend/invest it where they choose.
- Hinder. This does not have a Calgary first plan it's a IOC plan. I don't care about speed skating. We already have a good arena.
- Hinder. This will divide our city (it already is), not bring us together. The Olympics will further divide the low income earners from the wealthier groups. Where will the homeless population get forced to go? Who will be responsible for the overage in cost? How will the Indigenous population be included; not exploited? Communities will be divided, some won't be included, some will be over run, over developed in 'nicer' looking areas. Eight years of unnecessary development to host 1 event; how does this make sense to anyone?
- Hinder. This will not be shared throughout the city. Small areas will receive the vast majority of development.
- Hinder. Too expensive
- HINDER. TOO EXPENSIVE!
- Hinder. Too expensive. Low return on investment. IOC has their own agenda
- Hinder. Too high of cost. The bid is not thought out well like in 1988 when Calgary was truly boosted economically and gave us many venues we continued to benefit from post. ie Saddledome
- Hinder. Too many people in this city are struggling. We need to look after our own first. It's a shame the veterans food bank shut down and the city is more concerned with the Olympics than helping the vulnerable.
- Hinder. Unless the building pays for itself after the games with no taxes...
- Hinder. Very small proportion of the population will benefit.
- "Hinder. We already have mid sized arenas with Olympic sized ice.
- Costs seem to be inaccurate and I believe our citizens will be left with a large debt that will have to be covered by taxpayers"
- Hinder. We are all worried about unemployment and congestion...you're diverting from this!
- Hinder. We can't afford an economic setback like this. We have many needs that the city could help to bolster social and cultural outcomes. public art is under attack by a few undereducated and I'll informed noisy politicians, our transit and roadway infrastructure needs a boost, and our property taxes could alleviated for many years, fostering a better lifestyle and way of life in this city.

- HINDER. We can't afford it! Some people can't afford to feed themselves. It's time to stop wasting taxpayers money on this ridiculous venture. Other bidders have already dropped out because they are smart enough to see that the Olympic Committee are looking for a sucker!
- "Hinder. We can't afford to pay for fluff like ""arts and culture"" when people are unemployed, and struggle every day to not lose their homes. Fundamentals, not fluff. If you are losing your home, you don't go out and buy an expensive piece of artwork to make yourself feel better as you sit on the curb, homeless, but with pretty art.
- I think this will cripple our city, our economy, and as a result will harm social and cultural areas."
- Hinder. We do not have enough money to provide services for Calgarians. The Olympics will not help.
- Hinder. We do not have the population to use the facilities that would need to be built and maintained.
- hinder. we don't need outstanding debt
- Hinder. We end up paying for it in the end. So that means less in the till for more needed programs. When I can stop walking over the homeless, lets talk.
- Hinder. We have many more important priorities. We have not recovered from our recession & Olympics are NOT the way forward. We need affordable housing for seniors & disabled singles.
- Hinder. We have real needs in this city. We do not need a 5000 seat hockey arena or some other pointless winter based sport facilities.
- Hinder. We will be known as chumps, not champs
- Hinder. We will be stuck paying for this for decades and the benfits will be minimal
- Hinder. We will never pay off the debt.
- Hinder. We would have a more lasting impact on our arts and culture with a direct investment into that sector. Build beautiful theatres for our community and professional theatre companies. establish volunteer choir and orchestra groups. Build new art galleries and commission new works. All cheaper than the Olympics.
- Hinder. We're already an olympic city. We're ready to pour millions away in a stink bid when we need a prop transit system here? These games could bankrupt the city, putting a burden of debt on our children for decades to come. I agree we need sports facilities but build them when money is available, create a Calgary First lottery, and allocate 50% of lottery sales to a building program. Quit spending money on stupid art projects, Quit making development in our city so difficult. Regulate, end of story. City Council knows ZERO about development, and the city planning and development make it so difficult to create projects some of these developers go elsewhere. We need the jobs, the construction incomes. This vote is wasteful, cut this off and spend the money by hiring some more fire or police.
- Hinder. When people are not employed and struggling to survive the tax dollars being spent on the Olympics would be just like rubbing salt into a wound
- Hinder. Who have the games even helped since the 1980s? They're just an excuse to destroy lower income neighborhoods and treat the poor like trash.
- "Hinder.
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- It leaves us with expensive facilities to maintain and takes funding away from actually useful projects."
- Hinder.. We do NOT need billions of debt. We are expected to pay billions, while hockey is in Edmonton and events are in Whistler. We assume a risk. This proposal. Is an extreme waste of time, money and insulting to this city. We have a depleted train system. 1/3 of our city does not have a train line, and won't for decades. We have no money for homeless people. We have trouble finding money for various areas our city needs finding for, but we can some how spare BILLIONS to host games people don't want. This is not an event our city wants or needs. This is a pure pride project for

Council and Nenshi to cement a legacy. Everyone voting yes will be losing my, and many others votes.

- Hinder..... In the last several Olympics, cities have been left with financial overruns and costs and debt. It's a two week party...Once it's over, it's over and forgotten by many. Not to mention, the many events that won't even be held in Alberta.....
- Hinder...Anger regarding the games, the lack of information on costs, the lack of transparency, will spill over into all social and cultural aspects. Continuing anger over lack of benefit and huge tax bill. Please stop saying the amount from the City of Calgary...we are Albertans and Canadians, where does the Alberta and Federal government get its revenue? From Canadian taxpayers.
- Hinder...it will put us farther in debt.
- Hinder...it's all temporary for the two weeks of the games
- Hinder...too much debt!
- Hinder...we need real services not a show that we don't need particularly in this economy. Also we have been there and done it!
- Hinder: the ashes of '88 aren't impressive as a long-lasting legacy
- Hinder: We will take years to recover the costs by dint of raised taxes that we cannot afford. this city has lost its edge, We CANNOT afford higher taxes.
- "Hinder: Real estate( especially in Canmore) will rise. That sounds good, but it will push housing affordability out of more families reach. The low income housing will not offset this problem.
- Assets will be focused on Olympic related infrastructure, taking them away from taxpayers who have needs. (Have you driven down Bowness Road through Montgomery lately? It's a goat trail)
- I hear a lot about a ""legacy"". Pretty much all the facilities exist. Howdy you create a legacy?"
- Hinder: the cost is too high for something as frivolous as games for 2 weeks. Loads of people don't care one bit about the Olympics (which are also filled with cheaters), but many of us DO care about our less fortunate neighbours, homeless people, schools, education, roads, conservation....\$5.3B (probably more, we're not stupid) for 2 weeks of useless games...seriously, shake your goddam HEADS!
- Hinder-Calgary's future with Additional Debt we CAN NOT Afford
- Hinder-monies for social & other programs would go to this elite organization.
- "hinder-we don't have the \$\$\$ to pay for it!!
- I feel that higher income families will benefit from the facilities and those middle and lower incomes debt increases leaving little to no \$\$ to use them!! If I was to run my household budget this way I'd be bankrupt. The 88 Olympics were amazing but times have changed and when security and projected costs cannot be confirmed until it's too late and we're waist deep in debt!!! What future does that leave for taxpayers!!!!"
- Hosting the games will not have any meaningful community benefits to Calgary
- Hosting the games would be an economic disaster.
- How about we have all the party parts without the sports and IOC - how about a "Winter Stampede"?
- How did the 1988 Olympics support community? Maybe for 14 days, but certainly not beyond that. The cost is prohibitively expensive - it has already cost us too much in even considering putting in a bid. The money should be better used to support long-term Calgary infrastructure, and hey, how about keeping a means of employment for all those City of Calgary employees whose jobs are at risk due to cutbacks.
- Huge Help. When traveling around the world, people only know Calgary from the 88 games. This will position us to continue to grow into a world-class city. Sport and health go hand in hand. Healthy active kids and people age much healthier and this shows through in massive healthcare savings. Investing in the games is an investment in sport, which will last for generations.
- Huge hinderance, we will be paying for these games for YEARS to come. What good is culture if you are drowning in debt. Would be comparable to having a big, beautiful new house but no money to furnish it.

- Hurt. The hosting costs will come at the expense of other needed infrastructure improvements
- I am concerned it will hinder not only Calgary but what about our neighbor Canmore: They can hardly handle the volume of regular tourists and are such a small tax base. We need to think of all communities and the impact not just the impact for Calgary
- I am currently involved in a private sponsorship of a refugee family - that will truly make lifetime impacts - can't see Olympics doing the same.
- I am sure it would help BUT not to the extent they are suggesting
- I am sure the community building would be great... We can't afford this!
- I believe it will have very little long term impact.
- I believe it will help, both by bringing a sense of civic and national pride to our city.
- I believe it would be a net benefit to the City of Calgary, any influx creativity and "newness" is a good thing.
- I believe it would help because the future success of our city depends strongly on the ambition and vision of our youth, which would receive a significant boost from hosting these events, more than anything else could!
- I believe it would help due to the fact that there is no better sense of community then coming together and planning a global event. It will bring people out and people who do not generally volunteer will feel more of a need to do so.
- I believe it would help. The price of oil dropped and negatively impacted the economy - this also put Calgary in a bit of a negative light. Having something not related to industry as a draw for interest and population could be beneficial in the long term.
- I believe that as we saw after the 1988 Games, Calgary will continue to build our World Class social and cultural reputation. According to visitors I speak to, Calgary is seen as diverse and rich in cultural experiences.
- I believe that higher taxes resulting from paying for the games would hinder Calgary's future.
- I believe that it will help. Celebrations should not be solely measured on the pure cost of the event. If that was so, then there should not be weddings, party's, graduations etc. If the Olympics is done properly, the benefits far out way the risks.
- I believe the costs would hinder the social and cultural impacts
- I believe the impacts to be positive. More social housing. Pride of place. Economic Activity leveraged with other levels of government. So I believe hosting the Games will significantly advantage Calgary.
- I believe there is a very low possibility of achieving any meaningful social or cultural impact that would offset the cost to the every day tax pay. Absolutely zero ROI.
- I believe there is the potential to help Calgary's future but I don't believe this should be at any cost. A lot of the money for Olympics goes towards intangibles and that will not benefit us in the long run.
- I believe there was a wonderful potential for both cultural and social impacts & then the secrecy from this council made me reconsider. I dislike the apparent back biting, the seeming backroom deals and the oppression this Mayor and council exhibit. I worked and played in Vancouver's Expo where the mood was always exciting. We attended the Vancouver Olympics and enjoyed the upbeat atmosphere. Here in Calgary now, the manner in which this has been handled leaves me discouraged. The focus has been too nasty, too secretive and altogether too snobbish. What happened to the incredible "can do" Alberta spirit? To date there have been massive expenditures for "art" if one doesn't like it - one is ignorant. Money spent to encourage downtown business, an LRT to go under the river - question why not over and you are stupid. Destroy Midfield trailer Park with no consideration given to the residents, too many flimsy excuses but NO heart. There are so many other examples that discourage any belief in promises made today having any validity. This was once a city capable of encouraging pride in the past, of determined to take on the future with gusto and now it appears to have lost every hint of the energy that made me proud to be an Albertan.
- I believe there will be a minor positive impact, but not one worth the costs.

- I believe they would greatly benefit Calgary, the tourism, the exposure to the world. The 88' games really helped put Calgary on the world stage and I think it would be good to do it again.
- I believe they would help to showcase Calgary as a very real alternative hub for business, travel and pleasure. Yes, many know of Calgary because of the '88 games but anyone born in 88 is now 30 years old, so in reality, anyone 40 or younger may not be as aware of us as they should be. We are critically placed for business within Western Canada, longest runways in the country, proximity to the US border, space to develop, places for recreation. Showcasing our city in such a way will help build our community by potentially attracting businesses for employment and people who see it as a cheaper and viable option to Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, etc. More people, more tax payers, more tax payers, lower taxes for everyone, more people, more footfall to attractions, more footfall, lower costs to everyone.
- I believe they would help, but lets not focus on the social and cultural impacts of a sporting event. There is very little in the plan that would make a long term social or cultural affect. We should be able to focus on both society and culture outside of the confines of an Olympic games. Will the games benefit society and culture, probably yes. Will they help the future? Only if we continue to focus on them outside of the event.
- I believe this will bring Calgarians closer together and build a better community long after the games have left.
- I believe we can only benefit from bringing people together. People characterize the olympics as one big party, but I tend to view it as a venue for culture and idea exchange between people as it's not just the athletes who visit. It would definitely bring a lot of exposure to Calgary and could help drive new partnerships and investment.
- I can't see how this will directly impact the homelessness issues over the short/long term. Other organizations will suffer before, during and after by losing volunteers and financially. Heritage Park is already suffering.
- I can't see how the 1988 games made any social or cultural impact to YYC. Infrastructure development here in Calgary is a relatively stagnant until approximately 10 or 12 years ago , so there was no obvious growth leading up to or after the 88 games . And I can't see hosting another Olympics will do any better.
- I do believe the future potential benefit is there, however the associated cost risks and taxpayer impact is unacceptable in this current economy
- I do not care about about the social impacts.
- I do not see an impact or any value associated with the costs.
- I do not see any social or cultural benefit!
- I do not see how, for example, a curling event will impact the social future of Calgarians or Albertains.
- I do not think hosting Olympic games would have significant social or cultural impacts that could not be gained in more cost-effective and Calgary-specific efforts.
- I do not think it would matter one way or the other
- I do not think that the Games would have a substantial long term impact on the culture of Calgary.
- I do not think there will be any impact.
- I do not think we will see any social or cultural benefits to hosting the games
- I do not want to host the games. Been there done that. No benefit to be seen for myself anyone in my family or anyone I know. Just an ego project by nenshi and his council. Lying by ommission is the saying.
- I don't believe it would have any sort of long-standing impact
- I don't particularly see how the Games will be beneficial for the majority of low to middle income individuals or the homeless or unemployed. These games are for the rich and privileged.
- I don't think at all it well help our future not one bit actually I think it will hinder our future cause will be in so much debt

- I don't think it is worth it. The Olympics aren't the hype they used to be
- I don't think there are any real social and cultural impacts of note.
- I don't believe it would go one way or the other. As mentioned, Calgary is already recognized as a World-Class city. We also have World-Class facilities like The Nordic Centre and Olympic Oval for skiing and speed skating, respectively. The ski jump is a relic of what was years ago
- I don't believe there is a tangible, eating community uplift associated with the hosting the games.
- I don't believe they will be helped it hindered.
- I don't imagine that a sporting event will fo anything to enhance culture on this city. It will be for the elite only!
- I don't see any cultural or social impacts or impact on the well being of the citizenry.
- I don't see any positive impact of the Games, period.
- I don't see how hosting the Olympics and putting us into huge dept is going to help the community in any way!
- i don't see it helping Calgary's future at all. When was the last time someone said they wanted to go to where an Olympics was hosted because they saw it on tv? It's strictly a financial burden.
- I don't think holding an international event can hurt Calgary socially or culturally. International exposure is always good in that regard. Barring some sort of catastrophic event that paints Calgary in a negative light of course.
- I don't think it will have a significant cultural impact on Calgary's future.
- I don't think it will have any impact at all one way or the other in that regard.
- I don't think that social and/or cultural impacts should be part of the equation. In the current economic climate, this should be based on cost and potential return on investment relative to other options...and I believe that other options are higher priorities.
- I don't think that there will be enough beneficial social and cultural impacts for the money being spent. Spending for the Olympics will take away from other better iniatives available
- I don't think the benefits would significantly contribute to Calgary's future.
- I don't think the games would have minimal positive social impact on Calgary's future but it sure would have a negative social impact if we are left a huge debt to pay. I volunteered in 1988. It was a short term high but ended up as a 'meh' kind of sentiment a year later.
- I don't think there is a pro or con either way. The city is promoted by tv coverage and I wonder as to how the regular Calgarian would be able to watch Olympic events due to ticket costs and limited access after the tickets are released. I remember 88 and as a new family, with young children I couldn't afford to take my kids to any olympic events; doesn't appear to foster community.
- I dont think there is any compelling evidence that there will be positive social and cultural impacts
- I don't think there will be any social or cultural impacts. What was the cultural and social impact for China when it hosted the games? Or Russia? The host venues prestige is not really enhanced by holding these games, save for the very short term.
- I don't think there would be lasting long term impact on Calgary's social or cultural fabric. We will be a great city whether we host the Olympics or not.
- I don't think there'll be any social/cultural impact other than reliving past glory. 1988 is in the past.
- I don't think they do either. The social and cultural impacts are unquantifiable. Maybe we should just provide sustainable funding for the facilities and programs we have.
- I don't think this could help our community. It is too short a duration and usually causes many disruptions. Many people leave the city and the events are too expensive for the average person to attend.
- I don't understand this question.
- I don't want the Olympics.
- I fear a montreal style Olympic hangover will damage Calgary going forward
- I fear that we won't be able to get the same degree of volunteerism for these games. People are divided and people against the idea may not volunteer so the population base is divided. If cost is

not controlled this affect will be worse. Also, many people are working harder than before and may not have the time to volunteer. Without volunteers cost will rapidly escalate.

- "I feel hosting the Olympics will benefit Calgary's future. The three biggest infrastructure proposals, namely a new arena, field house and community housing are all future spends anyways. Having federal and IOC funds to support them is a once in a generation opportunity.
- I also believe (perhaps naively) that the Olympic ideal does have an positive impact on how the citizens of the world view and respect each other. There are really no other better ways outside of sport to demonstrate our shared interests. It is worth noting the IOC is responded to it's criticisms and seems to be working in a fiscally responsible direction."
- I feel it will be good for tourism and business owners but can the infrastructure handle it?
- I feel it will have little impact either way.
- I feel it would help Calgary in the long run. I feel an event like this will bring the community together more than people know.
- I feel it would provide a neutral result.
- I have no opinion on this question. I would hope our city could handle the cultural and social impacts, but at the same time, I'm scared that racism and other forms of harassment are alive and thriving in this city.
- I have no respect for the Olympics. Doping and IOC corruption are rampant.
- I know it will help Calgary's future, just as it has impacted us since the games in 1988. The olympics brought calgarians together then, and it will bring us together now when we really need it the most.
- I know that Canmore says that they have to forgo low cost housing were they to host the games. That sort of thing makes me think that there are hidden social costs to funding the games. Also, Heritage Park is in trouble, and the city is cutting arts funding. That hurts the little guy in the picture. I do not support tax payers funding a new hockey arena in any way shape or form. The new vision for the east end is not based in the reality of the area.
- I like the idea of cultural events leading up to the Olympics but I fear the cost for basically a PR campaign. Include cultural events in the Olympics but not years leading up.
- I like the Olympics as an event, and the idea of the world coming together in sport, but the IOC has corrupted that noble idea with ridiculous requirements for spending on a very short-term event.
- I love Nenshi but honestly, this seems like an ego project for our mayor. He wants a big legacy project and the international spotlight. I have serious doubts that the proposed "affordable" housing would actually be used to house those that need it after the games. Affordable housing in the City has been declining for decades. Developers have free run and it's all about profits. We should be building more affordable housing regardless of whether we host the Games. Using that as a selling point is despicable.
- I loved the 88 Olympics. Alberta was Booming back then. I think the Olympics would hinder the Community. Calgary has many issues to fix now. I'm worried that the focus in the next 8 years will be on the Olympics and not what the people of Calgary need long term.
- I see limited impacts to the city. Just look at Vancouver.
- I see no benefit . city council has a track record of wasting tax money . affordable living is becoming out of reach and tax from all levels is one of the reasons .
- I see no real huge effect ... when the cost and our taxes will be going up, this is no longer a boom town and doubtful it will be again. It's a short term event / benefit which we will be paying for for years to come.
- I suggest this is a rather general question likely to be answered based on emotion, not facts. There is insufficient evidence to support that there will be long lasting social and/or cultural impacts, or an explanation of what they may be. If it is the impact of visitors motivated to visit because of the games and bringing social and cultural perspectives to our city, how does that suggest the king of long term impact that may affect affect our city's future? So, until we have some clarity on what the

"potential social and cultural impacts" may be and why it is reasonable to expect same, this is a question that cannot be objectively answered.

- I think a lot of creativity could spur from hosting the Games in Calgary. However, I'm having trouble seeing what other social benefits the games would have. Besides the Games, what other things could we do during this time to bring Calgary and the world together? I'm not sure it's possible to make these games accessible and inclusive if we want to recoup the costs of the bid. I don't think it'll be possible to achieve that balance.
- I think a select higher economic few will benefit. The rest will foot the bill.
- I think after the initial hype and city pride associated with the olympics wears off, there will be little cultural impact to benefit Calgary.
- I think any time that Calgary gets to be put on the world stage as a good thing. And having world class facilities that athletes continue to train at as important.
- I think at best the long term impact would be neutral on the community. If there are any large issues (including cost overruns or security events), the net effect could be largely negative.
- I think because it is on park land it may hinder tourist views of the land
- I think Calgary is already on a positive path for this and olympics wouldn't necessarily impact this. My concern would be around how our homeless population will be supported or pushed out during these weeks. Temporarily relocating this population during the games is just an out of sight and out of mind band aid solution.
- I think it will be neutral, or possibly a hindrance. Definitely not enough to make it worth bidding. There is already too much tourism in the Rockies, we don't need to make it even less enjoyable for those who live here.
- I think it will bring us together as a city.
- I think it will help Calgary by setting a stage to show the world how awesome we are, which leads to increases in the visitor economy and more investment and growth in numerous business sectors
- I think it will help Calgary tremendously, by bringing greater investment in the tourism industry (need to diversify our economy).
- I think it will help calgary with more tourism to the region. Especially for the winter months
- I think it will help Calgary's future and will expand more of an international reach, including increasing tourism.
- I think it will hinder Calgary's future, as it will leave mountains of debt to repay, which will detract from social and cultural spending going forward.
- I think it will hinder. The games are a lightning rod for all sorts of issues for different groups which will subvert any kind of unity or coherent message. The corruption of the IOC and recent WADA issues could tarnish the games and city.
- I think it will leave a lot of people feeling bitter and lied to for a long time. I haven't heard a single person be for the olympics, and yet it feels like it's a done deal because it's what city council wants. Even with the plebiscite it almost feels inevitable that the council will go ahead with the bid which Calgary will win as every other city has seen the light and pulled out.
- I think it would be helpful and would be good for athletes, but the majority of Calgarians are not going to be able to afford tickets to the Olympics, or getting involved in the sports afterwards. The facilities will be paid for by the majority and used by the minority. Calgarians are not going to see a major economic benefit from the Olympics or its legacy.
- I think it would be helpful, but I don't think it is worth the cost. I do believe Calgary has a reputation as "Texas North" so we could benefit from some diversity in culture, but once again, the COST.
- I think it would be neutral, the Olympics aren't what they once were and community engagement is difficult when local people can rarely afford a ticket to the event in the host city. Media coverage and tourism would see a temporary uptick but overall being seen as an Olympic host city doesn't have the prestige that it used to.

- I think it would definitely help! The Olympics are great for the host city (apart from the financial burden).
- I think it would have limited impacts on Calgary's future.
- I think it would help as a tourism pull at first but with the economy, that will drop off fast.
- I think it would help Calgary become a bigger center for culture and a more important member of Canadian society. However, the costs outweigh the benefits, as the burden falls on the taxpayers and they will ultimately not see much of that money coming back to them.
- I think it would help Calgary's future because it would bring the community together
- I think it would help Calgary's future. I think building a culture around physical activity and sport is beneficial to a community in a few ways. One being that the more active people are as a community the less we will have to pay in medical bills in the long run. I also think have a culture of sport and leisure activity is a selling point for people re-locating both domestically and internationally.
- I think it would hinder Calgary in the future as we would need to divert too many resources to paying for the games. The average person can't afford more taxes or fees just to make someone feel good. Plus the number of scandals coming out of the past games makes me think having new ones tied to Calgary would hurt our name and take years to correct.
- I think it would hinder. It would likely increase taxes, cost of living, and divert volunteers from pre-existing community-based organizations. I also think that Calgarians who have struggled through the recession will feel like their province/city turned their backs by investing in an international sports competition instead of long-term strategies to rebuild their economy. I don't think it's worth flirting with the economy to raise Calgary's profile around the world.
- "I think it would probably help, but it's hard to say. I think there are people who are more concerned about other things that directly affect their lives than the cultural impact of the games, and I also worry that those people who are less fortunate, such as the homeless population, are going to get pushed out of the way. Their plight is not one that should be ignored, but I think there's a big chance of that happening as a result.
- For the larger population, though, I think it will bring a lot of excitement and spirit back to the community. It's been a tough number of years for a lot of people, and Calgary has lost a lot of the identity it once had. It would be nice to see something like this help to reinvigorate the sense of community."
- "I think it's a name to host an Olympics, but have several key events either 3 or 12 driving hours away. You can't just hop on a trolley at Olympic Plaza and go watch the events in Whistler. I've no idea how so many responsible people in positions of power and financial control can't see the other side of this argument. It's almost like show and tell in grade school. Someone would bring something truly unique, only to have some other kid grabbed a Shiny Rock from his backyard and passed himself off as just as important.
- I know My Views really won't be considered here, but I dare that yes I take even consider what the no side is saying. We're not saying it to be a bunch of grumpy butt heads, we're saying it to be practical. You don't go buy a brand new car when you can't pay rent, do you? Everyone who is for these games should really give their heads of shake and step back for five minutes to realize what could go wrong instead of what could go right."
- I think once the short term bump of increased games driven tourism is over, the games will hinder. Money that may have been spent for cultural events will need to be diverted to pay off debts and to service the infrastructure that was created. The added venues are not well suited for these types of events. The idea of hosting a games is divisive and is pushing people apart more than bringing us together. The fact that the plebiscite is not binding will also create a social problem. If the vote is no and council decides to move ahead anyway, there will be a public outcry of false consultations, erosion of public trust in our elected officials and the view of the mayor trying to create a legacy for his time in office. If the vote is yes and council decides not to proceed, there will be calls of false consultations and the waste of monies spent so far to pursue the games. As it is now, the secrecy

and the apparent half-truths from city council and the organizing committee is already causing a negative impact to our social fabric.

- I think overall it will be a negative on the city. Taxes will go up making it more difficult for people to afford the basic needs in their lives. The majority of Calgary residents will not see any benefit from hosting the games.
- I think social and cultural impacts would help Calgary's future. Currently we are in an economic transition and a difficult time. A successful Olympic bid could help transform the city like occurred in Vancouver for 2010 and Calgary in 1988. I'm ver disappointed in the narrow views (non visionary and parochial) of counsellors Farrell, Farkas and Chu on this issue. They are missing the big picture!
- I think that a bankrupt municipality has limited ability to worry about social and cultural impacts.
- I think that if there is a good balance between the social and cultural impacts of the Games with the needs to the citizens of the areas involved in the Games, then they should help Calgary's future. We really need to focus on the benefits and address any risks in a pragmatic manner.
- I think that it would help. It increases more attention to our city and people who haven't been here before would get a chance to see it and tell everyone they know how awesome of a city it is. It will put Calgary back on the map again, there's a lot of young people in the USA who aren't even sure where Calgary is.
- I think that social and cultural impacts are so far down the list of important considerations that I won't even bother to comment. This should be about money, pure and simple...risks (which are huge), benefits (which are vague and questionable), and return on investment (unquantifiable eight years out and, therefore, very risky).
- I think the astronomical costs involve eclipse any minor benefit to Calgary's social or cultural future.
- I think the bid itself is much too convoluted and with unclear infrastructure benefits, I can't see it helping the community at large.
- I think the City would culturally benefit from the Olympics and the City would come together to make the event work and be successful. However, I am concerned that this will take neccesary focus away from the local community associations and local community facilities that are in need of real attention. Rather than focusing on developing and refurbishing our world class facilities, I would prefer to see the focus on local facilities that our kids will use every week (community halls, local rinks, baseball diamonds, local parks, recreation centres, etc.)
- I think the cost would hinder Calgary's future.
- I think the cultural impact of the Olympics are vastly overrated. Most people forget about them the second they are over.
- I think the cultural impacts would be short lived as new and better technology is always evolving, creating city council desire for even more art projects and unrealistic proposals. I believe the stress of new construction zones on top of maintenance road closures and normal construction would negatively effect the residents of the city
- I think the effects will be negligible in five years.
- I think the games will be fun while it's going on and bring new social and cultural programs but I do not think they will last long term.
- I think the games will hinder calgarys and Alberta's future as I feel we will be saddled with more debt for years and years to come
- I think the games would be good for Calgary's community if we had the resources to host.
- I think the Games would lead to the displacement of vulnerable communities in Calgary, as well as causing loss of green spaces for all of us.
- I think the impact of the games would be largely neutral, culturally speaking.
- I think the money will take away from current community projects and put us back years in local community development.
- I think the Olympics is a good thing to have, but not at the projected cost

- I think the overall impact on community is strongly and lasting effect with culture and athletic improvements. My only concern with respect to community is related to housing for athletes. Many of the hotels and housing that was built later became a poorly managed properties that were run down and a center for crime, for example the hotel village at 16th and Crowchild. Can a long term plan be implemented for any newly built housing/hotels is properly maintained and does not suffer the same fate.
- I think the potential social and cultural impacts of the games would help Calgary's future. Any time there is an event held which hosts the world, the city is exposed to diversity. The diversity we will receive with the games will create connections and relationships across the world. Those relationships may breed economic advantages, cultural tolerance and adoption, and a stronger diversity within the city.
- I think there is potential benefit, but depends on what actually happens. Will there be affordable cultural and arts activities to attend throughout? Or only opening ceremonies with expensive tickets? Will we get new, lasting cultural venues, arts, and festivals? Or only for a few? Will volunteerism for Olympics take away from many non profits in the city?
- I think there would be a neutral effect that is not worth the cost of hosting the Games.
- I think this will hinder the development of our sense of community as budgets will be squeezed for years to come and restrict spending that is specifically focused on community.
- I think this would be a benefit. The Games would do wonders for the morale of this city. I know we would do a wonderful job in pulling this off.
- I think we are risking damaging the environment to build facilities in national parks including facilities for tourists and competitors. I don't think Calgary can handle the influx of visitors and we risk over expanding to accommodate for only two weeks.
- I think will be make Calgary more notorious on the world. Calgary is the fourth liability city in North America that counts. However, the government need to be aware that games maybe do not help to keep Calgary on the list of the first clean city in the world. Everything carry pros and cons. It is just how we are going to mitigate the cons.
- I worked as a corporate partner in '88. All the stars were aligned back then. Today Calgary is fighting is try and rebuild itself after the economic gut punch we have been dealt. Provincially we have a regime that believes in the concept of 'spending ourselves out of a depression'. In tough times when a government feeds itself first its population suffers. Measured, essential, long term infrastructure is definitely happening in Calgary. Roads have NEVER been as difficult to navigate but I do believe this medium term pain will provide significant and lasting benefits. Based on the censored information that city hall is 'feeding' Calgarians I do not see the positive economics for lasting or significant 'legacy value' in the current plan/ It appears (as presented) as a patchwork hodge podge 'cobbled together plan', fudged just to make the numbers fly. The old saying 'champagne tastes on a beer budget' comes to mind. Under funding this thing could do us more harm than good.
- "I would like to see more of a guarantee that we would get the promised affordable housing. Other olympics have promised this and the units have been sold off as condos instead. The affordable housing has to be walkable and connected to transit and workplaces and services and grocery stores in order to be useful to those needing affordable housing in the future.
- I am also concerned that the current references to Olympics contributing to reconciliation are totally unsubstantiated and not showing substance as to how this would be achieved."
- I'm very tired of sport having so much more funding than culture. We need to decide what kind of city we want to be.
- I'd like to know what non-profit housing agencies that are already milking all levels of government will receive further funds or housing from the bid.
- If affordable it would have a positive impact on the city
- If and only if it is well run will there be a positive impact in the community

- If anything it will hinder. Culturally or socially. Look at any city before and after the games. If they weren't attracting tourism before, they weren't after either. "Geez i would love to visit Sochi!" [sarcasm] social and cultural impacts are created by small business owners and forward thinking locals with their feet on the ground. Goin ahead with this bid just endangers the local peoples lively hoods.
- If course they would help IF WE COULD AFFORD IT!!! We can't afford it as a city and as a tax payer I work full time at 74 years so I can keep my house- pay ever increasing taxes utilities
- If done properly, it MIGHT help calgarys future. However, I have little confidence in the plan put forward to come to fruition.
- If proving the City is a spendthrift in tough times it will prove that to the world. There are no social cultural or economic benefits only several thousand dollars of debt for every Calgarian
- If the costs put the property taxes out of reach it will have a long lasting economic effect on the population.
- If the costs were controlled and the venues were build with the understanding that they need to benefit the community after the games, this could have a positive affect on community building in Calgary. If the high cost meant that other important services would suffer then this would be a negative for the community. I feel that with the current state of the economy it isn't wise to take money away from the community in order to fund the olympics.
- If the costs were manageable and the rest of the city's infrastructure wouldnt suffer, hosting the games would be good for the city.
- If we can use the Olympics to share the moral case for cheap reliable fossil fuels, maybe that would be a benefit to Calgary and the world.
- If we end up with a huge debt, which is likely, this will hinder our economic future. Social and cultural impacts should take a back seat to negative financial implications.
- ihinder calgary. we have a lot of people hurting financially and we have spent far too much money on this now. i think calgary should be a community for all, not just the well to do and rich. this is not just or logical.
- I'm not sure there would be much of an impact at all. Sure for the moment of the Olympics we would come together, but as a Country and City we already do that during the Olympics. We have other issues to solve that will just be pushed to the background to put on a face for the World to see.
- I'm not sure.
- Impact would be minimal.
- Impact would do neither, it will only expand the dysfunction surrounding our Country and First Nations relations
- Impacts are temporary
- Impacts might be positive, but are not justified by the anticipated costs.
- In light of the lack of additional pipeline capacity and very poor investment climate; Calgary does not have the income to pay for the luxury of the Olympics. The IOC also reinstated Russia after being "tough" on PEDs so they are not trustworthy.
- In regard to the residents of Calgary, the olympics will provide a sense of courage and pride for being a citizen of the host city that is showcase on the world stage, however the long term impact comes from how the Calgary is marketed during the olympics and that is in regard to if the games will overshadow the importance of who is hosting or will the olympics bring the outside people a sense of what Calgary truly is.
- In todays political climate I am afraid the games in Calgary would be overtaken by the far right voices and embarrass us on an international stage.
- increased taxes will result, making Calgary a less desirable choice for future investment
- Increased volunteerism, increased tourism
- Indifferent

- IOC is corrupt, so negative social impact. More police presence in threatening manner means neg. soc impact. Increased multi-national corporate presence in an already densely populated sphere means diminished local culture.
- "Irrelevant Question. We are broke. What don't you get ! We are over-taxed, over-fee'd.
- "Wouldn't trust the IOC as far as I could throw them and most global cities agree."
- It can only help. I was a volunteer in Vancouver 2010 and the impact that had on Vancouver and Canada built a stronger nation. Pride in our country and city that we haven't had yet. Focus on more than just an oil and gas town.
- It could be alright. The old olympic facilities are cool and it's nice that athletes can train here. I'm always down for supporting Canadian athletes.
- it could elevate Calgary's view, but at what cost??
- It could help however there are much better ways to spend the taxpayer dollars including long lasting sporting facilities such as a field house and new arena.
- It does not impact enough to warrant the potential risks this event brings to our city
- It has been shown there is no social or cultural benefits.
- It helps - it brings awareness and interest to our city, from tourism to businesses that want a great place for their employees to work.
- It helps a new generation volunteer together and it showcases Calgary to the rest of the world.
- It helps with the global view of Calgary but the costs do not justify
- It helpsyes
- It is 14 days and then we get the bill
- It is a 14 day expensive party which will have minimal affect on social and culture issues
- It is a nice 14 day party and brings folks together
- It is a nice idea, but with the unemployment rate at record levels, the vacant downtown offices forcing increased taxes for other businesses and the discounted rate of our biggest revenue maker (oil) this is not the time. We need the City to stop spending our tax dollars with no regard to how we will ever afford a potential \$5 billion dollar tab. Even with the other levels of govt contributing, it is still too much. Soon the IOC will have only Calgary as an option so maybe they can foot the whole bill.
- It is just a big party, if it is so important to the IOC, let them pay us to host the games.
- It is not about this and only about the fact all our Governments at Municipal level cannot afford to pay this amount of money for "sporting events"
- It is too much
- It may help Calgary grow in the future, but we don't need that right now. We need to fill the empty houses, and the massive amount of space that is sitting empty in the downtown core. We don't need more exposure on the world stage, we need to fix the problems in our own backyard first. The veterans food bank just closed down, and there are homeless people on the streets. Why would ANYONE ever think hosting the games is a good idea when we could put that money towards helping the veterans and the homeless.
- It may help, but billions in debt, far outweighs the benefit
- It may slightly help however I don't believe it is worth the cost.
- it will be a legacy for Calgary. Younger generation needs to be proud the city they live in can host international event like this. Calgary is not just a "Cowboy" or Oil town.
- IT will be a positive. However, not worth the risk.
- It will be neutral. All the gains were made in 88.
- It will bring yyc together for a positive common cause around athletics, culture, arts & entertainment. 1988 saw same impact and YVR saw a big boost in social and cultural events in the wake of the 2010 games. It's what we make of it, a chance to sell Western Cdn heritage on the world stage, while showing how diverse, cosmopolitan and contemporary Calgary has become. it will further bind Calgarians of all backgrounds together for a common cause. Even those who are

currently opposed to the games will likely join in on community events etc when the games roll around.

- It will definitely bring more color to the culture of the city
- It will do neither
- It will give Calgary a spotlight on the world stage that we have not had in a generation.
- It will have no effect at all.
- It will have no lasting impact at all.
- It will have zero impact which we know from the last Olympics. How does it help us? We are not a major international city. Ask Torino. And we don't even have Italian wine to offer anyone. I love the Olympics, but it is not right for Calgary.
- It will help Calgary's future
- It will help immensely. It's great that we have some reputation for the Stampede but we need to remind the world and ourselves that we have a lot more to offer. And part of that is to start offering more!
- It will help. the legacy will last years.
- It will help. Create jobs that are needed.
- It will hinder Calgary, by incurring debt.
- It will hinder Calgary's future. The city will be left with a large debt with no benefits
- It will hinder Calgary's future. It (all potential social and cultural impacts of the Games) doesn't worth and doesn't make any sense for the price we have to pay!
- It will HINDER communities - you can't clean our streets when it snows, so we can't afford the Games.
- It will hinder our future because we would have to spend so much money upgrading our sports buildings and build new ones. I strongly disagree on hosting the 2026 games in Calgary.
- It will hurt because of the debt load the city will carry.
- "It will hurt Calgary. Attention will focus on the Olympics rather on the problems in the City of Calgary. The many people needing help in Calgary will not be helped. Money will be spent on high cost facilities that could make a bigger impact on those people looking to change careers, those who are homeless, those who cannot pay the high energy costs here. We need to stabilize Calgary. When the downtown is 30% empty and there is shrinking business tax base we need to fix Calgary. The worst case scenario is that the Calgary economy will not recover. Nobody wants our oil, so oil exploration will die and Calgary will be in year 12 of a recession. We do not want to train the spotlight on an economic failure.
- When you blindly focus on one large project like this corruption creeps in and cost overruns become the norm.
- Every day for six months the NHL provides free advertising for Calgary on each sport report across Canada and the United States. Money will be better spent to ensure the Calgary Flames stay in Calgary."
- It will make a social and cultural impact but not big enough to make a difference.
- It will neither help nor hinder
- It won't help or hurt so it's not worth the cost
- It won't help a bit. We are already struggling and the politicians that have been sucking off the public teat for so long they don't know what it is like to live a regular, real, life should be fired.
- It won't help. It made a very short term difference in 1988 but we could afford it then and we can't now. There is not as much disposable income today, world wide, and the Olympics only caters to the top 1% of the population while the rest of us, who are struggling to just get by, would not be able to participate or benefit from the games except to pay higher taxes when all is said and done.
- It would be only temporarily and not a good ROI for the cost of the Games. So in the long run it would hinder.
- It would benefit a very small percentage of the population and use taxpayer dollars that could be put to much better use

- It would definitely help, it completely transformed Calgary as a city when the Olympics were held the last time!
- It would destroy Canmore with foreign interests boosting an already overheated housing market in a very confined area.
- It would do neither other than a short term burst of activity. It will not create a sense of community but rather a very split City where those that did not want it will only see negatives and those that want it only positive. Remember that if the City spends more than it has the people who are saddled with the cost is not all the Citizens of Calgary but rather the property owners who actually own a home and pay property tax. Those taxes are already high for really subpar service from the City. We cannot even handle a simple snow storm without getting help from outside because the City was not ready for the storm even though it was televised in advance. There is no actual ownership of the event. No one cares as it is another person's money so who cares if we go over budget as it is all in the name of everyone buying in and feeling good. The young who in the majority do not own a home or who have no vested interest as they pay no taxes or minimal are all for it because it is someone's else's money. Concentrate on getting what little you have correct because the collective City operations do not even know how to clean snow properly let alone running a multi billion dollar organization. Remember the bottom line is to make money or break even but everyone at City thinks it is to get infrastructure. Look this will happen anyway but spend money wisely not like you do.
- It would foster greater sense of community.
- It would give us a good dose of spirit and pride in our community. Impacts would be positive.
- It would go over budget, and various governments will change regardless. We tax payers will always be left holding the bag, and it's a goddam big bag!
- It would help
- It would help
- It would help , but I do think think we should foot the bill and not even get all the events.
- It would help because it would, once again, put Calgary on the world's view. This time with social media and much more advance coverage than the 80s. It would bring in people from all over the world and it would benefit not just the City but for the province as well.
- It would help bring attention to Calgary as a world-class city. I think we tend to hang on to the 1988 Olympic legacy, though many around the world may have forgotten those days (or not have any association to it).
- It would help Calgary's future. It will help diversify the city so markets that may have been unreachable due to lack of facilities can benefit the city's economy. People are so concerned with the now and the potential financial burden that they are not looking forward to see what this could do for Calgary's future. Sometimes you have to spend money to make money. This is an amazing opportunity for the city and citizens.
- It would help Calgary's (and Alberta's) future due to the renewed focus on what our city and province has to offer the world. With all the negative focus in the world these days, we need something to showcase the positive and something to look forward too.
- It would help Calgary's future, with additional growth and modernization.
- It would help if done correctly.
- It would help in a short period of time, but in general, the world knows about Calgary whether it was from "Best places to live" articles, the Stampede, their NHL team etc., and hosting the games wouldn't add much more impression, certainly not for the cost of this "advertising" from the olympics.
- It would help kick start the economy until oil prices increase.
- It would help.
- It would help. It's never a bad thing when you have an opportunity to bring people together.
- It would help. We would co tune to be seen as a world class city and this would bolster that.

- It would hinder as it would put us grossly into debt and impeded our ability to sponsor social or cultural events as the money has already been spent on a games we DO NOT need.
- It would hinder Calgary's future. The city government is pushing something no one in the city wants
- It would hinder it. We'd be even more strapped for cash. It wouldn't do anything to help.
- It would hinder our future, in that the debt/expenses created would cripple our economic recovery. It provides no dividend for the ordinary taxpayer. The only people that would benefit would be: a) athletes, and; b) a small group of "elite" status socialites and political players. This will create division, bitterness, and a lot of anger towards these segments. The "positive" impact on small business will be minimal, and temporary, as only a small grouping of specific business enterprises will benefit (mainly those that are in the hospitality industry, and sports-development industry - which benefit only a small percentage of people). The corruption associated with the IOC is another issue in and of itself, and will produce a negative social impact for the city and province. This is a bad idea in its current form.
- It would hinder the vast majority of Calgarians and Albertans. The cost of the games would place an unfair burden on tax payers and benefit only a few who are directly involved in the Games. I consider this a Vanity Project for people like Mayor Nenshi who I have supported in the past and Aldermen but most emphatically NOT in this bid for the Games. Getting the Games I feel is something some of our politicians would like for a legacy....but not at our expense. The billions of dollars they propose to spend on the Games should be spent on the citizens of Calgary in terms of improving infrastructure, city services and tax relief. Now THAT would be a legacy any politician should be proud of.
- It would hinder. The cost of the games would hurt other future initiatives. We could work in housing, communities etc. Without the games
- It would hinder Calgary's future for or against, once the games are over the financial headaches would just be beginning.
- It would hurt our future, because the adopted debt load will be borne by the middle class, and the next generation. Neg legacy will outweigh any positive 'feelings' that the games create. The IOC is a provable corrupt organization, and there are too few people in Calgary/Alberta that will realistically benefit from the Games (athletes do not bear any fiscal risk/cost, but an elite few benefit at our expense). One 2% will achieve any fiscal benefit, but over 50% of Calgarians will see massive property tax and surcharge increases well into the future just to aid/assist a few elite athletes, and provide increased 'branding' for those who are involved at the top of the process. Crime may increase as a result of this, as will infrastructure costs. Every economist and accountant who has looked at this deal sees nothing but 'bad' coming out of this - as do emergency services professionals. Mayor Nenshi's legacy, and lucrative 'jobs' for an elite few are not worth the problems we will face in the future if we go ahead with this scheme.
- It would hurt social programs and cultural projects in our city.
- It would likely help
- It would make no significant long term impact
- It would probably help in some ways, but I think we would be better off finding specific ways to do that, rather than spend billions we don't have.
- It would provide some benefit but the cost would outweigh the benefits.
- It would saddle our kids and grand kids with a ridiculous amount of debt for a two week party that only benefits a few.
- It would show that Calgary is more accepting of those who are different, which is important as many people still carry prejudices. I believe it would help grow communities considered to be minorities.
- It'll displace any street folk, I don't think it'll get the community involved more than it usually is.
- It's a two week party -- what social and cultural impacts do you think are really going to happen?
- It's not clear that the games would have any lasting benefits to Calgary, beyond upgrading of existing sports facilities that only a limited number of athletes use (but to be fair, they do need good quality facilities). In terms of the potential to increase affordable housing, then I would direct City

funding to affordable housing projects themselves, rather than indirectly through athlete housing that could be converted later.

- It's not simply a matter of help or hinder for the future. We can't afford them now. I have no doubt there would be wonderful legacies, just like '88, but, it was such a different world.
- It's not worth the cost. That's all that matters.
- It's simply a party for the elites - minimal social/cultural benefits to the general population
- Jamming thousands of extra people into calgary's already stressed infrastructure can only create trouble for residents.
- Jobs, strong economy will bring community together not hosting the olympics.
- Just don't do it - too expensive- if we are not making money on it - then will be taxed to death - you're going to kill people Economically period
- Leave us in more in the hole we can't afford more taxes with less jobs
- Like most professional sports, it will benefit the small amount of athletes and families, however I do not see how this is going to positively going to influence the community as a whole. How about focusing on academics for once instead of sports? Or shall we continue to eliminate the potential for individuals to further advance their education due to insanely high university costs? Thus contributing to an overall decline in our societal contribution. Priorities are completely out of line.
- Like the stampede the Olympics would bring in tourists for only a short period of time. While this does temporarily boost the service and tourist industry, the effect is so short lived that it does not out weigh the exorbitant costs associated with the Olympics.
- Likely be neutral long term.
- Limited benefit if any. Does not outweigh risks
- Limited impact.
- Little or no effect.
- Long term i believe it has no impact, especially if we don't get any legacy buildings out of it.
- Look to all recent Olympic venues in regards to cost / ongoing benefit. I fear Calgary is being set up for a financial loss that will require years to overcome.
- Low income residents will be even more marginalized
- Massively hinder. Huge debts taken on to fund a pointless party.
- May boost tourism in Calgary, which could also increase traffic (especially to Banff and area) or loads on infrastructure
- May help as long as there is no debt associated with these games
- may help, but not worth the cost.
- Maybe a little
- Might help, but we've already hosted the games.
- money for games could go to much better projects for city, games will more than hinder calgarys future they will bury us in debt and lost opportunity. a 2 week games is a crazy idea to try to reverse citys fortunes. mayor should have shown much better leadership and vision than this ridiculous losing idea. invest in companies that grow our city, sports teams have been here for years and create buzz and interest in city. get an arena that draws acts and buzz, and brings companies who want a diverse interesting city. the games dont do that. after 2 weeks all that security money is spent and gone, no legacy from it. develop a stunning and stellar art gallery, develop an indigenous culture centre - lasting impacts that will put us on the map. we need great arcitecture, great art, snow cleared in a timely manner and well to allow us to get to our jobs. the olympics is a ridiculous idea with only benefit to a few, yet all taxpayers of whatever level of government funding you use, its taxpayers pay for it. not a smart idea for the development and long term vitality of our city. increased city debt will not allow for ongoing social and community programs. come on calgary city council stop the olympic spending now.
- Money spent on Olympics will be diverted from other priorities for the city. How can the city consider cutting back on essential services in the next budget cycle while spending millions on an

20216 Olympic bid and Games.!!! The Games would hinder Calgary's future by saddling the city with more DEBT.

- Money would be better spent on long term social and cultural benefits to the city. Affordable housing for the homeless and working poor. Better mental health resources. Parks and pathways. Bike lanes. Libraries with cutting edge programming.
- More exposure to the world will only help us.
- More money would help with healthcare and AISH recipients need more money
- Most cities that have hosted the games in the last two decades have experienced either a net neutral or a net negative effect in living standards for the average citizen. The heightened security and chilling effect on free speech would make the city a much more unpleasant place to live for the two weeks of the games.
- Much help. Give a reason and financial help to upgrade key parts of our infrastructure that desperate need improving. Finally get some government money to help Calgary rather than watch every other city get it all
- Multi billion dollars in debt will hinder everything.
- Must be executed inclusively to help our culture
- There ARE no social and cultural impacts of a sports event--especially an event with marginal/niche sports nobody really cares about. Who gives a rodent's rump how fast somebody can slide down some ice???
- Hosting this ridiculous circus takes away from social and cultural expenditures that COULD have lasting impacts."
- My parents were a part of the last olympics here in 1988 and speak about the immense sense of community they felt being a part of them. Every year, the stampede lets calgarians let loose and enjoy some fun (and pretend to be cowboys) for a week. You just feel more connected to each other in that time. I think that having Calgary on a world stage will do that for us as well. We have always come together in tough times (like the floods), and i feel this would be no different.
- Na
- negative financial legacy will devastate us socially and culturally--can't see how Calgary could absorb a \$1B+ additional to its accumulated debt, we'd be hollowed out like Detroit, Portland, Stockton, CA, Athens, etcetera.
- Neither
- neither
- Neither
- neither
- Neither
- Neither as they are unrelated.
- Neither help nor hinder. Calgary is already well known around the world for the Stampede and proximity to Banff and Louise.
- Neither help or hinder.
- Neither, the last Olympic Games did nothing for Calgary's future. The facilities sit derelict
- Neither. It would be a event in our collective memory but would not impact the social fabric of our city.
- Neither. The positive impacts must be weighed against the cost.
- Neither. Hosting the games does not provide lasting prestige or improve global standing over the long term
- Neither. It only affects those who are engaged in the event.
- Neither. It would not make a long term difference.
- Neither. There is little cultural benefit.
- Neither. They will be short lived. As such they have little value.
- Neither. We already hosted the games. Doing it again won't produce a different outcome.

- Neither....other than vested interests.
- Neutral
- Neutral at best.
- Neutral- I do not think it would have any lasting effect.
- Neutral on this. Not quite sure on the benefits, while I don't believe the social/cultural impacts would be detrimental.
- Neutral, once the games are done and after a few years have past other than a few pictures and facilities it will have no bearing.
- Neutral.
- Neutral. Will be status quo, or perhaps slight & temporary improvement.
- Nither
- No
- No
- No
- No
- NO
- no
- no - it is a two week window of disruption, too short a time for cultural impacts. Social impacts? money for social programs swallowed into the massive olympic debt
- No as this Mayor has more love for the arts than sports. His job is to combine the two not favour one over the other. All events should be in surrounding easy access to Calgarians..
- No benefit at all for community. Just massive spending on useless 10 day game
- No benefit derived from facilities for winter Olympic activities. The enormous cost will be borne by Calgarians for decades. Development within this city has failed to provide the utilities and infrastructure needed. Growth has come at diminishment for existing taxpayers, to the benefit of developers.
- No benefit out weighs the high cost impact of the games. We don't have to money spent on the games.
- No benefit so hinder
- No Benefit..only hinder by debt.
- no benifit for anyone but greedy elites
- No comment
- No comment
- No cultural impact.
- No difference
- No difference now as there was no difference after 88. Olympics are for the elite, by the elite, organized by the corrupt IOC
- No effect
- No help what so ever, plus the hidden costs like security and assistants supplied to committee members.... how dare they!
- No I do not. Past Olympics in other parts of the world have left a high debt and few benefits to the vast majority of the population.
- No I do not. Theses are 'soft' benefits from the pie in the sky crowd used to sell the idea.
- No impact
- No impact on Calgary's future. Impact is only for the short term.
- No impact to either social or cultural with hosting the games. There has been no study that shows an interest in tourism post the games.
- No impact.

- No impact. Due to social media we are seen around the world each time any visitors share their photos.
- No it will bring Calgary to global stage and increase goodwill
- No measurable benefits to cities in prior events
- No money
- No money currently... get real
- no opinion
- no opinion
- no positive effects - purely an expensive and unnecessary party
- No question, it will hinder our future
- No significant change - Calgary is already on the world "roadmap" and a two week party involving the increasingly questionable IOC will not materially change that. We need to focus on the huge infrastructure deficits for basic needs (roads/interchanges/C-train maintenance or improvements etc.) rather than on this huge distraction. Essentially we will take all the money the nearly bankrupt province has to direct our way over the next 8 years and direct it to Olympic spending instead of on other critical projects.
- No upside
- "No
- We had the games before and none of the legacy facilities were kept up"
- No, because it's the games only last 2 weeks. It's not long enough to make any impact.
- No, because we should not host the games.
- No, I do not think the Olympics can possibly help or hinder Calgary
- NO, tax bills will add up
- No, there are none! We need to invest in assisting the homeless rather than the corrupt IOC, entitled athletes and those associated with City Counsellors waiting to benefit from Olympic related cash. All parties in counsel, their families, corporations with which they are associated directly and indirectly, athletes, athlete sponsors, the bid committee and its precursor MUST BE PROHIBITED LEGALLY from deriving any financial benefit from this matter.
- No, those in need will not get the assistance needed because the money will go towards the games.
- No.
- No. As I see it, any cultural benefits gained from the Olympic Games would be short lived.
- "No. The bitter taste that the cost will leave will outweigh any social or cultural impacts.
- Prepare for cutting other social and civic programs to pay for this boondoggle."
- No. Has not happened elsewhere, why would it happen here?
- No. More of an immediate impact, unlikely long term.
- No. The tax burden will be enormous and the benefits nearly zero. No "average" Calgarian would even be able to afford a ticket!
- "No. We have NO money
- Olympics are passé"
- No. We need more not less sports related facilities spread around city.
- Nobody even remember where the last winter Olympic has been, so I do not see any social or cultural impacts.
- None. IOC IS TOO CORRUPT.
- Not a chance. This is Nenshi's wish for a legacy and he doesn't give a damn who pays for it or what it costs
- Not a factor. I do not see any long term impacts
- Not convinced any positive impacts would be realized.
- Not help make more homeless not fair
- Not hinder so much as definitely NOT help.

- Not important
- Not important enough to go further into debt for
- Not important.
- Not sure
- Not sure there are any positive social or cultural impacts.
- Not worth a 16 day party
- Not worth it
- Not worth it.
- Not worth the cost
- Not. We will be in debt for years.
- Of course there are potential social or cultural impacts - we learned that in 88. But the head-in-the-sky legacy-seekers need to do a reality check. For a city that can't even clear snow properly, the city 'leaders' want to embark on a huge financial risk that will far outweigh any social or cultural impacts.
- Of course this helps. Shared culture is incredibly important to bring Canadians closer together
- Olympic cities are long forgotten after the fact. It is not a badge of honour considering the debt incurred. Calgary is amazing and there are so many other things we can do to put it on the map. Hosting the Olympics is careless and comes at the cost of taxpayers. The estimated costs are nearly always below what it will actually end up being.
- Olympic Plaza is still used by the city at large for small events, large events and movies. Making more such places into smaller communities than the Core will only add to this effect City wide.
- Olympics do not benefit the host city significantly anymore - look at Rio and their dozens of abandoned and rotting venues, they hosted only 2 years ago.
- Only the rich will benefit. The working class can not afford to attend any venues. Olympics are for the wealthy.
- Other than infrastructure it is only s 2 week spectacle
- other than the costs to tax payers in the future, the community benefit would be large.
- Our future is not depend on the Olympics.
- Overall help by way of economic spin-off revenue and legacy facilities
- "Overall they will likely help but I expect the benefit to be marginal. The exposure on the global scale may generate some additional tourism or interest in the city. However I believe Calgary has already received this benefit from the 1988 Winter Games and it did a good job sustaining that benefit at that time. Times have changed and right now I think it's questionable how this benefit would grow by hosting a second time. On the negative side I think affordability is a major concern that needs to be addressed - both during and after the games. The drivers for this bid need to remember Calgary is not in a great place right now and hosting the games is not likely going to benefit those that are struggling to get by.
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- Finally, I struggle to see how hosting an Olympic Games is going to truly change the culture of our city. The games are an expensive, short term event. A culture cannot be established or changes from these types of activities. Cultures are developed over time by the long-term influences that become foundational parts of our identity, environment, and communities. When I travel around the world and share that I'm from Calgary, people don't react by connecting the city to the 1988 games. They recognize Calgary as a Canadian city close to popular tourist spots in the rocky mountains, with a strong energy industry, and highly rated among the world's most liveable cities. At the same time when I think of recent Olympic host cities I characterise them through other similar parameters, rather than they simply hosted an olympic games. In fact, if I recall that a city is a former host of the olympics what I tend to recall is the bad press, cost overruns, and ridicule those cities endured because of the event. The cliché story about the olympics is it leaves a legacy of expensive, unused, and burdensome infrastructure that doesn't benefit the general population. If the olympics funded a

new transit system, major highway, education centre, etc the population could recognize a tangible benefit. Whereas fancy new sports facilities only benefit the rich and the elite."

- Overall, I think they will hinder. People will carry more taxes in this city due to the costs and they already are bitter about our current tax levels.
- Overspending and putting calgary into further recession will have a negative impact on the community. Raising taxes to pay for the games will cripple a huge number of families financially. This is a huge waste of money so the current city council can have a 'legacy'. The fact that this bid has already gone so far and cost so much is shameful.
- People are broke and my over taxed enough already why place more burden on us? There's less money in a pay check for many powwow because of utilities and taxes and inflation. Can't we use this money to build a large dollar project or subsidize solar panels for the city instead? More people would approve of this if it actually benefited the people of Calgary more directly. Besides who even watches the Olympics any more anyways? We're already Olympic famous and there's cooler things we can be known for than just the stuffy olympics that we are going to be paying for a generation. Such a waste, live by our means and not beyond them. The way this city is going is not financially sustainable with this city council. My ward 13 councillor even lied to me about how she would be voting on this (ward 13 zero accountability with email as evidence).
- people do not volunteer like they did 30 years ago - paid workers will replace some volunteers
- People only come to Calgary as part of a trip to the mountains. Vancouver saw no increase in tourism, and I don't know why we expect anything different
- Please do not bid for the 2026 Olympics, they will bring no social or cultural value to Calgary.
- Possible cultural could be a hinder based on current global social media perspective.
- Possibly but at what cost?
- Possibly help
- Possibly hurt as overruns will increase taxes and delay community projects that would benefit many, many people.
- Probably help.
- Public money better spent on social issues and infrastructure needs that are much more prescient for Calgary.
- pus our community in the world's spotlight
- Put Calgary on the map?? It's already there. Impact will be over the few weeks of the games and then what?
- see below
- Seriously harm it do to the over spend on a party. When we look at the economy and the trouble the oil industry is in and determine the priority is the Olympics we have a serious problem with priorities. When the Olympics are all about exploiting cities and peoples and countries to their own selfish ends I begin to wonder why our politicians are on board. If we have billions to spend on infrastructure then lets have a discussion on where best to spend. To insist Olympics are the place to dictate spending I feel we are slipping from key priorities. When the proponents are saying trust us and surveys like this are all focused on a yes vote it clearly is biased to the message. We can't continue to saddle future generations with debt. If you can't afford to party...don't buy the supplies and booze and rent a venue. We can't afford this as tax payers. Why are we still talking about it?
- Short term benefit. Funds would be better spent of smaller local events over longer periods of time.
- Short term help ... long term hinder. We are one of the wealthiest cities in the country ... but we have terrible infrastructure. Our trains and transit are subpar and trains dont go to hospitals. The city representatives need to stop glorifying themselves and start to improve our city.
- slight positive impact for sports and athletes.
- slim help.
- So few will be able to afford to attend I see no influence at all

- Social - being able to add to the stock of affordable housing does a great deal to alleviate homelessness in Calgary. Cultural - The Olympics is a great stage to showcase and grow the cultural and creative talent that already exists here. Not just in terms of depth but breadth also.
- Social and cultural are good, but not at the proposed cost. Just invest into social and cultural programs: fund arts, build a surfing wave on the bow river that generations can enjoy, build a few more skateparks, purchase/annex some land for some more green spaces, etc.
- Social and cultural impacts are being oversold
- Social and cultural impacts are irrelevant to families with no job and relying on the food bank. Having a party for the rich and government officials while people are hurting is a horrible idea.
- Social and cultural impacts will hinder Calgary's future as it will bring difficulties that a small city is not ready to handle.
- Social and cultural impacts won't matter much if the province is saddled with massive debt. Average Albertans are not likely to be able to afford tickets to any of the events.
- Social and cultural investment is typically the most difficult to sustain and see new investment. The games are an unusual but significant opportunity to attract, build and leave the City years ahead of where they would otherwise be. The legacy of sport culture will be lasting for generations along with much needed affordable housing and neighbourhood renewal.
- Social impact and cultural impact would be greater through infrastructure that could benefit the entire population vs. an elite few.
- Social impact is negative due to resultant tax requirements. Our tax base is too small to support this event.
- Social impact is too short, long gone but the debt remains
- Social impact will help, but the cost is too high.
- Social impacts - spending time and money on the bid and the Games would almost certainly divert energy from real initiatives to help vulnerable people in the long term. This is already happening at the City where many people and projects are being put on hold to focus on advancing the bid. Cultural impacts - This is harder to predict. There could be benefits to arts and culture but I expect any boost in this area would be offset by the harm done on the social side.
- Social impacts would be negative. We are already seeing resources being diverted away from important programs due to the City advancing this bid. This will only get worse if we move forward. There are limited people available to work on this and they will need to put their regular work aside to focus on this to the detriment of other initiatives.
- Social would help due to different nations visiting.
- Socially and culturally it will make absolutely no difference
- Socially and culturally it would be beneficial since it would leave a neat legacy as far as community goes.
- Socially would be negative as the benefits of hosting the games would mostly accrue to the wealthier segments of our city to the detriment of those who are struggling.
- Socially/Culturally, the Games are exclusionary. It's not middle class or lower that benefit or enjoy the Games. They are ultimately the ones that pay (across Canada based on proposed funding) with little benefit to them. My family and I are comfortable and could probably absorb a few tax hikes to help pay for the Games by why would we sacrifice when we can have just as much social/cultural impact in the community by spending that tax money on local fundraising, charities and volunteering our time with those in need now. Those are the memories/stories that I will remember in my life not a 3 week party with some athletic events mixed in.
- some additional infrastructure is not worth the cost...it takes way too long to get things done i.e. Country Hill Boulevard twinning is still being built 4 years after it was started
- Somewhat helpful, but not long lasting. I've been here since before '88 and don't see any meaningful lasting social or cultural benefits.
- Spend the money on infrastructure

- Sporting events always bring people together, even when it pits them against one another
- Straw man argument, we can't afford this. Waste of taxpayer funds.
- Strong yes in favor of helping to Calgary's future. To much Oil & Gas industry-dependent City needs a shake like this one. The whole world will hear about us.
- Strongly hinder. The social and cultural impact would be small (because the event is brief and few care about past olympics), and negative (because the IOC is a corrupt foreign dictatorial bureaucracy) and also because the drug-doping scandals will be highlighted. The degree of distrust generated by olympics will be long-lasting.
- Stupid question. It will have none to speak of either way.
- "Such ideological issues don't pay any bills.
- City of Calgary should reduce their staff and their fat salary. The same applies to Alberta provincial employees, city counselors, and provincial government. The amount of pensions which these unionized employees get is at private tax payers bread and butter not to forget their children. Private sector don't have job security, 5 star benefits and above all no pension at all.
- Rather than such wasteful drama, initiate pension fund for private sector employees."
- Take away from current programs! Everything will go to a limited Olympic program.
- Taking on long term debt will limit opportunities in the future
- Taxing our future generations with this Olympics is irresponsible. As much as I enjoy the Olympic Games, I can not agree with the costs incurred. This will negatively impact future generations.
- ten as my expense is a waste of money - NO
- That totally depends on how well the city can manage the whole project.
- The 1988 Games made little difference both socially and culturally. Why should these Games be any different, other than putting taxpayers more deeply in debt while we are in recession. Many of us have lost our jobs, and don't have the leisure to volunteer....those of us lucky enough to have found new jobs are taking the place of two or three people.
- The 1988 olympics have already created the legacy. 3 billion for upgraded facilities is a farce.
- The '88 Olympic Games put Calgary on the map. We enthralled the entire world with our can-do, down-home spirit. We got it done. And we reaped the benefits for 30 years. This is our chance to once again renew our commitment to the future and renew our community spirit. The Games will help diversify our economy, provide us with much-needed infrastructure, and provide our children and their children with a world class legacy.
- The affordability aspect alone would hinder Calgary's Future.
- The amount of money this is going to cost would be much more effectively invested in local arts, culture, and sports.
- The arts/cultural Olympiad would be potentially helpful for a window of time, but I'd rather see consistent funding given to CADA.
- The bid would hinder Calgary's future, as it drains critical economic resources, raises taxes and wastes taxpayer money on a game that will leave very little legacy in terms of facilities. Spending 5 billion dollars on a 3 week party is NOT acceptable.
- The citizens need you to remove snow from your snow routes, not waste any more of our money on Olympic bids
- The City & Province hasn't finished doing repairs from the 2013 Flood, I think that is more important than wasting money on a party, that is going to cost us billions of dollars.
- The city does not have the facilities to host the games OR the funds to build the facilities. What a horrible idea ... not only do property taxes increase and city services cut every year, I'm not sure where the city would get funds for the games with out more tax hikes and more cuts to services. The city should be focused on homelessness, affordable housing and infrastructure. This is what is desperately needed.
- The city is so disconnected from reality. We are broke. We are in debt. We need to cut the cost and size of government. People need to keep more of their own money to improve their own lives.

- The city should be working on building industries and jobs and not wasting money in hosting the olympics.
- The City should not depend on Olympics to drive social or cultural endeavours. The City should set and follow an independent agenda
- The community effects would be extremely short lived while cost effects would be much more impactful.
- The community impact is limited to the people that will participate. The vast majority of Calgarians will see no impact from this.
- The community will come together.
- The cost of being in debt would be a severe hinderance to the community
- the cost of supporting these social and cultural increases (more housing or more venues) will need more money to support them. If we as a city could afford to support more housing, or social programs don't you think we actually would have them in place already? We can't afford them now, so having someone else foot a small portion of the bill isn't magically going to make it affordable 2 years after the games.
- The cost of the games will hinder the community. People will not be able to afford a quality standard of living due to the significant taxes associated with hosting the Olympics.
- The cost outweighs the benefit
- The costs are too high for little to no benefit. It's an ego boosting project for Nenshi and nothing else. Calgarians are sick of his narcissism and arrogance. STOP THIS MADNESS!!
- The costs far outweigh any benefits to the citizens of Calgary. Paying down the cost overruns will prevent the City from making needed infrastructure investments in the future.
- The cultural impacts not relevant, this is a want not a neat.
- The cultural impacts of the games if we are to judge by the previous games or those of Vancouver, would be minimal. If we were to see a similar volunteer participation as last time, social benefits might accrue.
- The debt burden will outweigh any potential benefit.
- The debt incurred by the Olympics will hinder Calgary's future.
- The event does not advance cultures as there is only a veneer and awkward stereotypes that are on display.
- The expense will be too high
- The financial cost is too high for most of us to support this idiocy.
- The financial cost/risk to Cagary's taxpayers is too high!
- The financial impact on the city will hinder Calgary's future.
- "The funds to be spent for a two week event is not a good use of tax dollars. There are many more pressing needs for infrastructure in Calgary that would benefit the majority of Calgarians and not just elite athletes and the IOC. Decision makers in Calgary have been very UNTRANSPARENT when it comes to sharing the full potential costs and risks of the 2026 Winter Olympics. I think the benefits have been overstated and the risks and real costs understated. There are very good studies that show Olympic Games do not provide long term economic benefits and cost overruns are normal. The cost overruns will mean less funds available for basic services for Calgarians in the future. It is such a specious argument to suggest getting provincial and federal tax dollars is a good deal when it simply means those dollars will not be available for other provincial and federal programs.
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- The only way to pay for cost overruns by all three levels of government is to either raise taxes or cut services. There will be long term social impacts of tax dollars being diverted from other expenditures to pay for the 2016 Winter Olympics and especially so to pay for the cost overruns.
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- If low cost housing is such a priority, why not take the proposed funding for the Olympic bid and games and build low cost housing?

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- Calgary taxpayers are already facing higher property taxes. The City is currently subsidizing business property taxes and Mayor Nenshi said yesterday there is going to have to be a solution which essentially means having to shift more of the City tax burden to residential property owners. If the combination of this tax transfer and an Olympic cost overrun is a substantial increase in the taxes most Calgarians have to pay there will be significant impacts. How many seniors on fixed incomes will be forced out of their homes due to the higher taxes? What services in the City will have to be reduced? The maintenance of parks and natural areas? The support to the cultural community? Or will there be higher fees for things like transit and recreational facilities. Higher taxes will mean higher prices at grocery stores, retail outlets, businesses and restaurants. The combination of higher prices and higher taxes means Calgarians will have less money to spend and that will further negatively impacts businesses and jobs in Calgary. Are those kinds of social and economic impacts over many years justified for a two week sporting event?
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- Much is being made of the cultural benefits of the Winter Olympics but there are few descriptions of what those benefits are and even fewer suggestions on how the benefits could be measured. Most of the perceived benefits will be for elite level athletes and the businesses that benefit from holding national and international sporting events."
- The future burden to taxpayers would be will be huge.
- The Games are a 2 week party that we cannot afford. There are very public costs and a great deal of private benefits (The Flames, Murray Edwards and his ski hills etc). We take the risks while the rich will benefit. there are some benefits to the city and community, no doubt - but the cost to achieve those benefits is ridiculously high. We can do better on our own without the IOC.
- The Games only last a short time of period, most likely not going to have any impact socially and culturally.
- The games only last two weeks... then what!!!! Look at all the other cities that hosted the games! They fall off the map and facilities go unused and rot.
- The games themselves would plunge us into further in to debt. If you want to discuss social and cultural impacts, lets discuss the tax burden on struggling young families. Lets also discuss the waste on infrastructure and installation spending that could be diverted to needed projects.
- The games will not make Calgary a World Class City...but spending the money where it is needed will.
- The games would benefit the social and cultural profile of the city.
- The games would hinder Calgary, due to the tax that we currently pay and what will follow to make these games a reality.
- The games would increase economic and therefore social equality in Calgary. Increased taxes and reduced services will have a greater proportional negative impact on lower income individuals, thus increasing inequality in Calgary.
- The high cost of the social and cultural impacts will strike out any potential benefit they May provide Calgarians and the future of the city.
- The high costs of the games will be a burden on the taxpayer for generations and this will have a negative impact on the community.
- The idea of 'cultural impact' is laughable. We can't afford to host the Olympics. With the provincial government now releasing their figures on contribution share (\$700-mil), that leaves a huge question of where is the rest of the money coming from? Sure, Feds will kick in a chunk (amount unknown), which leaves Calgary (& Alberta) taxpayers holding the balance of the billions that'll be owing. No thanks. Instead of hosting an expensive party, ostensibly run by one of the most corrupt organizations on the planet (IOC), let's spend our tax dollars on things that are beneficial for ALL ALBERTANS, like healthcare, education, fixing roads & bridges, etc. My vote is, as you can probably already guess, NO.

- The impact is of no importance as it will be short lived. It's just a very expensive party and a very short lived feel good moment.
- The impact of the games could have a positive impact on calgary's future by promoting physical literacy and youth sports participation.
- the impact of the games will hinder Calgary's future. The community will suffer because of the huge financial burden the Olympics would impose on the city, such that, needed community expenditures would not be possible simply because of the financial commitment the games would place on this city. The Provincial gov has committed 700M while the Federal gov has not defined anything. However, it is for sure that whatever the total gov commitments are, they will be a maximum commitment. That means that whatever the costs (including undisclosed costs and cost overruns) Calgary will be obligated to pay the balance. That's a blank cheque. After the two week party that is the Olympics (I was here in 1988), there will be no funds available for community anything, for an unknown amount of time.
- The impact of the games would definitely help Calgary's social and cultural impacts. I personally experience everyday how the 88 games have has an effect on families all over Calgary and beyond.
- The impact of using tax dollars to host a sporting event versus spending it on improving city infrastructure or services will have a negative impact on the city's future.
- The impact will hinder Calgary for years to come culturally. There are major centres like downtown and our places of education that need face lifts. Renovating the core and places like City Hall, The Glenbow Museum, The Performing art centres, the Calgary tower, etc. are far more important than blowing money on the Olympic Games. Nobody cares about these games anyway, so why should we. Focus on actually injecting culture through smart planning and meaningful investment rather than dumping money on a cash cow like the Olympic Games.
- The impact would help by bringing all cultures together. It is unifying and uplifting.
- The impacts will be transitory and minimal for a two week party but the debt will last forever.
- The increased taxes to pay for the games would hamper every Calgarian in their personal and professional lives.
- The infra structure was wonderful after '88 olympics and the volunteerism made it possible. We will still have the volunteers but safety and security costs will make this bid so exorbitant and Calgary and Alberta will be paying for years to come
- The infrastructure upgrades and the housing units that will result will provide benefits to the future Calgarians and aspiring athletes
- The lasting benefits for a very few will be vastly outweighed by the ongoing tax burden shouldered by people who get no benefit whatsoever from this event; zero beneficial impact on "culture".
- "The long-term benefits of a successful Olympic bid pale in comparison to the overwhelming initial cost. Even positive aspects of the bid, such as 2,800 affordable housing units, are insufficient at BEST because the city will be short 20,000 units by 2026.
- I live in the NW and in our first October snowfall I woke up to uncleared, icy roads. Same thing one week later. I have a transit system that doesn't run for 24 hours a day, but live in a city of over 1 million people, and when it does run it's virtually inaccessible to me due to sprawl. We have parks downtown I don't feel safe in because of our growing homeless population. We have rising taxes and ghastly vacancy rate for downtown commercial properties.
- To be blunt- the pure gall of some members of Council to openly advocate for this tremendous waste of money has me perplexed. I'm not sure if it's arrogance, ambivalence, apathy or arrogance because a solid case could be made for each A-word. Pun intended."
- The money spent is not worth hosting the games. HINDER.
- The net value is negative - for the "fluffy" cultural impacts.
- The Olympic games are typically a short term period where national pride is increased. I live in a desirable neighbourhood that sees numerous social problems that should be addressed and

prioritized versus planning a 10 day international event. Calgary already hosts an annual international event and thus there is no need for the Olympics.

- The Olympics are an outdated relic that can't be justified with the economic climate in Calgary. Hope isn't going to be an option, we need tangible results from an expenditure this big.
- The Olympics are not about positive social or cultural impacts anymore.
- The Olympics are so professional athlete & sponsor driven. They don't seem to reflect the original intent. Seem like they're not relevant anymore. How can a poor country compete with the wealth of first world leaders. Does Calgary want to support these inequities? I really believe the spirit of the Games is broken & needs to be redesigned.
- The Olympics promote segregation and racism.
- The Olympics, with all its hidden costs and need for new or updated facilities, will hinder Calgary's future. People will grow about it for decades like they did after the 1984 Olympics but that's the only benefit - the fading pride of the people who were there. Calgary would be better off hosting gaming tournaments like they do in Asia, which bring in thousands without sports team owners whining for a larger facility. Calgary would be better off investing money into sustainability projects, green space and limiting the carte blanche given to developers to knock down 100 year houses and replacing them with giant cube infills that don't fit into the cultural and historic feel of the neighbourhood, like they have been doing in historic inner city communities like Renfrew, Ramsay and Crescent Heights. If the city gave a hot damn about cultural and social impacts, you would stop property developers from razing historic neighbourhoods to the ground and require them to build homes that have a similar architectural look. Nobody cares about the Olympics anymore except for status oriented politicians (which I don't believe describes our mayor and his allies) and sports-crazy fanboys.
- The only culture Calgary cares about is money, and no one wants to see a bad return on investment. If the Olympics does not earn more money than it costs, I don't want it.
- "The only elements that would help Calgary's future are venues and facilities. Social impacts are such that when cost are passed onto Tax payers, it would leave Calgary with decades of higher taxes to only pay for a 1 time debt which leaves little or no money left for social welfare improvements or TAX relief for businesses and homeowners. As we have already seen year after year tax increases , with recent bumps due to the economic recession caused by Oil & gas causing many business to either close doors or force them into areas of economic uncertainty. These kind of risk's vastly overweigh any benefits the city might see from a few infrastructure and venue facilities which provide only a small recapture of money's spent.
- Unless ways can be found to provide long term social and cultural projects based on Olympic expenditures, then neither area will see any significant impact or effect either socially or culturally. Social and cultural program cannot be based on a one time event, they both require a strong base with which to move forward and have long term plans that can be self sustaining. Which requires more than just public trust, these elements will require be necessity both input by existing businesses in those domains and inclusive plans that coincide with their long term plans.
- By bring in groups social welfare groups and cultural groups longer term benefits can be achieved , but must be limited only to those with specific ties to Calgary and Alberta and who have long term plans in place that can benefit from impacts."
- The only good to come out of this will be more low income housing. We could scrap the bid altogether and just build the housing and facilities.
- The only social impact will be a 10 billion dollar party. (which we can't afford) There is no cultural impact - it sports not culture.
- The only thing the Olympics will help is Nenshi's ego, the only thing it will hinder is my ability to pay my bills. My god, you guys can't even run this city without running taxes thru the roof and you want to play at Olympics with our money? No thanks!
- The past 1988 Olympic Games did not turn out to be beneficial to Calgary in the long run
- The point is the Games are too expensive for Calgary.

- The potential benefits might be out weighed by the cost. Will the pricing of the the games be even affordable for the average person/family to attend?
- The potential cultural or social impacts are not relevant.
- The potential for a forward looking goal to be a benefit to Optimism in the community that is very much lacking today.
- The POTENTIAL social & cultural impacts of the games will help Calgary's fufutre.
- The price tag will void any benefits.
- The risk of spending money we will not make back will cause a worse impact when services have to be cut or property taxes go up to pay for the balance of the costs the social and community benefits are only temporary as the games are being held
- The sense of pride and community engagement does not justify the cost. I'm sure there are other ways to promote these values without costing billions to the taxpayers
- The social and cultural aspects 'could' be interesting if the modern day Olympics had a better balance of sport, social and cultural. From what I can see, the social and cultural aspects are given lip service and likely a small percentage of the funding and hence are pushed off to the sidelines as an 'Isn't the local culture 'interesting artifact' - now where are my hockey tickets! In short I can't imagine without truly rebalancing the 'Olympics' I see nothing but hindering Calgary's future.
- The social and cultural impacts are not worth discussing when people are at risk of losing their homes. Focus on the important things.
- The social and cultural impacts will primarily affect the wealthy in our community. Those persons requiring infrastructure and basics such as housing will not benefit.
- The social and cultural impacts would be good.
- "The social and impacts of the Olympics are for the privileged in society, the politicians, and big business. The whole spectacle of the Olympics implies that dedicating oneself to a sport is somehow important to society as opposed to quietly dedicating one's life to making the community safer and more equal.
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- By supporting the Olympics we demonstrate we believe in a culture of pointless winning of medals, in the name of nation one upmanship over actual improvements to the ails of Calgary. The fact that a Canadian may win a medal and become a millionaire (by way of medal dollars and corporate sponsorship) does not make Canada, or Calgary, a safer or more prosperous place to live."
- The social impact of layering these costs onto Calgary taxpayers is probably the biggest argument to stop this thing in its tracks. Calgary will suffer as a city, worse than it already is, if residents and local businesses are asked to shoulder these costs through their property taxes, and many may well close up shop and/or leave for more lucrative jurisdictions. We need to focus on what we can do to lower taxes and become more competitive, not put our future competitiveness in jeopardy as well.
- The social impact of the Games is negligible. Nothing cultural about the Games. We have people going hungry and homeless. Far more important social issues than hosting the Games.
- The social impact would be to show the have nots in this city that they do not matter to those in charge. The ordinary, everyday citizen of Calgary gets the bill but none of them are going to be able to afford tickets to anything - what a way to show Calgarians that we are all equal - NOT!!! This will only benefit the EGOS of a few.
- The world and the Olympics have changed dramatically since 1988. Then it was a open welcoming event that invited participation. Now it is an elitist one hidden behind fortifications and battalions of armed guards. I have no desire to live in a militarized police state for weeks or months so that people I don't know or even care about can bask in the luxury of feeling safe.
- The yearly Calgary Stampede does far more than hosting the olympics ever will.
- There are good impacts of hosing the games but the cost are too risky. The City will be left out to carry these as the current provincial and Fed governments will screw us.
- "There are limited benefits for the public

- Most venues are either mothballed or too expensive to visit afterwards"
- There are many examples from past games where the hosts promise the moon and very little materializes.
- There are no social or cultural aspects
- There are no social or cultural benefits to be had.
- There are no social or cultural impacts. This is liberal fluff.
- There are very few long term social and cultural impacts from the winter olympics. Definately not worth the price tag.
- There is a positive effect of holding international competition
- There is certainly a "feel good" aspect to hosting the games but I don't feel there are sufficient positive impacts to justify the cost.
- There is likely to be a short term social and cultural benefit from the games. However I'm not convinced that the expense involved in obtaining that benefit is a responsible use of federal, provincial and municipal resources in light of the City's struggle to meet it's day to day financial needs.
- There is no guarantee that having the games would have a positive impact on the future of Calgary. If there are massive cost overruns in could be very negative for Calgary.
- There is no positive impact in the long term. There may be some tourism dollars but everyone forgets that these projects NEVER run on budget and so we the Calgarians do not receive any benefits from influx of people arriving with our poor roads systems and conditions and we are paying for overatures for decades
- There is no social or cultural impact from the Olympics on the community. The Olympics has zero influence on the social and cultural make up of the community. It is a one time party for people outside the community.
- There may be some benefit, but not enough to justify the costs.
- There was no ongoing benefit from the '88 games. This will be even worse.
- There well may be some social and cultural value to the games but they are far outweighed by the financial risks.
- There will be few if any positive social or cultural impacts for Calgarians broadly. A limited population will see benefits and will be able to participate in any meaningful way. During the 1988 Olympics, the majority of Calgarians never experienced the Olympics in any direct way.
- There will be limited long term benefit
- There will be no cultural impact, long-term
- There will be no cultural impact, the venues are concentrated on one single part of the city. Unlikely to have an effect on any other part of the city culturally save for financially.
- THERE WILL BE NO LASTING SOCIAL OR CULTURAL BENEFITS. ANY PRESUMED BENEFITS ARE SHORT TERM. THIS IS NOT 1988, THE DYNAMIC OF CALGARY HAS CHANGED.
- there will be no positive impact on me only negative
- There will be none. A big party for the rich while the rest of us pay for it!
- There will be virtually no social or cultural impact at all. Most Calgarian's will not attend or be involved whatsoever as last time.... Especially not the poor or elderly or children. What would they care... I know I couldn't care less if a bunch of people get to come here to show off their unnecessary and useless talents at playing games or sports.
- There would be negative cultural impacts because hosting the games requires increasingly draconian security that has in the past violated civil rights. This is a non-negotiable aspect of hosting the games that is incompatible with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and should be rejected on that basis alone.
- There would be no measurable effect after five years.

- There would not be any type of measurable social or cultural impact by hosting the Olympic games. The Olympics are about global competition and profits and likely the most inefficient way of attempting to uplift or improve Calgary's social and cultural community
- There's no social or cultural impacts there's plenty of that and growing here we don't need winter Games to do that.
- There's zero positive social benefits to hosting the games as many economists have shown. I'll be voting no.
- They do neither, and have done neither for any olympic city ever.
- They may help Calgary's tourism and world exposure but the cost to taxpayers will not be worth it.
- They may help, but not enough to justify the expense
- They will hinder Calgary in the future because the massive debt that will be accumulated will devastate this city.
- They will have no effect on our social and cultural future. Just a little blip for bragging rights until we start crying because we can't afford to live here anymore.
- They will hinder - we will be broke.
- they would have a minor effect on Calgary's future
- They would help but at a cost
- They would help Calgary's future! It would bring new talent, ideas and creativity to the city. It would also help to demonstrate that Calgary is the best city in the world!
- They would hinder Calgary - The long term costs to repay the deficit caused by the ever ballooning costs of these games will lead to less spending on public programs and facilities. Social needs will be funded with less and less dollars as the citizens of Calgary will not be happy with the proposed property tax increases to cover this deficit.
- They would hinder Calgary due to excessive costs
- They would hinder Calgary's future because this is a waste of money.
- They would hinder Calgary's future. The large amounts of money could be spent in far better places to have a better social and cultural impact in the city.
- They would hinder future because of being saddled with the burden of debt, cost overruns, and interest payments for a party that we didn't want.
- Think cost and overruns will bury already stretched taxpayers.
- This could be an opportunity to help strengthen and improve our inclusive community
- This is an after thought. Costs far outweigh any cultural or social impact.
- This is an ego exercise with very little long term economic benefit.
- This is irrelevant as we can't even fund our arts programs in the city.
- This is looking a lot like a legacy project. Council's message to Calgarians has been that there is no money. They are insulting the intelligence of rate payers by playing word games around the waste cart programs and other issues. The provincial government has been wasting money at a record pace. They just announced a \$million dollar commitment to help finance the games some weeks before the date of the plebiscite using money they don't have. The federal government has not committed to anything as yet but their response to veterans and others is that there is no money while the same time they donate billions to non-Canadian projects and causes. In case this is news to anyone there is only source of funds, the taxpayer. The lack of confidence by citizens in all three levels of government due to gamesmanship, secrecy and outright lying leads to the conclusion that the social impacts can only hamper Calgary's future. Cultural impacts will be short lived at best.
- This is nothing more than a vanity project for an egotistical mayor and the majority of incompetent counselors. Farkas and Chu are the only ones that have their head screwed on straight. This is just a big fat NO all the way around. I put them in order but at the end of the day none of it matters because this thing should not even be on the radar. Get back to doing what a city municipality is supposed to do. I could care less about community.
- This question is skewed in favor of supporting a bid. No fair.

- This will hinder Calgary as property taxes will soar to cover the costs
- This will hinder the community as it is an event for elite athletes and those who can afford the high ticket prices. If you want community and feel the need to make huge sports expenditures, use the money for a field house and more rinks and soccer fields or to subsidize those who cannot afford to play sports or other activities.
- This will not help Calgary's future in terms of Social and Cultural impacts. If you would like help Calgary become more cultural then spend money on new community facilities or public grants. Do not use the Olympics to imply that this will help Calgary out in the future.
- This would help the region. During the '88 Olympics, there was tremendous in the various ethnic communities for their athletes. We were able to experience the food and customs as well as the pride they had for their 'homeland'
- "Those of us who volunteered in 1988 still feel tremendous privilege & pride with our involvement then. With 18000 volunteers needed, the games would have a positive, long-term impact on our sense of community.
- Also, involvement of the First Nations' communities comes at an important time in our mutual interaction."
- Those who don't remember (or choose not to) 1988, forget how the games gave Calgary it's identity. We've lost that pioneering spirit to lobbyists and special interest groups. These games could be what helps us get our civic culture and pride back.
- To costly give the tax payers a break for a few years
- To pay the outrageous costs of hosting the games, property taxes, income taxes and other special levies will be put on Calgary citizens. Calgary's economy CAN NOT support these costs. Many people will no longer be able to afford their homes, and you will find that more people leaving the city or using social programs will increase. That's not what I want for my city.
- TOO EXPENSIVE
- Too expensive would hinder calgary's future with massive debt
- Transient population will come and leave us to clean up the mess.
- Travel between event areas during the games promises to be a logistical nightmare for all involved.
- Tricky question, forcing to positive feedback
- Trying to recreate 1988 will never happen. Trying to "increase" Calgary's awareness globally isn't required. We are already "known" to the world.
- Two and a half weeks of patying won't change much if at all. I don't even remember Vancouver Olympics and what impact, negative or positive, it had already
- Until we know the total capital and operating costs that will come from public funding sources (i.e the taxpayer eventually) this question cannot be answered. I am concerned in order to make the cost projections palatable some budget items will be shifted from the Olympic bucket to other buckets many of which will be funded via the public purse and not coming from the private sector which will ultimately reap substantial benefit.
- Very little impact.
- Very little lasting impact.
- very minimal positive impact
- Very slight benefits. People already know Calgary from our previous olympics and events like Stampede.
- Waste of time and money
- Wasting 3 billion dollars will eliminate all social and cultural events for the next 30 years.
- Wasting 6-9 billion taxpayer dollars is ridiculous
- Way to high of xosr
- We already had the Olympics here in 1988 so doing a second one with a much higher price tag seems a waste. Added debt leading to higher future taxes will hinder Calgary's future by driving people out of the City and into bedroom communities or other cities.

- We already have a vibrant cultural social recognition as a city with considerable status . Many local venues Heritage Park the Zoo the Stampede put us on the map every year at far less cost .
- We already have the stampede, we dont need another two week long party with a way more expensive hangover
- We are already broke
- We are cultural enough already. Be done with this.
- We are doing fine - we don't need the olympics AGAIN
- We are taxed to death by all levels of government and the Olympics are corrupt as is our municipal government, most Councillors & a out of touch, full of crap Mayor. Games are already considered corrupt with no social or cultural impact. Use money for Veterans and homeless projects. Remember Midland? Mayor and Councillors could not find the dollars to keep them in their homes and instead renege on their relocation promise. What a corrupt incompetent municipal government we have FULL OF WASTE.
- We can't afford it !
- We can't afford it.
- We could use a fast focus on the Green Line but bringing the Games to Calgary will likely skyrocket prices and further keep young folks out of the market, or gentrify other areas and push out the most vulnerable as huge companies and corporations throw up more condos for AirBnB rentals.
- We do not have the money. Do not mortgage our future.
- We do not need to invite the world to our door. Socially and culturally we travel like no other generation. There has been extremes as a result, from spoiling untouched natural areas from overuse, such as our own National Parks to other countries hyper-tourism, such as Spain. If people want socializing and culture experiences it is proven that they go and experience them in situ. Our culture is at risk now. We are rebuilding our economy, for the future. The effort required to put on the games and the investment should be for long term projects that benefit the jobless, homeless and debt laden middle class. The later being the highest demographic and at highest risk.
- We don't know what they are or their cost implications/
- We don't need the games to help Calgary's future. We are fine just the way we are. We , as a city, will always prosper. To state otherwise is an untruth. This is the only question I will answer in this category since I am not in the yes camp the below questions are irrelevant.
- We don't need the Olympics to make our city great. We're already an outstanding diverse city. Ranked top 5 most livable cities in the WORLD. We should spend the money on our own infrastructure, we shouldn't need the Olympic games for a reason to do so. I am disappointed in the counsel for even pursuing this bid.
- We had the olympics and benefited as a community. I did not witness a long term change or influence on diversity or inclusion
- We have more efficient means to build community than spending billions on a two week party.
- We have more important things to focus on than how we're perceived by the rest of the world as a host city. Olympics are pretty elitist.
- We lived through the 1988 Olympics, I don't feel that we live in the same city, economically speaking. Oil prices were great then and Calgary was still a friendly, well run city. Times have changed, and not for better. I worry about leaving a legacy of debt for our children and grandchildren. I also worry about terrorism coming to Calgary.
- We simply cannot afford them. Hosting them will put huge pressure on debt service, city services and property taxes which will affect each and every one of these selections.
- We would be bankrupt
- We would be in long term debt which we really dont need especially right now.
- "We would be sacrificing opportunities to fund a variety of social and cultural initiatives to instead pour all our money into forwarding a niche group of winter sports. Very few Calgarians speed skate, luge, or figure skate.

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- We could build and fund initiatives that will benefit far more Calgarians over the long-term than pouring money into an Olympic bid would."
- Well if the city is broke then the cultural and social impact would be harmful for the cultural and social activities the city currently engages in. The art shat could stop though
- "Well it's exciting of course! And we will share plenty of pride.
- But it's not what I want. The Games is what somebody else wants.
- But I would rather the city would ask me ""What do I want to engage social impact"", and not ""Do I want the Games for social impact.""
- Well, the '88 event did squat for long-lasting community impact, except for the oafs who get together to reminisce over beer about "how WONderful it all was!"
- We're broke. We can't afford the Olympics.
- What a loaded question. How could what the Calgary Sport Tourism Association thought have been considered that important? Why is competitive sport with its narrow focus on winning at all cost, its use as a propaganda tool by autocratic regimes, its corrupt governing bodies, its susceptibility to cheating and drug use, etc. thought to be positive? Why should we get caught up in participating and promoting this kind of culture? This normalizes the idea that its alright for monied special interests and self-interest politicians to sell the citizenry on social and cultural directions that aren't necessarily good for the public as a whole.
- "What community? The same one City Council lied to?
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- The part where City Council outright lied to, and prevented information being distributed to, the community.
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- City Council feels that, to properly educate the voters, would do a disservice to their special little IOC bid."
- "What services would have to be cut back to help off set Olympic cost
- Snow removal? infrastructure ? Bus service?"
- What the heck kind of stupid question is this!
- When people are evicted so landlords can rent to high paying tourists, network employees and contractors like they did in 1988, where do they go?
- when people are stressed around livelihood issues---I doubt they have the free attention to contribute or pay attention to the games ---2026 is bad timing.
- When was the last time someone remembered the 88 olympics or even talked about it? Many fresh Calgarians have no idea we hosted the games until they ask about the ski jump. Few people outside of Calgary could tell you we hosted the games. Tell me about the social and cultural impacts of the Salt Lake City games, or how about Albertville, Sarajevo, Lake Placid, and Innsbruck well known across the world for their olympic legacies. Few people if any have traveled to these places because they were at one point a host for the olympics. Any city's olympic legacy has a shorter lifespan than the years of preparation required for the games.
- Who cares if it will "help" if there is a huge cost to it. No Olympic Bid City in recent memory has seen any huge increase in tourism or economic development post games. The future of our City is based on the tax burden left for our children and grandchildren who will still be paying for this debacle should we proceed.
- Who wouldn't like a great party? Who wouldn't like to unify thousands of people from all over the World? Calgary would receive positive, international attention but again the benefits will not outweigh the economic risk. And even if the Games raise the profile of the City and the Province our Federal Government has worked hard to ensure that Alberta is not an attractive place to invest. The Games will not change this fact.

- Why can't we build the facilities we need and not risk the downturn involved in the post Olympics slump. We know we need these facilities and, outside of the Olympics, can't we build them for a lot cheaper?
- Why would such a politically correct unimportant question be included here?
- Will help bring communities and different cultures together
- Will help community and will truly make Calgary a multi cultural city.
- Will Hinder social Impact because of likely cost over runs
- Will hinder, Calgary will not be able to build essential infrastructure - LRT
- Will homeless get shoved out? Safety/security for community due to terrorism. Positive cultural impacts.
- Will not help and it will put our city in more debt.
- Will not help.
- With the appropriate structuring it could significantly benefit education surrounding community and culture.
- With this mayor and council the 2026 bid is proving to be and will remain a complete boondoggle.
- Without a doubt it would help. But that does not justify the excessive cost which grossly outweighs any perceived benefit.
- Won't have much of an impact on general population. It's a flash in the pan for most Calgarians.
- Won't make any difference long term
- Won't help. It is already very expensive to live here.
- won't make much difference
- Would do absolutely nothing for our communities and cultural footprint...other than tax to death our citizens.
- Would do nothing. What have they done for other countries except leave them with a big tax bill.
- would help
- Would help
- Would help but not worth it for the associated costs
- would help Calgary's future if not completely smothered by the incurred debt.
- Would help for first 8 months then be a none issue. People it impacts the most are athletes, bid committee and Olympic committee. The majority of Calgarians will not be able to afford a ticket to them.
- Would help if less building was invested in.
- would help, to bring calgary together again, right now we are divided into communities that don't unite for anything
- Would help, but at what cost?
- Would hinder Calgary's future in the near-term - potentially saddling it with huge debt for future generations to pay off.
- Would hinder. Large cost would result in cuts elsewhere, leaving us worse off.
- "Would make it worse by pushing more left-wing change than currently can withstand. Right-wing extreme will gain more ground, because they will feel more alienated at home.
- Further volunteers redirection would heavily impact an already over populated homeless situation.
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- Rejecting this would win major political points for the progressives, as they would be seen as finally having some sense. Badly needed unless we want another slash and cut to literal death and further infrastructure deficits and economic inequality.
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- loc is corrupt and shouldn't be trusted."
- Would neither help or hinder. Calgary is a great City & will preserve with or without the games
- Would possibly help but it's too risky.

- Wouldn't change in my view. I don't think Calgary has a stigma it needs to repair.
- wouldn't help nor hinder, therefore the games are unnecessary
- Wouldn't hinder, however, would only marginally help because we have hosted previous. The incremental help to Calgary's future is not commensurate with the financial risk we'd have to take.
- Yes I do think this would be a benefit to hosting the Games, but not beneficial enough to outweigh the huge financial risks.
- Yes it will give a broader sense of recognition as a City in a wider perspective
- Yes it would help bring communities and races together. This is a growing multicultural city lots of Caribbeans Asians Indians Middle Eastern Europeans and Africans live here. The new facilities will open doors for a bright potential future for all Calgarians. Nothing brings communities and races together like sports and its time for the Calgary to take the stand & be one of the first cities in Canada to provide such facilities for all its residents.
- Yes it would help build a stronger community that has better infrastructure for low-income Calgarians through affordable housing.
- yes there will be positive social and cultural gains however not when we have homeless on the streets and hungry children in schools
- Yes, Social and cultural impact, but at what cost? It's like getting a second mortgage to have a second wedding. You will enjoy it for a moment but you will pay for it the rest of your life. We did it once. Great
- Yes. People will feel proud of the city which a lot of people do not know exists
- Yes....it would hinder
- You will burden the city with an influx of visitors and no meaningful plan to transport them or accommodate. It will hurt Calgary in showing that special interest groups can influence multiple levels of government to get public funding for private businesses. I.e. The Calgary Flames, developers and the taxi cartel.
- Zero effect. Not relevant
- Zero impact. We have ski jumps and run down facilities from the 88 games and a story of the few true calgarians who were here when those games happened. There is no "community" impact in this bid other than its a fluffy and fake term city commities use.
- 1988 was an amazing experience for Calgary. In our current world and environment, I do not believe another Olympics will replicate the experience. All we will be left with is debt, and facilities requiring tax dollars for maintenance and repair. Olympics are best hosted by Cities with a tax base of 5 million or more tax payers.
- a few facilities to help and deficits to hinder our abilities to really impact social and cultural growth. just not worth it
- A lot of hype that the games would benefit the community while they add a tax burden.
- Absolutely help Calgary, not question about it
- Absolutely help! We need a healthy citizenry. Healthy people is good for the economy.
- Absolutely hinder. We need to fix our house before we invite guests over.
- Accelerated rate of higher taxes. CalgaryNext made more sense. I strongly dislike CSEC/Flames but their idea provided an opportunity to pull west end out of the dumps and expand tax base.
- All the IOC nabobs, judges et al, feed on the local population for 2 weeks.
- any impacts would be short lived.
- Any potential social and cultural impacts would have already occurred as a result of the 1988 Games. It is asinine that the benefits of the Olympics need to be "renewed" every 30-40 years. The costs to provide the "social and cultural impact" will draw capital and operating funding from far more critical programs that actually affect all Calgarians daily.
- At this current moment, its is inappropriate to ask Calgarians to give more so politicians can feel they left a legacy. If the economic conditions were different, perhaps.

- Average person cannot afford tickets to olympic events. Volunteerism, given the current and projected economy, would probably be limited. Major corporations no longer have the bodies to support volunteerism. I see no positive connection between hosting the olympics and the arts and culture.
- Average, no real change. People won't flock here because we hosted the Olympics. Some athletes will continue to train here.
- Based on 1988 experience, expect positive impacts.
- Calgary could efficiently address issues such as housing, the environment, costs, the economy and venues and facilities without hosting the olympics, which in turn would be a positive impact on Calgary's social and cultural environment.
- Calgary has cultural impact from being an olympic city since 1988. Having another year of games would be a waste of money.
- Calgary is already an incredibly diverse and multicultural city. Monies spent on Olympic and sporting venues would be better spent encouraging the already amazing original culture that currently exists here. I think in the long term the Olympics would hinder our growth.
- Calgary Taxpayers want access to information - not in camera secretive meetings or blacked out documents!
- Calgary's communities would be hurt in servicing the long term debt hosting the games would produce.
- Community spirit and volunteerism are positives that could be cultivated by the games.
- Cost overruns will result in cuts to education and arts programs.
- Could help and could hinder. The issue is cost and the fact that the IOC isn't financially responsible with host cities
- Could hinder as issues in other communities may not be addresses as all resources will go towards Olympic Games...
- cultural impacts would hinder our future, there are too many different cultures within our city.
- Culturally, this would benefit YYC. But the cost to reach that kind of benefit would be much better spent on community works projects, art installations and local outreach programs and events.
- "Definitely help! The more the rest of the world sees what Canada has to offer in regards to community spirit, innovation and arts without sacrificing Athletics the better.
- Calgary set the bar with our previous Olympic games. Naysayers think that that was a fluke. Not true... not only was it a successful games, we reaped the benefits even today..."
- Definitely help. Calgary is still perceived as a "western" city, and the games would help others to see us as more of a world-class city. The 1988 Olympics put us on the map, and these ones would also help.
- Definitely hinder. It's going to take years for our economy to recover. Cannot endure under more taxes
- Definitely, the game will impact the community socially and economic - overrun cost and deficient.
- During stampede, concerts and flames games the current transit system can hardly hold up. How are we to be able to withstand the hundreds of people in the city for the olympics?
- For the large part - hinder! Mostly due to costs... Calgary has GREAT arenas, pools and community events for the citizens to utilize. I see a huge part of the 'big push' to hold the games here as yet another ploy by wealthy Flames owners. I could NEVER afford to go to a pro hockey game (nor would I want to anyway)... If I ever wanted to go skating, I'd go to either a city indoor rink or Bowness park. As young kids, my children used the skiing facilities, lessons and summer camps at COP (now Winsport) many times; that aspect and related upgrade costs would benefit many youngsters in the community. But the speed-skating oval? - No! The Flames Arena? Double No! Elite athletes and well-off people would be the only ones to benefit immediately and in the future (ability to purchase tickets to games/concerts, etc.)
- Future get the pipelines build then come talk to me.

- Future impacts are too speculative to bother taking them into account
- Games will have no noticeable long-term effects.
- God no, it won't help! Put the money in community theatre, parks, a million other things rather than an event that supports a few elites people
- Good to get YYC in the spotlight. Canada is an awesome place and it would be nice to showcase that.
- Having an event that brings people together is usually a positive thing. However if we are all in debt for many years, this is not an acceptable outcome.
- heck NO! there are other way to help Calgary's future.. like economy growth through small business and other areas,, public transportation and such.. and NOT THIS Game
- Help
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- Help - Our city doesn't have a great reputation for being innovative or a fun place to live/visit, aside from the Stampede.
- Help - the city would come together. Would be an enjoyable event.
- Help 100%
- Help by bringing Calgarians and Canadians together and leaving a legacy
- Help Calgary's future by highlighting the city's unique cultural diversity which includes our Indigenous roots and potentially increasing funding for Indigenous programs and non-profits that work with the indigenous populations. The games would also greatly improve public transport infrastructure which benefits all Calgarians alike, especially those without access to a private vehicle. Any upgrades to the city make Calgarians feel prouder about their city, especially upgrades that are sophisticated and environmentally conscious.
- help during the games and forgotten afterward
- Help for sure, we need to grow Calgary as a community not just of people who have moved here for work. I think giving people a taste of what it means to be living a Canadian life (not just a more northerly version of an American life) would really help bring new people with new ideas and new ways of doing things to this city.
- help improve the community spirit of YYC and will make YYC youth and families more conscious of health and exercise
- Help us. And provide a boost to the economy and infrastructure
- "Help
- Because: 1. The rent from tourists will benefit the society.
- 2. City will be finally lively and alive with more people on streets supporting local shops and restaurants."
- Help, as events like this allow a community to come together, but the. Costs are very high and the IOC is almost as corrupt as FIFA.
- Help, because it would bring pride to Canada, specifically calgarians
- Help, because it would give us the opportunity to embrace our culture and celebrate, hopefully bringing everyone together.
- Help, but at what cost? I can think of better ways than hosting the Olympics.
- Help, but at what cost? Why spend billions on social and cultural impacts, when we would probably have similar outcomes for millions?
- Help, it would be great! We just can't afford it right now while we wait for a decent government to come into power(provincially and federally).
- Help, puts calgary on an international level
- Help.
- Help.

- Help. During my travels when I mention where I am from most people say oh Calgary you hosted the 88 games. Even 30 years later people still remember. How do you put a value on that.
- Help. It gives us a world stage to share inclusion and Learn from others
- Help. It gives us opportunity to engage young people and to engage Indigenous peoples. Helps build our education systems.
- Help. There is status of having the games, a sense of pride, and bringing the community together for sure. It will bring people from around the world here.
- Help. Calgary is behind the times right now.
- Help. Creates connection and meets the need of belonging and self-esteem
- HELP. it becomes an all inclusive, all included event, especially now that the bid includes para Olympics
- Help. The games will bring people together from within Calgary and throughout western Canada.
- Help. We can tap into Calgarians' strong sense of community and flex these capacities for many more purposes before and after the Olympics
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- Hinder Cost again a big concern
- Hinder - nothing is going in to support small businesses who now suddenly have to support the surge of people. All money is going to big business. There's no give back to the community.
- hinder - the amount of debt we will have to repay will be staggering - we are already financially bankrupt with the commodities that build this city trading at negative valuation - do not need morally bankrupt us as well . if it was a time of economic prosperity in Calgary , i might feel differently . our leadership has no clue and is more than happy to continue to burden us more taxes to pay for this for generations . if Calgary were to host , i would consider selling my house and moving .
- "Hinder - the olympics have not made any city a destination spot. Look at Russia, Brazil, Greece, Utah. Vancouver was already a tourist spot for the mountains.
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- The security risks + the type of individuals who are on the IOC are completely based on nepotism."
- Hinder - The social impacts will be severely hindered due to extreme risk of cost overruns which will be the sole responsibly of the Calgary tax payers.
- Hinder - This is very simple. Use the money for the Olympics to MAYBE benefit the province OR....OR we give the money directly to social programs to help our citizens. If any person cannot see this, they have a devious and self motivating agenda. This wastes money, it wastes time, it wastes our resources and taxes our environment. The costs are always much higher than expected. We dont need anymore tourism....its time to help the people of Alberta who dont have jobs and are wasting

away. Even considering this is so incredibly irresponsible. People who want this and are pushing for this should be ashamed.

- Hinder - we may never get out of debt.
- Hinder , there's a large migration of crime for these events that affects the community
- Hinder Calgary with too much debt
- Hinder due to costs, IOC are a bunch of bandits , best to run away
- Hinder I
- Hinder our economy is not good better ways to spend our tax dollars
- Hinder the money can be spent more responsibly
- Hinder- the more money we throw at the Olympics, the less money is available for things we need NOW. Inner city communities are already decaying because the majority of municipal tax dollars are spent on and in new build communities. This will only get worse with the Olympics draining enormous amounts of money from the city coffers (because it's not as if the City is going to shift the costs of those services onto the developers and community residents).
- Hinder way too expensive
- Hinder, as the social impacts will be to divert funds from social programs to pay for events for the well off.
- Hinder, because unless the money is spent exactly how it would otherwise be spent for the benefit of Calgarians, it is money wasted. Hosting the Olympics can never be categorized as a "Must" — not by anyone if they're being honest. We already have many "Wants" that City administration and council repeatedly tells us we can't afford.
- Hinder, hosting the Olympics doesn't make you a great city.
- Hinder, huge financial burden when money is still very tight
- Hinder, it will bring no benefit to culture at all.
- Hinder, it will only have positive effects for the 2 or so weeks while the event is on. After event has completed the city will be left with the clean up and the bill. Better to create new venues that will have a longer lasting positive effect on the city's economy.
- HINDER, Many people are struggling financially. Higher taxes for an Olympics on top of rising interest rates harms them, leading to more debt, possible bankruptcies, while providing less money for roads, services, and non- Olympic infrastructure. Many taxpayers will be unable to even afford tickets to these games. Citizens get tired of the wealthy and elite asking everyone to pay, when these same wealthy don't want to contribute to better social and financial programs benefiting everyone.
- Hinder, overall. Some value in volunteerism but people are often too busy nowadays to volunteer. We should be able to build low-cost , senior and student housing with the public (taxpayers) part of the Olympic money without the inherent risks of the games. If the blue ring and the monstrosity towers beside COP are an indication of what the city deems important for culture, the cultural value of the games is nil. The cost of security keeps on escalating and the opportunities for acts of terrorism increase with a huge influx of visitors. A number of corporations, such as Tim Horton's, has stepped up to the plate since the last Olympics to sponsor Timbit hockey and soccer, so the impact of the Games on getting more kids involved in sports is less. Sports for kids has been thriving in the last decade or so. Would the Olympics really help our immigrant population? Many of them are so stressed already by finding housing and jobs or learning English that they would have little time to enjoy the games.
- Hinder, paying for this far too long.
- Hinder, sad I could not afford to buy a venue ticket , never mind an increase in home taxes. Senior on low fixed income
- Hinder, we cannot afford. Federal, Provincial, Municipal Will all affect me negatively when all taxes increase.

- Hinder, we need to focus on our economy. We need to make Canada look good to international investors by building pipelines and upping our energy infrastructure. Not the Olympics that have a very high chance of costing the tax payer too much.
- Hinder, who cares about the olympics.
- hinder.
- Hinder.
- Hinder.
- Hinder. Completely and utterly hinder Calgary's future. We are not paying for this completely disgusting waste of taxpayer's dollars.
- Hinder. If more affordable housing would result which is a provincial and federal responsibility the city of Calgary has proven itself incapable of maintaining the facilities. Is there not a current deficiency rate of nearly 50 percent of current affordable housing due to the fact that the city has not maintained it properly. City council and the administration have a proven record of not showing wisdom in cultural decision making.
- Hinder. Money is already unavailable for essential services and communities, ie Midfield trailer park, transit, snow removal, police, ambulance, fire.....
- Hinder. Our city is a great city that does not need this event
- Hinder. We have a great number of cultural events throughout Calgary all year long. A two week party for athletes, that the general population will not be able or event want to attend is unnecessary.
- Hinder. We'll be paying for it for the next 50 years
- Hinder. 88 was a different time than 2026 is going to be. You cannot predict where we will be as a city, province, nation, or what is happening in gloval politics. The Olympics is not a good use of dollars, nor is it geared towards building a community in Calgary.
- Hinder. A wide flung Olympics with events in Whistler & Edmonton instead of just Calgary, Canmore & Kananaskis helps drive tourists to areas other than thru Calgary. That hurts us in the long run.
- Hinder. Calgary already has a strong international presence. The olympics will do nothing to further our image on the world stage.
- Hinder. Calgary is not yet what was once, related to its economy.
- Hinder. City pride and morale will fall after the smoke and dust settles from the actual amount spent on hosting the olympics. It is naive to think any olympics will stay within budget given past host olympics track records. Not one host city since 1962 has ever stayed within budget. Tax payers money should be spent more efficiently on essential city services, and potentially used to subsidize and attract businesses away from oil and gas, such as technology. Use tax dollars to help subsidize and attract new industries to fill our high downtown office vacancies. It only makes sense to spend tax dollars more efficiently for long term growth, as opposed to an olympics that will only provide short term temporary growth. Investing tax dollars on a short term large scale project with little to no longer term benefits is reckless. Already spending millions of tax dollars for the Calgary Olympic Bid Committee was a waste of money especially if information and transparency cannot be delivered. Enough time and money has already been wasted, especially with investigations now on the source of the leaked redacted document. Let's talk about ways growing Calgary. It's already been ranked one of the top cities to live in, in the recent past. Let's diversify our economy, so that we position Calgary to be more resilient no matter what economic condition. Stop putting all our eggs in one basket, and change and adapt to entice/lure new business sectors to our city.
- Hinder. Communities will bear the cost of infrastructure and the added burden of density.
- Hinder. Costs will take away from future services and programs that all citizens use, need or require. Spend the money on upgrades, programs and facilities so that everyone can benefit.
- Hinder. It's already been identified there will be impacts on community non-profit groups and that the games may distract investment, sponsorship and volunteerism which may of these non-profit groups depend on. I volunteer at Inn from the Cold and am aware of the needs of our marginalized

people in the community. We need to take care of each other before we host an international event with many unforeseen costs such as security and consultation with the Indigenous community. Just because the chiefs are in support, we've experienced first hand that they do not reflective everyone members views and opinion. It'd be unfortunate if the Olympics became a political platform for demonstrating specific groups perspectives and beliefs rather than Canada's already struggling unity.

- Hinder. Less money will be available for services due to the massive debt load hosting the games will create.
- Hinder. Money will be diverted for temporary infrastructure that could be used for real cultural spaces.
- Hinder. Not enough information is given.
- Hinder. Olympics always cost more than they benefit the community.
- Hinder. Olympics are such a waste of time and money.
- Hinder. Our property taxes are already high and the money spent on the olympics could be better spent on transit or social housing.
- Hinder. Socially, money will be taken away from the most needy Calgarians, also the middle class can't afford another tax hike. Less money in our pockets = less money put into the economy.
- Hinder. Spending on items that benefit VERY FEW people
- Hinder. Split venues shows Calgary cannot sustain the world stage without pulling in other provincial resources. This solidifies our image as a "one trick pony" oil state. We need the world to see we have diversified without resorting to "calling for reinforcements "
- Hinder. Statistically, there are no positive social or cultural impacts to be had.
- Hinder. Taxpayers, meaning US, cannot pay for this two week extravaganza. I am upset at even spending 5 million hard earned dollars to pay people to put a bid together, including the cost of this survey. Someone had to develop it and create this website.
- Hinder. The cost could easily offset and setback these impacts.
- Hinder. The cost is too great in poor financial times.
- Hinder. The costs are excessive in an economy where people simply cannot afford the billions it would cost. Far too much risk financially. The money would be better used elsewhere.
- Hinder. The olympics is not who we are as a city.
- Hinder. The spectacular Rockies are to far from us to truly succeed in making Calgary a longtime hotspot for tourism. With unemployment rates so high and no one standing up for our ethical oil, times are tough for calgarians that work for a living. We're taxed to the breaking point already and this cost will not help ease that. Heavy financial burdens does not create a euphoric society.
- Hinder. There are far better and urgent social needs than the games.
- Hinder. There inevitably will be cost over runs due to infrastructure needs. Saddening our kids with debt
- Hinder. There is no actual cultural or social benefit to the city from hosting these games. A few very rich people will get richer with money taken from the province and city that could have gone to better social or cultural programs. This whole charade is embarrassing. We're not an international city - we're a red-neck country town that is trying to be bigger than it is. Let's invest in our city's and our children's future instead. We have a long way to go before we should be hosting anything.
- Hinder. Too many people would come to Calgary and the infrastructure can barely handle our existing population
- Hinder. We are not stuck in the 80s. We have to move forward with the music, arts and culture which Calgarians have worked so hard as a community to develop, post financial crisis. This is an incredible city and the olympics will add nothing to our existing culture, but rather hinder it as the higher costs, lack of funding in other areas and the image will make it even harder for artists, non-profits, events, and culture to thrive.
- Hinder. We could use that money to benefit the city itself and not our ego.

- Hinder. We should focus on building Calgary's internal community rather than its position on the world scale. I would support more local sporting events over hosting the Olympics.
- Hinder. We will be left with upkeep and maintenance for all facilities.
- Hinder. We will waste a ton of money on this when we should be focusing on actual priorities of basic city governance. We didn't elect city council to be bold, we elected you to be boring but efficient.
- Hinder. We'd have to pay for what Olympics want not what we as citizens want or need.
- Hinder. You are experts at lying
- Hinder-10k in taxes extra every year really hampers being able to go out with friends
- Hosting an olympic has nothing to do with Calgary's future. Do not make it a political issue and don't do it just for pride. The potential benefit of feel good till 2026 does not outweigh the risk of years of tax increase. The real challenge comes to maintain these facilities, because they are constructed only for the games using cheap construction technique and materials. We need to keep on spending money to maintain the facilities by increasing tax on citizens. That will become a political issue. Yes, we may create some temporary jobs till the olympic ends, but they will be temporary. The most technical jobs will not be even done in Calgary - workshare will take it elsewhere possibly already decided. The city does not need more low paying temporary jobs of cleaners, security, caregiver, etc., etc.
- Hosting these games is going to hinder Calgary's future financially. We simply cannot afford it.
- "Hosting will have no lasting impact on social & cultural but the massive cost will leave Calgarians & Albertans in additional debt for years to come. Considering the economic downturn Calgary &
- Alberta has experienced over the last 4+ years it is fiscally irresponsible to consider hosting. I have not seen anything definitive on what the cost of security for the games would be. There are far too many special interest groups at the helm - like former olympians etc. Who do they think is paying for this - it's all of us as taxpayers at all levels: civic, provincial & federal. All levels of government are in debt and to even entertain hosting the olympics is completely irresponsible."
- How will billions more in debt help Calgary's future?
- How would it help if we are all in debt???
- Hurt, our debt level is too high already
- I agree there are benefits but I don't believe the Olympics is the best way to achieve this.
- I am not concerned about the impact of the olympics on Calgary's social or cultural future.
- I am unable to see what will be additional to what has already happened as a result of 88. If the argument is 88 is long ago then it is a demonstration that benefits are not long lasting. There has been so little discussion about what 88 has done for Calgary since, and I don't see 26 being able to do more.
- I believe it would further segregate community to a have and have not situation where people who can not afford extra costs will be left paying for this for generations.
- I believe it'll help for many reasons but opening our doors to different cultures will also start conversations and having open conversations is a great way to learn. It's important for us to welcome the world as we are already a tourist hotspot and have a beautiful city and province that we should want to showcase to the world. Having open doors for everyone to advance fairplay in sport is a great reason to host the Olympic games. This isn't even touching on how important it is for our youth to experience first hand what a professional athlete can do and to hear them tell their stories.
- I believe that hosting the Olympics would greatly celebrate our community, bringing people in our community together and bring us together with the rest of the world. The facilities developed for the games would have long term impacts on the lives of our youth and their health. Many recreational spaces as well as affordable, low income housing would be pushed through much sooner than planned, improving the life and status of our city.

- "I believe that the potential social/cultural impacts would definitely HELP Calgary's future! It would bring us together as a community while showcasing our culture and city to the world. We can show the world how to do the Olympics/Paralympics RIGHT again! It would also give Calgarians a legacy and get more Calgarians involved in physical activity, which would be a huge health benefit.
- \*\*\*If you look back at the 1988 Games, you can see the community spirit and how it brought us together as a city. It gave us more than people seem to think."
- I believe there is potential to show off Calgary to the world stage, however whether the immediate cost is too high is still up for debate.
- I believe they would hinder as our facilities are not up to date enough to host and if we cant afford a new hockey arena how can we afford billions on a bid to MAYBE get the games, and to bank on the potential income that might not even come through. it is way too risky.
- I do feel the games would help the culture of the city. Look at the impact the 88 games had. It makes the city an international city and increases diversity
- I do not believe the social and cultral impacts will do anything for Calgary good or bad. The one social impact that I can see is the distaste of people paying a tax bill for the next 15 years after the games. If we are looking at sports development and want to give appropriate training facilities for future "Olympians" the same goal can be achieved with a olyimpic style gym we have maybe 150 athletes in training 2 of which may go to the games. We dont need massive facilities to achieve their training needs. Unfortunately the games are forgotten quite quickly, I have most of my family living in Vancouver and besides going downtown maybe twice during the games there is no talk about the games no fond memories other than about how crazy it was to see people throwing bricks into shop windows. I love Calgary but no one is coming back to Calgary to embrace and remember a 10 day event. Unless I am mistaken I dont know alot of people who go out of there way to tour past Olympic sites.
- I do not believe this to be a relevant issue. Feel Calgary would benefit from using these funds on current and on going needs.
- I do not think they would have a large enough impact to mitigate the potential debt.
- I do. I think often it is difficult to see past the immediate costs of something when the benefits become evident mostly long term. However, I think the more connected Calgary is globally the stronger we will be as a city. It is always good to be exposing citizens to new experiences and ideas so that we can grow and flourish in new ways.
- I don't feel the social and cultural benefits outweigh the costs to our city.
- I don't think it would have much of an effect that you think it would, given this question was even asked in the first place.
- I don't believe the potential benefits will outweigh the real costs. Thus our future would be hindered, by having to shoulder an even greater economic burden. Taxes are high enough, and nobody can demonstrate the revenue generated by the games, will be sufficient to pay for them.
- I don't see how the Games would help Calgary. It is already a globally-known city (e.g. while waiting on the platform for a C-Train, I spoke with a couple from Australia who had traveled here to see the Stampede).
- I don't think it will make any difference.
- I don't think the Games make much of an impact on the lives of average Calgarians.
- I don't think the Games would help Calgary's future because I don't believe the games have any impact socially or culturally.
- I find it hard to think of what cultural impact the games would have.
- I honestly don't think it's going to make much of a difference. Our local economy and job market has a far bigger impact on the local arts and culture as opposed to a major event.
- I see no social or cultural impacts or advantages. Regardless of our hosting the games, local, national or international awareness/prestige will be transient and short lived. There is no real mileage gained

from hosting the Olympics, and the hackneyed 'world class' status is a reality only in the minds of vested interest groups or people hoping to party on the taxpayers' dime.

- I see no value in the social or cultural impact ... if there are any.
- I see nothing good coming from this other than Nenshi completing his own perceived legacy.
- I suspect neutral. Maybe if we hadn't spent so much on "cultural" public art there would be money for Olympics bids.
- I think the potential social and cultural impact of the Games would help Calgary to be recognized as a world class city.
- I think having a portion of the games completely takes away from the community spirit from Calgary.
- I think having the games has been a point of pride in the past. Removing any discussion about cost and corruption, I do believe that having the Olympics here would definitely boost the sense of community here.
- I think it could do both in different areas. While large events and tourism bring excitement to the community. The amount of people who disagree because of possible suffering (increased taxes, why cant we help the homeless if we can do this, im sure youve heard it all) would be hindered by these events and lasting effects and debts. While obviously it is a wonderful event to be part of and it does bring joy for generations, we have already done this. Why not let another canadian city, that might actually be able to afford this, share the joy? In short, while the community would definitely have mixed feelings about hosting the games, if we dont host the games i dont think anyone would mind.
- I think it will have no effect whatsoever.
- I think it would help but only if it allows for Calgary to have better transportation and infrastructure
- I think it would help. I remember the pride and comraderie from the 88 games.
- I think it'll drain our resources and when it's done, it'll have been money wasted and nothing gained Long-term
- I think that it will most definitely hinder Calgary's future. We are struggling with the economy NOW. We have no reason to believe that this will change anytime soon. Many families are still struggling to make a living and with the hosting of the Olympics, there is going to be a huge added cost to taxpayers. It is not a risk of a huge extra cost. It is a certainty. We have seen that the IOC is not forthcoming with real costs involved, the Alberta Government has capped their share at \$700 million, we don't know Ottawa's share, corporate sponsorship is very likely going to be very thin because of the bad economy and what the end result in the cost is, Calgary taxpayers will have to bear the burden. Times have changed and the 1988 Olympics cannot be used as a reason to do it again. The money that will have to be used to pay for the games will be money that cannot be used for the necessary running of our City. This a very bad idea and for the benefit of a few athletes and organisers, we will all have to pay dearly. This kind of dreaming is what ruins cities.
- I think that the costs involved with hosting the games far outweigh any POTENTIAL benefit for the city or province. \$700 million from the province for an estimated \$5 billion dollar plus price tag is still ALL money coming from taxpayers in an economy that is too sluggish to absorb that cost.
- I think that the cultural and social impacts of the Games are likely to be minimal and transitory.
- I think that the Olympics are sports focused and importing emphasis on social & cultural impacts distorts the issue
- I think that this event would help build community in Calgary and Canada. Focussing volunteer resources to this end can only help build engagement in our citizens.
- I think the benefits of hosting can be achieved by more direct investment in those programs. The housing units created is pitiful. If you cared about housing, it doesn't require hosting an Olympics to solve this problem. Also, Vancouver made the same claim and didn't create nearly as many affordable housing units as they promised. The community benefits are being overstated.
- I think the potential social and cultural impacts would have a positive effect on Calgary's future but not at the expense of the costs.

- I think the social and cultural impact of the games would help, but not nearly as much as many other things you could do with 3+ billion dollars.
- I think there is very little potential social or cultural gains to be had from hosting the Olympics.
- I think they are irrelevant. This is about money. Money spent in our city now developing tourism, housing, etc... is more important than an Olympic party for a few weeks.
- I think they could help, but I would recommend that the transparency of this proposal increase dramatically. And if it is transparent, then far more research needs to be completed. Find the common ground with the average citizen, provide innovative thinking when it comes to spending these dollars in a way that positively impacts local businesses and employees; make it tangible to Calgarians. There is too much focus on the televised coverage of our city, because unless you work at Tourism Calgary, this does not justify the dollars and cents in a largely conservative city. Citizens would rather hear how those dollars will make their way back into Albertan's pockets, and thereby about 25-50% (after tax) back into the federal and provincial coffers. For example if a company nets an extra 1-million, and bonuses employees etc. many of those dollars will be taxed, which looks like good economic growth. However, hand contracts out-of-province and country and those dollars don't have as much impact.
- I think they will help by creating lasting impressions on the youth and future generations of Calgarians as well as Canadians.
- I think we should be spending the money on direct benefit programs such as public housing and income support. Support the disadvantaged, not elite athletes and the IOC.
- I truly don't believe it will have much social impact in Calgary. People are not as invested in the Olympics as they used to be.
- I would not expect to see major impacts either way.
- If a go it would improve a feeling of identity and community
- "If Calgary bids on the games I can expect to leave the city.
- This city has a serious spending problem and the Olympics will on exasperate the problem."
- if it makes the poorer poorer its a terrible idea I would love to host the games but feel with so many people out of work its not reasonable
- If managed carefully and there is a succession plan in place for after the games this can be very good for the community.
- If one wants Calgary to create the image of a drug enhanced, drunken society, wherein women can be abused, then have the games. The COPS cannot maintain the existing laws, cannot maintain a safe work environment for it's female staff, how can another 1000+ special cops for the Olympics do so!
- If our taxes go up no one is happy.
- If there are the funds to launch an initiative, let's work towards a completely new program with longterm benefits to Calgarians
- I'm sure they would help but is it worth the massive cost that this city will bear for a long time to come?
- Impacts may help in the near term. Unfortunately, if cost over runs happen, long term pain financially for citizens.
- Improved low income housing will improve community.
- "Indigenous involve,ent in every aspect
- Grat public art Affordable housing; community involvement opportunities"
- It could go either way. Neither side can predict what will happen 8 years out.
- It is time for Alberta and Calgary in particular to take a globally significant stand on Aboriginal issues (getting meaningful participation), showcasing our clean energy options including debunking the myth that Alberta's heavy oil is 'worse' than other sources. Now is the time to get everyone to the table around a positive event.

- It may have a negative impact on the social community since it will be taking funds away from other programs.
- it may help bring all cultures together locally and provincially
- It should be a help, but the cost will be a hinderance to all present and future taxpayers.
- It will absolutely help, as it did 30 years ago. I've been in Calgary for 40+ years - the social and cultural opportunities in this City completely evolved and grew as a result of the '88 Olympics. The sense of community volunteerism that peaked in '88 and for almost 10 years after has waned in recent times. It is likely that the volunteer spirit will be re-energized through another Olympic games, which directly benefits the many social and cultural groups in our City.
- It will be another lasting legacy for the city to solidify Calgary as a winter sport hub in North America.
- it will be negative. wasting money on a useless event instead of spending it on projects calgary actually needs like, you know, roads and stuff.
- It will hinder Calgary because the average cost per household is unaffordable.
- It will hinder Calgary future. The population will face worse economic crisis. No further investment is worth the risk.
- It will hinder the future because calgararian are broke and in debt
- It will hinder the future of this city.
- it will make city dirty and there will be a huge post event cost no one is talking about. plus I have fear this will also lead to increasing crime and which as calgarian we are already struggling with.
- It will most definitely hinder Calgary's future. The lack of a real vision for the hosting the games is a very poor way to start the bid process. It has no real reason why we should be hosting the games. From the start, it was just to revive the 1988 spirit. What does that mean? That was 30 years ago and things have drastically changed. Security has become almost the number one concern for the games, almost more than the sports. Terrorist threats are very serious and everywhere. The cost just to have a safe games is so big, it adds to the cost such that it is unreasonable. We are in a serious recession and have been for coming on 4 years. There is no end in sight. Thanks to our Prime Minister and the Liberals, we have no chance of improving the Alberta economy until the Trans mountain pipeline is finished. That is almost guaranteed to never happen, with the goal posts continually changing. Calgary City council has a real problem right now (actually it had this problem for at least 2 years, but have tried to avoid it until now), namely that the 27 percent vacancy rate downtown has caused property values to drop and therefore the tax base is seriously eroded. The revenue to run Calgary has to come from somewhere. The business tax rate was raised last year with serious pain for business. They cannot continue to raise business taxes unless they want to bankrupt them all. Homeowners? Tens of thousands of people lost their jobs 4 years ago and many, many have not recovered. How much more property tax can council tax us? With a city facing such a serious financial crunch, how can any reasonable individual even consider bidding for the Olympics. The question whether we should bid or not bid should never have been asked. It is so incredibly obvious that we CANNOT AFFORD IT. The bid committee and the IOC have low-balled the "budget" that the games require and it is a certainty that whatever "budget" is put together, it will not be the actual cost. The burden of any cost over-run will be born by the Calgary taxpayers. City council has known for all these years of recession that we do not have enough money to run the city, because of this recession. Even a small additional financial commitment will cause serious pain for the taxpayer. The future of Calgary will be very seriously hurt with the burden that an Olympic games will bring. The bid process up to now has been very slanted toward a "yes" decision and it has been obvious that transparency is far from what the public will get. The danger also therefore is that serious resentment of the inevitable tax increase due to the games will harm the City spirit and morale.
- It will not do anything for Calgary's communities as they will drown in taxes.
- It will not help, it will put a big burden on the families

- It won't help because we will be paying for these games for the next 50 years which will leave everyone in a terrible position both financially and emotionally therefore negating any supposed benefits from hosting them.
- It would be a great thing for Calgary
- It would do nothing. We already had an olympics.
- It would greatly hinder. We already struggle to pay our regular city bills, much less an Olympic bill.
- It would help because whenever peoples of the world meet, there is always an exchange of ideas and innovations that ensues. Some examples from history include: silk road, Trans Canada Highway, Siberian Railway etc.
- it would help if there was an active ongoing follow up after the games were completed
- It would help it if we had the money to host these games.
- It would help overall - however very concerned about the costs, apparent lack of transparency on the part of our mayor & City Hall in general
- It would help, as long as it is done at a reasonable cost.
- It would hinder because Calgarians can see we need the money allocated to the city and its citizens! Not invest a bunch of money with likely a negative return
- It would hinder our future by anchoring our growth to significant debt. The debt incurred would ensure our social programs would not be adequately funded.
- it would hinder our future the cost is to great to bear
- It would hurt Calgary. It will takes decades to pay off the expenses.
- It would leave a huge burden in terms of costs and preclude other service such from being provided as the money would need to come from somewhere.
- It would more hinder than help Calgary's future. The economic, social, and cultural damage that would come from creating billions of dollars of debt will far outweigh any unproven, and proposed 'benefits' from hosting the games. Hosting these games, under the current proposals, will add extreme stressors on our critical infrastructure, which will add to the eventual debt load. It will add to unemployment, not solve it - due to the creation of only 'temporary' jobs in the hospitality and construction sectors. The only benefits to be had, will be 'had' by those in the athletic, sports, and sports-administration community - of which are very few, and within a very focused and closed industry (and from which very few middle-class people actually benefit personally from - but have to help pay for). This 'sports' industry provides very few fiscal dividends for the majority of Calgarians, merely entertainment. This focus, in-turn, actually damages social cohesion, and fails to contribute significantly to our collective "culture" - except for entertainment value. Is this entertainment value, and enhancement to the dreams of a very few, really worth several billion dollars - which will be translated into debt load for the city?
- It would put us in debt and create difficult future budget challenges. Specialized facilities do not benefit the vast majority of the populace or the economy.
- It's difficult to say with such a division already, but if approved and with proper cost saving measures, I believe that Calgary could become a prototype of a low-budget Olympic model. The addition of low cost housing across the region and the reinvestment in winter sports venues are sure to have long lasting impacts. Also with areas such as Victoria Park being redeveloped, there would be initiative for new business as well as public transit upgrades.
- It's hinder them. We are in a recession that will take years to recover from and you want to add to that debt?
- It's currently seen as secretive so it would hinder Calgary in the future.
- It's neutral; we'll neither gain nor lose on social and cultural issues.
- Likely both. It would continue to support athletics and sport engagement in youth and adults, through facilities and talent that arrive with Olympic level sport. However, the olympics do not remain the most pure athletic endeavour, and perhaps there are other, less costly and almost as entertaining games and competitions that would pose a more sustainable option (for example an

event that occurs annually, similar to the stampede, on a slightly smaller scale than the olympics, that can be a model event for giving back to local community).

- little effect
- Little impact on culture
- Looking solely on social and cultural impacts, I think it would be beneficial for Calgarians and Canadians, but not for the expected price.
- May help, but not to the extent that the 1988 games created worldwide awareness of Calgary and Canada .
- Might be good but definitely not worth it
- Neither help nor hinder.
- Neither.
- "Neither. We already have an Olympic Legacy and we got lucky the last time. Let someone else go bankrupt funding this circus event. Our community is struggling from a lack of industry support, the ""olympics"" does not create a new industry or support the one we have.
- I would rather finds are invested in pushing out agenda and/or developing new industgries that allow families to stay and live here affordably."
- Neutral as to impact.
- Neutral on impact either way.
- No
- NO - waste of taxpayer money
- No benefit. If social and cultural impact is important drive by the Blue Ring to get your fix!!!
- no difference
- No effect
- No help at all. It's a 2 week boondongle and will have very short term impact
- No views on this.
- No, the there is an idea that inclusion that seems to be built into our community.
- No, would help better establish a culture in our city. But at what cost?
- No.
- No. Calgary is Calgary, if economy is not good and people are moving out, what future do we have. Based on the previous experience, I don't see huge impacts for social and culture by hosting the game.
- "Not even a real question... another ""red herring"" issue to appeal to our citizens that pay no taxes. ie: students"
- Not at this time,
- Not concerned.
- Not going to help when we have higher taxes to pay for the huge debt we will incur.
- Not help.
- Not significant change given that we have already hosted, those benefits have already been realized. If Calgary had never hosted the Olympics before, then the impact would be greater.
- Not sure it would do either
- Not sure what the social and cultural impacts would be.
- Not worth the cost
- Of course it will help, how could it hurt? How could inviting the world and showcasing ourselves to the world ever hurt ?
- Oh nice, NOW we get 3000 characters? I think there will be no net gain by hosting the Olympics. The past few have had tacked on and uninteresting cultural showings during the opening and closing ceremonies which were not impactful to me at all, but i may not be the target.
- Partnering with a corrupt organization is going to have a net negative impact.

- Potential social and cultural impacts are directly related to financial outcomes. If any overruns are the responsibility of the tax payer then social and cultural outcomes will be negative. All economic indicators suggest there will be more cost than benefit to Calgarians and tax payers. The economic and corporate cultural climate is not in place to repeat 1988.
- Potential to help but poorly thought out and executed
- Probably help ... but the cost may be too great to pay.
- Q2 Answer - would hinder, hamper and hamstring current & future taxpayers on paying off the legacy of cost over runs and security.
- Result in higher taxes on already stressed families
- Right now, the community is too focused on the cost of the games rather than the benefits that come with hosting. Going through with the bid without better summarizing the advantages of hosting would be detrimental to community support.
- Seems like a lot of money funnelled into buildings and this one sporting event, for reasons of prestige, rather than into social programs that can bring about long term change in people's lives.
- Should help because we may get projects done earlier
- social and cultural impact is not the concern, it is cost to Calgarians that is the issue
- Social and cultural impacts are always good but not at these huge costs.
- Social and cultural impacts are negligible.
- Social and cultural impacts MIGHT be good but at what cost?!
- Social and cultural impacts of the games would absolutely help Calgary's future. We're already sorta known for being a sport centre- lets embrace that and become a real world player in the sporting world. Bringing the olympics to town would showcase and amplify the culture that we have in Calgary.
- Speculation occurs in every Olympic city. If we care about low income people and their housing struggles we will not host as guarantee they will lose more than what they do not even have now.
- Stop it already! We do not want a "game" that comes with significant economical and moral costs. The city council is not a kid. Grow up! Watch your wallet. As a tax payer, i'm deeply disappointed and offended of how it is functioning right now. As an immigrant, i wonder is this city still a good place for me and my talents. Inefficient and incompetent, money wasting and politically correct federal, provincial and municipal governments.
- Sure, we'll throw a great party and be elated for 14 days and then will come the low from knowing we spent money that could have been better used in other ways. Definitely a hindrance to Calgary's future.
- Tax payers will pay for this and up keep for years to come. And we will not all benefit from it only tasked with being forced to pay something we don't need.
- Temporarily yes, but I think the awareness to accessibility and renewed importance of sport to unify people will have a longer lasting impact. Having worked at An Olympic committee in the past I can attest to impact it had on my personal life and that of my family
- The actual costs of the games could be used far better addressing actual community, than hosting games attempting to help community.
- The costs will haunt our children and their children.
- The games promote a dangerous form of nationalism that deludes postcolonial insights and keeps the masses busy while the bourgeois party on at our expense. Comrades, we have nothing to lose but our chains!
- The games will be a temporary benefit to the community but the cost is too great. Better to spend the same money on more sustainable work.
- The Games would provide the opportunity for all Calgarians to engage in a project that would give them a sense of pride in the City. In my view, this is important as we have been through some tough time recently and people need something positive, rather than the constant stream of bad news and political mis-management we have been inundated with lately.

- The games would take away money that could be used for long term benefits. The games are a 2 - week party and facilities for elite athletes. The proportion of Calgarians who would be allowed to use the facilities is limited. The facilities are for the most part unavailable to the average citizen. The games means that infrastructure that would benefit all Calgarians for a long period of time (e.g, Green Line) will likely be postponed for an uncertain time.
- the money & effort is diverted to the game from the community improvement, that will result in low level of development .
- The Olympics are inherently problematic and amoral. Bowfort Towers are pure, and they benefit everyone. The mounds must be built. Please consider the mounds.
- The potential cost over runs would cause community programs to be scaled back.
- The social and cultural impacts are overstated and the costs are underestimated. We can build our own society and culture without bankrupting ourselves.
- The social and cultural impacts do not outweigh the likelihood of huge costs. There is an incredibly low probability of breaking even on this, and the social impacts for Calgary residents burdened by the extra costs will be much worse than any benefit from "being on the world stage".
- The social impact will be less public dollars available for other needs.
- The Vancouver Olympic Cultural programs and opportunities gave citizens entertainment and events outside of the Olympics. The number of performances, concerts and live entertainment was extensive and provided opportunities for community to come together even if folks didn't attend any of the sporting events .
- The world saw us in 1988, how much benefit came from that? some athletes got the use of the facilities for training with little use from average Calgarian, and now tearing down one of the ski jumps and sending that to Vancouver venue so no chance to even show up to watch any of those events. Is Vancouver paying any portion of the costs or do they only see the benefits?
- There are always risks, but I believe the engagement will improve the community feeling in the city, as in the past. I also feel the jobs created will in turn increase cultural engagement as Calgarians benefit financially and are able to make more discretionary spending.
- There is no doubt that the games would have social & cultural benefit but the costs and risks are too high for a short term event.
- there is no positive impact for the average Calgarian
- There's no long term gain to be had
- These games have absolutely nothing to do with the social or culture of Calgary.
- They can only help!
- They make almost no difference. At this point, the community itself is so divided that it erodes the benefit. There is also common knowledge of the IOC's corruption and wealth, where the athletes get paid almost nothing. It's a scenario that the world should walk away from, and because so many support this view, the benefit to the community is dubious at best.
- They won't hinder Calgary's future but they aren't likely to be the most impactful driver either. Other investments will have a far greater impact. Transportation, livability, etc.
- They would help Calgary's Future, but the cost outweigh any benefit you would get
- They would help somewhat in the long run. I travelled to the U.S. on a cruise out of Vancouver 3.5 years after the 1988 Olympics and nearly no one had heard of Calgary or knew where it was. When I mentioned we had the 88 Olympics only about 1/4 then had an idea where we were from. The ones who knew about Calgary had been here on business or had been in a skiing vacation in Banff. It was sad to hear that our closest neighbor, and travellers, didn't know about our city so soon after hosting.
- They would hinder them. We can't afford this. Plain and simple
- This is a false question. The issue is cost and cost alone
- This is a luxury when we have a sluggish economy, affordability challenges and a tax base under pressure. If you can't pay for it then don't buy it.

- This will be used by our politicians to force a despicable agenda of social engineering/ destruction upon the citizenry while bankrupting them. The government will simply choose to remove what the real culture of Calgary and Alberta is and replace it with rainbows and indigenous dancers.
- This will help given the current state of our depressed economy. This will help with economic diversification.
- This would definitely help the community and help Calgary's future. When a group of people all get together and work on a common goal, the development of new collaborative working groups emerges, through sharing a common experience. If the community does a great job of putting the games on, and there's no doubt about that, the global recognition that Calgary will receive, for decades, will be an enormous advantage.
- This would hinder Calgary's future. Why not construct more affordable housing while not hosting the Olympics? This way, those in need of the affordable housing will not also have to pay more taxes to cover the costs of the Olympics.
- To me personally, the social and cultural impacts are one of the most important benefits of the 2026 Games. As a 21 year old university student, millennial brain drain is a huge anxiety for me. I feel like anything outside the corporate/agri/oil and gas industry is a lost cause for us. We lack the opportunities for sectors like fine arts, social media, fashion, beauty, media arts, entertainment, culinary, and technology. I would hope that the Games would bring more attention to the endless possibilities of our city.
- To much debt
- Tough to measure but easy to understand that hosting an event like this is aspirational, creating an international stage for our artists to be showcased, which inspires youth to dream big. A perfect example of that is Dave Pierce, Director of the Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show, who was only 14 when the '88 Olympics were here. Inspired by David Foster, Dave vowed to be the next Musical Director for the Olympics when they came back to Canada. In 2010, he was the Musical Director in Vancouver, and won an Emmy, beating David Foster for the award. He will be the first to tell you that the '88 Games changed the course of his life, as he realized that music and the arts can be part of something great. From the dancers who took to the field in McMahon Stadium in the opening and closing ceremonies, to the many performers, like KD Lang, who rocked our world, to the spotlight on the RCMP and Indigenous Peoples who distinguish us from other countries in the world, we have so much to be proud of, and these things must be cherished by our community and shared with the world.
- We are already "world class", I thought. This is an excuse for every expensive project the govt wants us to pay for. It wouldn't help, as it would do et \$ from social programs to large facilities and events only enjoyed by a few elites.
- We could add 1 more ring per year to the blue one as we get ready for the games. Maybe make people feel better about it, 2 birds 1 stone, who knows.
- We do not need the games to improve our Community. Council needs to become more cost conscious for the taxpayers. Cutting their own incomes and pension benefits would be a good place to start.
- We need facilities for amateurs not professionals.
- We will have buyers remorse when we realize that 2026 was not anredux of 1988.
- What a loaded question! Of course hosting the games would help social and cultural elements. DUH!! These elements are no where near as important as long term financial harm to the residents of this (used to be fine. Thanks \$pendshi) City. The major cultural impact may be a positive in as much this circus the city is running will only solidify, to the electorate, how tone deaf city council actually is. Thumbs up to those Councillors that are fighting for transparency. This lack of transparency only strengthens the suspicions of the NO side of this whole exercise of a plebiscite. The plebiscite MUST be a binding vote.
- What cultural impacts? Don't see any at all. Social impacts, will make for a great party for some.

- What IMPACTS ,When half of the venues are not even in THIS city or its immediate environs..?? BOODOGGLE 100% and with cost born by 515,000 households.
- What social and cultural impacts? A few temporary jobs will be created, that's it.
- Whatever impact it has would be temporary. Not everyone is socially or culturally benefiting from the 1988 Olympics today.
- Winter sports are expensive and primarily accessed only by generally middle-class, white folks with significant disposable income. The Games are extremely expensive to attend and would continue to only serve this same demographic. The majority of Calgarians would not see social, cultural or economic impact from the Olympic Games - in fact the most marginalized communities would likely suffer from this decision. The Olympics are a racialized and class issue - this does not reflect the way that Calgary purports to support diverse cultural initiatives. In fact, Calgary could be using this money to invest greater into the Calgary Arts Foundation, and take a page out of the Toronto Arts Council's funding opportunities.
- Would help as long as Calgarians aren't burdened with cost overruns and debt related to the Games.
- Would hinder Calgary's future due to cutbacks on services
- Would hinder if the money was spent on the wrong projects
- Wouldn't help. The future world would think we were the most stupid city on the continent to even consider the games.
- Yay! A couple of billion on assets nobody will use in the future.
- Yes, and no. Yes it would likely help reinvigorate sport and culture in Calgary. However, the benefits do not necessarily outweigh costs. Costs could be better spent on social services and Community development.
- you folks need to start focussing on the 20 yrs and beyond leaving out seniors , but people who have money. old seniors will not vote yes , big corps may start looking at your targets.
- "Your question has a bias that ignores the cost.
- Any social & cultural impacts are far exceeded by the cost. There are far better alternatives to spend the same dollars on."
- absolutely help the future
- Economists say it would have no positive impact on Calgary's future
- Having seen the '88 games, there will definitely be a positive impact for Calgary hosting the games. Lots of cultural events, and worldwide exposure from hosting the games will have a lasting value for Calgary.
- Help
- Help a bit
- Help a great deal
- Help!
- Help! It can bring us together as a community and also remind people why Calgary is such a beautiful place. I just moved here and the culture of Calgary is something unlike any other.
- Help, I saw the results of 1988 Calgary and later in Vancouver - it was obvious and lasting.
- Help.
- Help. Great facilities for all to use. Real community spirit will be required to host.
- Help. I think it will bring us together
- Help. Open up visibility to western Canada to a whole new generation
- Help. We can do this as a smaller more responsible games & recycle our facilities- what better message to get out there? Calgary is a green city. Let's show the world
- Help. While it be a big help in certain factors, I am not basing my decision on social and cultural impacts but on economy and cost.
- Hinder
- Hinder

- Hinder
- hinder as debt is VERY expensive and we have many more people with needs than a few "athletes".
- Hinder as the cost is too high.
- Hinder as the costs will prevent any other programs when we are broke
- Hinder because we cannot afford this at this time
- Hinder Calgary's future!
- Hinder growth. Debt would be HORRIBLE
- "Hinder
- Taxes will increase to pay for this and we are already paying too much."
- "Hinder
- We are broke"
- Hinder, because we will waste money on the things which we don't need at the expense of things we do.
- Hinder, due to the cost to pay for it
- Hinder, huge debt will cripple the city, Nenshi seems too cozy with the IOC, can't even support a new rink for our existing team.
- Hinder. Too much emphasis on the activities and participation of the proposed 2933 athletes and their coaches. The general public does not gain from the mega \$\$ spent for the advancement and enjoyment of a select group. Housing and supporting 10,800 broadcasters and press vs. the participation of the proposed 2933 athletes is ludicrous.
- Hinder. Alberta is already struggling due to the federal government and previous and a little current provincial governments being unable to get Alberta back on track financially. My parents taught me when I don't have the money to waste in needless activities we probably shouldn't spend it.
- hinder. buried by debt calgary is over, will never rebound. we hosted one already, the world knows about Calgary. Calgary is an oil capital not sport capital... wake up
- Hinder. Calgary is doing great without the elitist games.
- Hinder. Huge price tag to cover over future generation.
- Hinder. Keep the money in taxpayers pockets.
- Hinder. No money left for citizens requirements
- Hinder. Taxpayers are struggling to pay their bills as is.
- Hinder. The money could be used for better purposes.
- Hinder....\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Hinder: this is a way to spend the money we don't have.
- Hosting the games would be bad for communities. Sponsorship, that is already limited, would be taken away from much needed initiatives to go to the Olympics. The same would happen with volunteers abandoning initiatives that are contributing to everyday services rather than a temporary event.
- How can culture impact help Calgary with a future cost to pay for this! Only social impact is for elites who can afford tickets to attend the high social functions that go with the games! CEO and the major will have a great time on the backs of the poor Calgarians!
- I don't think it would do much either way.
- I don't think we need the games to promote culture or community in Calgary.
- I don't believe there will be any substantial social impact from the games and therefore don't believe it will help Calgary's future in any way.
- I don't believe, whether we host or not, that it will have any lasting effect on how Calgary is viewed in the future. Canada is already known to accept people from all races/religions. What will hosting the olympics add to that? I just don't see it.
- I think it will help because it shines a light on our progress

- I think it would help the community in the short term. Calgary should explore how to involve existing non profits in the games so that they are not neglected during this time and are visible for community involvement after the games end.
- I think it would hinder it because we are already paying too high property taxes and the current council has no real understanding of that. They are not listening to the people!!!
- "I think the global awareness of Calgary as a friendly city to host the games successfully multiple times continues to put the city as one of the best places in the world to live. That helps attract companies as a great place to work.
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- Obviously Calgary is one of the best volunteer cities in the world. We learned that again with the flood at the Stampede and the homes/businesses in and around the downtown core. The games will only reinforce our culture.
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- I would like to see us focus the housing on helping the homeless and students at our three universities.
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- We need more companies in Calgary to help improve the job opportunities. By building a successful games empire and developing the ability to handle this, we can create a better social fabric where employment helps lives everywhere.
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- Good Luck!"
- i will make little difference most of the tourism here goes to see the mountains
- In the bigger picture, it would make no substantial difference to our social or cultural identity if we host the Olympics. It has no meaning to our daily lives outside the brief period of this event.
- Irrelevant. Taxpayers would be paying for the inevitable miscalculations/shortfalls for the next umpteen years. There are other ways to develop social and cultural impacts without going into debt.
- It will hinder. An elite highly paid group will ask for volunteers to do the work where as this money should be put into our extreem homeless situation, better fundingvto education and healthcare and building more theatrical and culture venues and businesses
- Less money to spend in small community projects that would benefit Calgarians.
- Negligible impact not worth it.
- Not help enough, there are many more areas of need
- Only minor social and cultural impacts.
- Social and cultural impacts are minimal if any
- The best benefit is affordable housing.
- The cost is far too much to justify any benefits.
- The huge spending required for the games would hinder our ability to build the city with the vision we currently have in mind. We could fund the entire Saddledome for less than the cost of the Olympics and even buy some private boxes which the city could use to give away seats to vulnerable youth in the city. There are countless ways that the money could be used to more effectively and efficiently shape our social and cultural future.
- The Olympics do create a sense of community and excitement in the city. A field house and new hockey arena would also do the same.
- The Olympics itself will bring people together, energize people to promote our city, work together and share the diversity that is present in Calgary. I feel it will provide an opportunity for us to work with all Treaty 7 Nations and continue the long journey along the path to reconciliation. After the Olympics we will see an investment in affordable housing as a result. Leading up to the Olympics an emphasis on accessibility should be a priority as we prepare for the Paralympics. This should be a priority regardless but it will clearly identify our gaps and will hopefully be the kickstart we need as a city to start making meaningful changes sooner. From community events, to school education, to

increasing our volunteer network, to sharing our history and building relationships, investing in our city through the Olympics will have a positive impact.

- The population would be pumped for a few days surrounding the games, afterwards no different than build up to the Stampede.
- There would be some benefit but the economic cost is a killer.
- "To be honest, I'm not sure. I am going to a forum on Oct 30th about the social impacts. But in the meantime I will say two things:
  - 1) I am skeptical of the tie-in of affordable housing with the bid. Surely there are other ways to fund affordable housing; and, to expect people who need affordable housing to have to wait until after an Olympic games is kind of ridiculous and maybe even cruel.
  - 2) I think there are many great cultural initiatives in Calgary already. I feel we can maintain and foster these without an Olympic games."
- We have such a high right of food insecurity, homelessness and poverty in the city and that's where we should be focusing our time and money
- We quite simply cannot afford these games. A \$700,000 minimum initial Investment would be better served going toward social programs if the need be.
- "We've proven time and time again we're capable of mounting big events like this. Responsibly, in a financially responsible manner. And we'll do it responsibly this time, knowing the people running the Games bid, as I do. Put aside our dislike or scepticism about the politicians. They've taken too much oxygen out of the room on 2026; left too little room for volunteers to step up. I am confident the men and women leading the Games bid will NOT put us into financial jeopardy, if we win the bid.
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- With Alberta, and soon Canada, stepping up with taxpayers' dollars, we'll now have the chance to see Canadians' tax dollars flowing here for a change to upgrade old facilities and build anew. Toronto and Montreal taxpayers' dollars coming west? Who would have thought it possible?
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- If we say no, none of those funds will flow here to fund our other wish list items. People who say those funds will flow here otherwise are just plain wrong. Those dollars will only come here if we vote yes and then win the bid.
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- We have some of the best sport facilities in the world from '88 Games. They're well used, and they've been well maintained (with the '88 Olympic endowment fund) but they're in need of refurbishment/modernizing/upgrading. Not only do they benefit Canadian and international athletes who train here, they are a benefit to local amateur athletes (wannabe Olympians and medal winners) and folks looking for plain old recreation facilities. We ARE a winter sport city....just have to see snow in April and October to confirm that. We SHOULD be on the map as one of the leading winter sport training centres in the world, specially with facilities here and mountains so close by. And with these funds, we'll turn our 1988 facilities into 21st century facilities, some of the best in the world.
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- Another benefit of the Games will be the opportunity for the millenials in our city to take up volunteer responsibilities as we lead up to the Games. Leadership responsibilities. It won't be the politicians or the IOC-types who'll do the heavy lifting. It'll be the volunteers who are (and always have been) a vital part of Calgary's brand. And the experience that army of volunteers will accumulate will result in an army of community leaders who'll take on responsibilities for the next thirty years after the Games. That's a legacy worth investing in and celebrating."
- Will hinder growth when taxes skyrocket.
- Will not make much difference
- Would hinder because we would be broke. We can't match what the Feds gave us and the tax payers are paying enough they don't need this burden
- Yes
- "Yes, at some point, but at the same time, no.
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- - Yes and No. The sense of pride that you're from a city that will be hosting the Olympics is awesome.. but at the end of the day, you are also embarassed that we put Calgary in more debt.
- - (No) Transportation is a major issue, and to think that Calgary has gotten worse in traffic jams, it will be much worse during the Olympics.
- - (No) We are still in a recession, and although the economy is coming back again, truth be told, it is coming back very slow. We can't ensure that there will be jobs.
- - (Yes) Meeting people from all over the world is exciting. Canada is already a diverse country, and with that, we help promote diversity even more to people."
- At this time no comment
- Definitely will help the city's future for tourism per se. More people more income
- Help in a minor way.
- Help make it more known
- Help. Calgary needs a boost. 88 games brought the community together after some difficult years in the 80's. The legacy of art and sports culture have contributed to city spirit and pride.
- Help. I travel a lot around the world, and every country I have been in knows Calgary from the 1988 games. They just Know. The reputation and awareness lasts for thirty years plus.
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- Help. It's too much focused on energy so anything to broaden the economic base would be beneficial
- Hinder
- Hinder - the level of expenditure required would invariably lead to cuts for other community programs
- Hinder - too much big bucks for a two week party
- Hinder as costs to maintain will be high
- Hinder because of high costs to community. Take money away from needs like health care and police
- Hinder, there is already too much tax money wasted.
- Hinder. Devoting scarce resources to what is, in essence, a one month party.
- Hinder. Money will be going to the games rather than helping with social programs where it would be more beneficial. E.g., Vancouver said the Olympic village would be low income housing and now its unaffordable high rises.
- hinder... we did it in 1988 and it was good. so don't replace the good legend with a potentially costly and bad one. Calgary is a top 5 livable cities in the world now, we don't need to tell the world about calgary anymore.

- I believe it might help - however with recent series of doping convictions that have resulted in zero long (or even medium) term consequences makes the spirit bitter. As such , Calgary should withdraw from the olympics until that can be resolved
- I don't think it would make much of an impact socially/ culturally.... But would cripple us economically; in a time we are trying to recover.
- I think the social housing could potentially become the Chicago Projects. A large number of low income residences in a concentrated location in-evidently leads to problems.
- In terms of community, I could see the Olympics helping to build a stronger cultural environment, particularly with the cultural Olympiade, the volunteerism aspect, and the global cooperation and influx of folks from other countries.
- It would be help by providing more places and infrastructure for people to do activities and engage young people in sports which does not cost a small fortune. The biggest barrier to sport participation is the cost of getting involved - if the games legacy can be low costs for say 5 years at existing and upgrading facilities that is where the biggest social and cultural impact lies
- It would help because it is the Olympic Games.

*ENVIRONMENT: Do you think the potential environmental impacts from the Games would help or hinder Calgary's future? Why or why not?*

- Hinder.
- Hinder
- Hinder
- Considering they want B.C. to host as well it's a silly question just for Calgarians.
- Probably hinder.
- Help, although it could be a challenge.
- Keeping our venues/facilities/future plans within the confines of the Calgary/AB/Cdn taxpayers' control will help us make decisions about any environmental impacts.
- . good opportunity to stage a large 'zero waste' event . of course there would be less negative impact if Calgary didn't do the games at all .
- I'm not sure about the environmental impacts - there are always there and I would hope they would be addressed in a responsible manner. I am watching right now (I live in the SW) as the ring road is built, ripping through some beautiful areas. But I KNOW this is necessary as our city grows and we need a better road system to manage all the vehicles - in fact it's long overdue! Is it hard to watch the environment change? Yes. Is it necessary? Yes. Will it be done with the utmost care to minimize the impact on the environment? I would trust that it would.
- It will have no impact on the environment.
- "It would Hinder
- This is a bad question the Environmental impact would be tons and tons of wast left behind . For ever"
- Help
- Hinder. Impacts on environment of calgary would not be great
- Hinder. Debt. Lots and lots of debt.
- Hinder. No real assessment done
- No opinion
- Hinder
- Help.
- Yes thousands of international flights, hundreds of cars driving around no environmental impact at all. nope not here.....where does all the garbage go???
- I think that the impacts could be mitigated so would be fairly neutral
- Given all the travel associated with the Olympics, the environmental impacts would almost certainly be negative.
- The Olympics have a very high carbon footprint. From the building of hotels, facilities, made of carbon dioxide intensive cement, to the transportation increase of staffing, policing and tourists
- Not worried in the least about the envirnmental impact due to our stringent environmental policies. No one does it better.
- The games will impair the environment by virtue of holding the Olympics. A lower impact is still an impact.
- wont change a thing
- The City and provincial environmental protections and regulations are world class as it is. The Games will be done in a sustainable fashion while adhering to these guidelines.
- Any potential environmental impacts whether from the Games or other ventures should always be taken very seriously. Knowing there would be some potential risks isn't specific enough..more info how the type of risks, costs of these risks etc is needed.
- Hinder. Calgary already does not do as effective a job concerning environmental impact as it is.
- Hinder, its a bunch of unnecessary, quickly planned construction
- Not sure
- I don't really think hat it would have a negative environmental impact.
- This is a stupid question. How will the olympics help the environment?
- Help

- Hinder
- Hinder. More waste, more pollution.
- Hinder. It is very difficult to conceive of an environmental upside. The cumulative carbon emissions from the travel of athletes and tourists alone could never be overcome with environmental measures put in place for events 'on the ground.'
- I'm not very big on the environment so I'll leave this one out
- Somebody has to clean up the mess left behind. It will take years to wash away the taint of corruption.
- Neutral. I would like to see a waste-free games, where EVERYTHING is either recycled or composted.
- Who cares
- They would be a hindrance because of the footprint left by masses of people and vehicles attending.
- The Olympics have a fairly strong track record for not considering potential environmental impacts when it comes to ensuring the smooth running of their Olympic events.
- Hinder in the short term but potentially help in the long run as we get better at environmental stewardship
- Haven't seen much information about the environmental impact.
- Neutral. I don't imagine there will be a significant impact either way.
- Neutral
- Those games have a history of NOT being environmentally friendly, so definitely hinder.
- I believe there would be no benefit and only an environmental impact if new facilities were installed where nothing had been previously.
- Hinder
- No investment in public transit. Make a hyperloop part of the bid. Go big or go home. Build a new arena and make it energy efficient. Power it with solar.
- Environment is probably a wash. If there is no sports facility footprint, it will be some other kind of footprint.
- Not sure what environmental impacts the games would have. Most of the facilities and venues, and their footprints already exist. Summer has millions of people stomping through the national parks, so... Just need to manage for increased waste and water usage.
- You're saying there's going to be some environmental benefit?? Really??
- Hinder.
- I think overall this would be fairly neutral as far as impact goes
- If better transit systems were built it might help, but the current proposal is pretty weak and I doubt there would be any significant positive impact on the environment.
- Hinder
- Not sure
- More people is always a concern on the environment. Suitable remediation (and cost) will be needed to ensure that our beautiful backyard remains beautiful for the people that live here after the Olympics are over.
- Help! Facilities need to be upgraded regardless if we have the Olympics (Hello Winsport! I'm looking at you Frank King Day Lodge!). Environmental concerns will be addressed in a conscientious manner I'm sure.
- I think this is an opportunity for us to prove the world wrong with their views of Dirty Oil Alberta. Let's make this the cleanest games ever!
- N/A
- Don't know enough to comment
- Hinder. There is no justification for these games at this time in Calgary.
- Help
- Building things we don't need for pure entertainment is wasteful
- There should be an option for NOT hosting the games on this question. We don't trust our municipal or federal governments to use our money wisely. It will put us in the hole more than we are now. STOP spending money on foolish pursuits to boost the mayor's ego, and start spending it on infrastructure and supporting the thousands of unemployed oil and gas people. Three years ago, my family could afford a good life, since my husband was laid off from the oil and gas sector, we are deep in debt and can't pay for food some months. You've done nothing to help but

tell us he isn't unemployed with the thousands of other contract employees. Lower our cost of living by making taxes lower not waste money on silly bids and art projects. We can't afford tickets to a hometown hockey game and you want us to pay for your Olympics? For shame.

- Wouldn't matter
- Another issue that would certainly impact Calgary with lots of challenges
- Hinder. We are left cleaning up after a 5 billion dollar 2 week party
- Additional air traffic would hurt our air. Furthermore, having more tourists would contribute to "over tourism."
- The impacts can be mitigated
- I expect the Games will be held using as much green technology as possible. That said, I want our oil and gas industry to be promoted as part of the Olympics. We need to be proud of an industry that has given our province and country so much.
- Hinder. So many visitors in only 10 days and so much garbage in our landfills.
- Hinder...often things are put up quickly without concern for local environmental.
- There would be limited impact as most areas already have venues
- I have no opinion on this.
- Hinder
- Hinder. Because the Olympics is a major contributor to environmental decline. It's snowing in October, I don't think we need to add to that.
- Hinder. Awful idea. I see no benefits to the average person. The average person won't use any of the facilities so they will waste away and over be used and the areas could be better used.
- Not sure what the enviro impacts might be
- If planned and executed appropriately the games can be a success without negatively impacting the environment. Promotion of Mass transit shuttles (buses, c-train etc) without over burden of costing the customer will minimize on road traffic. New building LED lighting electrical efficiencies, local NG clean fuel (vs coal). Minimize branding/marketing packaging of merchandise. Promote "buy a tree" to be planted for reforestation in the beautiful "Rockies" ....continue recycle/compost programs make this about the outdoor experience with/watching the athletes compete
- Hinder.
- Hinder. Just build the infrastructure if you need it. Don't tie it to the olympics. Plow the streets instead.
- The environment isn't my main concern when it comes to hosting the games
- Limited if any impact on the environment in Calgary
- Hinder. Why focus this on Canmore? You want to host a world class event with downhill skiing at Nakiska?! Address the environmental concerns, leave a legacy, and execute in Louise.
- I think Calgary is well equipped to minimize environmental impact compared to other cities
- Hinder. There will be substantial green House gas emissions for all the travel to and around Calgary associated with the proposed games plan.
- There is no environmental benefit that I can see? Maybe if we get the LRT line to airport, all quadrants of the city that would be a plus, but the big problem is IF. Too much is left to trust and based on past performance not much of that is left. Also, cost - what is it really going to cost the citizens. What planning is actually going into it. It seems that we make roads and systems and circles, and then in a few years rip them up because oops, we need to increase it by 1/2 a lane or whatever. A gong show intersection is occurring at the bottom of Sarcee trail right now - no faith that a hurried future system for the olympics will be made to last...
- Hinder
- Really?
- The games should have no negative environmental impact.
- Help as if the planning is done as it should be, there should be very minimal adverse effects to the environment.
- Neither.
- No. This argument is unfounded.
- Undecided.

- another 3,500 athletes downtown with 100,000 visitor flooding the mountains and the City...well it doesn't take a crystal ball to figure out how that is going to turn out without train service to the mountains and increase transit service...
- Irrelevant. Calgarians have a good sense of environmental awareness, and whatever, however, new venues and events are planned, we can be quite confident the environment will always be considered.
- Neither....., Next!
- This issue is a deliberate red herring to appease the environmentalists. Any Olympics has massive environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated.
- Hinder.
- You have to be kidding me on this one. The proposed perceived environmental benefits are a stretch for sure
- I cannot fathom why an airport connection cannot be included to the airport. If you want sustainability, easing traffic woes, and a passable Deerfoot - put it in. I'm tiring of seeing the small town taxi lobby dominate the decisions of a city of this size.
- The CO2 Cost is too high if we plan to meet our goals. Aside from burning of petroleum, the Process to make cement is highly carbon intensive. as well as all the transportation required to build up the city and host it... especially in 3 cities, Whistler, Canmore and Calgary
- There would be no impact to environment.
- It will have no bearing except we will be paying for it for years.
- Hinder
- HINDER! The tourists that will fly here from all over the world will negatively impact the environment alone, never mind all the un-needed construction materials for infrastructure that will be used up. Extra people will add to the amount traffic, which will increase CARBON emitted, solid waste and sewage produced. I can't think of a WORSE thing for the environment than international air travel for sport tourism.
- Not really any impact.
- Minimal environmental impact with the exception if skiing is held in a National Park.
- hinder. Spend taxes on actually cleaning the junk that floats around the city instead. That would help the environment.
- Hosting all these people is definitely not a plus for the environment.
- No comment.
- Don't care one bit about the impact on the environment. I would hope that the city would fix the environment of Stoney Trail and 17th ave where 4 lanes merge into 2 lanes. What a brilliant idea.
- Hinder - You have thousands of people FLYING across the country and DRIVING around the city producing additional waste. Having the events spread out in Whistler and Edmonton is not "green". There are no effective transportation options like in European countries. People will have to fly and/or drive. The national parks have already indicated concerns with the high level of visitors, adding such a large number for the Olympics does not seem responsible.
- No opinion. If we get the games I trust we'll get at least this right.
- None
- How will City ensure that facilities are built, or improved in time in light of current environmental regulations? How will City ensure that Recycling, Carbon Reduction and Emissions are addressed?
- I don't believe they would have an appreciable effect one way or the other.
- Olympics have a history of not being environmentally friendly... Hinder
- Think the environmental impact could be positive. Clean up of contaminated bus barns site and clean-up of creosote at Calgary Next site would remove glaring environmental liabilities and polluted sites from YYC. Also use of Whistler worsens environmental impact with extra travel, duplicated facilities/resources and extra logistics.
- Don't care.
- carbon emissions will be greatly increased because of extra traffic
- Inconsequential
- It all depends on the plans are. Calgary should make a point of organizing green games, and let the world know. It might help change Alberta's oil and gas (bad) reputation around the country and the world!
- Hinder.

- Hinder. Again, changes would ultimately never be sustainable in our economic state so more cost to shut them down responsibly. Think Disney's abandoned projects. Wintergreen, pigeon mountain, fortress...
- Personally I don't think the environment would care one way or the other.
- The environmental impact of recent Olympics on Korea and Brazil were pretty dire.
- Hinder!
- Depends where it's going, yes.
- No. It's bad enough we burn through land for empty housing, let's not waste more land for a few days of specialized sporting.
- What if some environmental group launches a court challenge for WHATEVER reason related to the impact on the environment. What if the courts grant a stop work order on a venue..?
- There is potential here for a lot of negative press if the environmental impacts are not managed. Alberta already has a reputation as a polluter on the national and international levels.
- Not relevant. stop pulling environmental adpectes to every issue. We see right through you and it is annoying!!!
- It would really screw up the environment, Calgary is such an urban sprawl as it is, no more construction!
- The Olympics will, without a doubt (and backed by scientific/scholarly evidence), cause environmental damage to Calgary and other areas beyond the city. The Bow and Elbow Rivers, for example, will carry the increased levels of pollutants to other places, as will air currents. The Games are unethical for that reason. As I wrote previously, the settler-colonial histories of the Games must remind us that the people who would be most likely to protect and fight for the land (including but not limited to people of the Blackfoot Confederacy) are the ones who will be symbolically and physically cast aside to make room for the large footprint of the Games. In urban settings, the higher volumes of traffic will also contribute to air pollution in an area whose branding includes healthy air, mountains, and clean waters. The Olympics are counter-intuitive to that claim.
- Not sure.
- I believe it would absolutely have a negative impact. There would no doubt be land-clearing, some deforestation, and pollution, far more than already exists. We shouldn't be hosting the Olympics if we would have to build all new facilities from scratch; there is far too severe of an environmental impact to make way for all of that, which, in this day and age of severe climate change, we cannot afford or take the risk of worsening.
- The environmental footprint of having so many people and athletes coming to the City for a few weeks is also crazy. There is no way that this can be a zero waste event. Think of all of the crappy souvenirs that will be made in China and shipped here only to be left in the landfill. This also includes all of the other related marketing material that will be produces and then thrown out at the end of the games. What a waste.
- Hinder, displacing taxpayer capital into one time events, IOC parties, are wasteful and counter to productive eco sustainability. A capital intensive vanity project with many cost risks and negligible long term benefits for tax payers.
- Neutral. I think risks are overstated. We can organize Games in an environmentally responsible way.
- Neutral.
- It will put a strain on our infrastructure and our parks.
- A games spread out over 1000km doesn't seem environmental sound. Also our national park area is already over run with people with a much more leave a trace mentality then a leave no trace.
- Neither. You are trying to confuse the basic issues here. The environmental impacts are not related to wether or not Calgary will have a bright future. Your political-speak is trying to make people think you have "deep and sincere thoughts" on the subject while your (councils) lack of opacity with information shows the opposite.
- Hinder as any event even when they try not to pollute cause pollution. Need to factor all things like travel which cause tons of emissions
- Hinder. Not all countries involved care about the environment.
- nobody cares about the environment.
- No, I don't think environment is a problem.
- Help in some ways. I believe there will be a great amount of environmental impact since there will be a large capacity of people going in and out of the city. But at the same time, this should be able to give us a reason why to find a better way to make our city greener. Like the use of C-train or affordable bike rental. If we can find a way for vistor to

take their time travelling and enjoy their "bike ride", this may reduce the use of vehicles. Since its going to be the winter bid and it will be cold and snowy out, maybe consider like cross country skiing/ snow shoeing or horse sled.

- Theoretically it would be worse as you are inviting thousands of people to your city which are normally there
- I'm impartial on this, I don't mean that environmental concerns aren't important and justified, I just feel that we as Calgarians and Canadians stopped planning any event without consideration of the environmental impact years ago. An environmental consideration is now just part of everyday life, and most of us bring reusable water bottles and bags where ever we go. Instead of offering plastic water bottles often water stations are provided at many events, so this change to environmental awareness is happening organically. Because of this I don't think there is an environmental benefit or hindrance resulting from hosting the games.
- "We lack the infrastructure to make environmental claims as strong as Vancouver had: Inefficient transit access to the airport (especially during the winter), venues that are considerably further out of the city, roads that are already at capacity, Parks Canada having issues dealing with current volumes of visitors, and a large parking issue in all areas involved. The environmental impact is therefore quite severe because when faced with no or limited options of limited effectiveness people take things into their own hands.
- I can safely say for these events, living in a car-based city, I'll be driving to these events if I am able to attend them."
- Maybe you should explain the possible environmental impacts you are talking about.
- Don't really even see why this is a category?
- Yes I think the environmental impact will have a strongly negative affect not worth the price of hosting the games.
- Neither. Environmental issues are a ridiculous was of effort in an economy that is leaving people, jobless, homeless and hungry.
- I think it will hinder Calgary's future. When has any development been good for the environment?
- No environmental benefit outweighs the cost of this proposed bid.
- What impacts? â ¸.. really not an issue.
- Hinder. There is no green way to build useless infrastructure that will rot in 10 years.
- Neutral, with proper planning and foresight, expansion can be delivered without significant damage to the environment.
- probably hinder
- Building a bunch of new facilities and roads to access them (via car) is never good for the environment. Are we building a comprehensive cycle track network or public transportation network? That would be easier on the environment than something just to draw more cars.
- hinder! Banff, Canmore, and other affected cities have not been consulted if they agree and we are already making a bid without their answer
- No likely impact
- Banff is looking to limit tourists to minimize the environmental impact. The Games will hinder Calgary's future in this respect.
- N/A
- Help. Majority of venues are pre-existing so minimizes new greenfield build
- No opinion
- I think hosting a large-scale event like the Games may harm the environment, given the increased air and land travel, as well as all the waste that will be produced during the event.
- The envirnomenta impact can be managed. The cost of overcoming environmental impact challenges from interest groups and stakeholders is not substantiated in the proposal.
- "OH GOD!! HHIINNDDEERR. You and the future you's will SCREW IT UP. When was that last time City Council, or City Employees did anything to their maximum potential??"
- You have deep pockets, through our taxes, and things are always done poorly...then extra money is required to do it 'satisfactorily'."
- Hinder
- Costs!!!
- Hinder. Increased demands on our water and sewer facilities. Again costs that get passed down to taxpayers.

- Hinder - environmental cost of new infrastructure far outweighs retrofits, coupled with environmental impact of increased tourism on Calgary, Banff, and surrounding areas
- I am not too concerned about the Environmental impacts at this time. That is the reality of hosting any kind of large scale world event.
- Just say the carbon footprint of hosting the games is too high. End of discussion and debate. Sunk the battleship.
- Hinder
- Skiing and other events in our Rockies would be disastrous, our mountain park are already over crowded, and over developed
- Hinder. No positive environmental impact.
- Neutral.
- No comment
- I don't see much/any environmental impact from having the games, we're in Canada and we have stringent standards for things like emissions and dumping that would prevent substantial environmental damage.
- If we got better transit it could help.
- Large developments within the parks are not proper use of national or provincial parks. The national parks should be preserved, not developed into Disneyland.
- Neutral.
- Unknown
- No, because we are intelligent and one of the most environmentally conscious places anywhere.
- Not sure
- Yea more people means more maintenance and more garbage all over the city
- Absolutely hinder. Look at all the waste produced by the stampede each year. The olympics would be bigger.
- The Olympic will undoubtedly have a negative environmental impact on Calgary and the natural areas where events will be held. There are issues of transportation, parking, visitor access, waste management, and the list goes on and on.
- I think Calgary could do a good job of mitigating some environmental effects, but overall the, short-term effect would be negative and the opportunity for long-term bad effects is high.
- Not too concerned about this
- This question, what potential environmental impacts? As trying to get rid of the garbage , this question needs to be more specific
- I think if we're smart about not harming the environment, it will not be a problem
- I have faith that the city would do everything necessary to ensure the smallest environmental impact would be had, but the cost to do so would make it easier to simply not host them.
- Thinking about these impacts ahead of time should help us plan for them in our future after the games, so a properly constructed bid should help in the long-term.
- Hinder, money for building facilities will take money from projects that could be more more beneficial to our environment. We should be concentrating on projects that create long term jobs, not a stupid 2 week party
- Hinder. Have events in Whistler? How does that even make sense, of course the environment will be impacted.
- Hinder, <https://youtu.be/U-rBxNHd2fI>
- Help if we get a Ctrain station at the airport.
- What impact?
- The Committee is lying about the cost-effectiveness of "reusing " existing facilities. They all need million dollar renovations.
- Negligible
- Neither
- Undecided
- How could increased air, ground traffic not hurt the environment? Think of all the chaos and littering, the construction- of course that will have an effect
- Proper planning will negate the potential environmental impacts.

- We can show the world that a Games can be sustainable and actually help the environment by doing it in a new way.
- Family economy as important as environment they go hand in hand and are not mutually exclusive
- It doesn't matter global warming is BS
- Not sure. Can't see how the games would help though.
- They won't
- This is not a concern of mine
- The environment is regulated to death. I'm not concerned
- Hinder. It has been shown from previous olympics that there are going to be negative environmental impacts. Bringing such a large amount of people will bring a large amount of garbage, not to mention the debris from construction. There will be negative impacts to our parks if we partner with Canmore, with risk to our wildlife. Events like this promote the production of wasteful and disposable merchandise, as well as they typically involve a lot of disposable products (eg. in housing and providing for the olympians- napkins, toiletries, cutlery etc)
- Hinder. That much extra traffic around the city would have a long lasting detrimental affect to the environment
- Not sure
- Carbon footprint for such event will be huge. Having people around flying all over from the world. Furthermore, we have Chinook which potentially might cause extra snow to be manmade, which is even more environmental damage
- Hinder...r people going to ride their bikes to the Olympics?
- Always leaves a mess behind.
- Hinder. What part of flying to whistler for events is good for the environment?
- With lessons learned from other host cities, coupled with Canadians environmental attitude and stewardship on a whole, I feel like 2026 would not have a negative impact on the environment.
- Events like this are clearly an environmental catastrophe. Tons of pointless air travel, massive amounts of garbage produced, nothing to show for it at the end. It's horribly irresponsible from an environmental perspective.
- Hinder: Having a bid like this and no inclusion of a rail link to the airport is not forward looking investment in environmental infrastructure.
- Hinder - Calgary construction takes forever and the amount of resources needed in construction are extensive
- Help. Overall environmental impact is negligible.
- I don't feel this is an issue.
- I think the Vlc Park bus barn move is a very bad idea.
- The idea of a minimum-waste Olympics is a pie-in-the-sky fantasy not worthy of discussion. Some of the money in the budget of the Games could instead be spent on improving waste infrastructure and building better mass transit.
- The games being hosted in a city with strong environmentalism with interest in green energy and lifestyles will lead to have a greater chance to see a more environmentally healthy olympic and paralympic games.
- Irrelevant.
- I think they would hinder. The increase in people and vehicles would only cause more garbage as well as wear on the natural areas in and around the city
- Hinder I would assume. You'd be building a lot more housing and that alone adds to the environmental impact within Calgary.
- Our environment needs to be taken into account near our beautiful mountains.
- No impact. No benefit
- N/A
- It would not help
- Neutral
- Likely no significant effect.
- Hinder. Increased traffic, increased congestion.
- I believe the environmental impact would hinder the city. Calgary already has a lot of construction going on, between roads and new buildings.
- Calgary is lost already with this Mayor & Council prepare for CO2!
- Hinder for sure. Having that many people out in the Rockies would not be good for the environment or the wildlife.

- No opinion
- Spending tons of unnecessary money equals huge emissions.
- In a weak economy, working under the scrutiny of the environmental lobby would be prohibitively expensive and hinder the city.
- The garbage and pollution generated by the Olympics would just end up leading to further cost taxpayers in the years following the games.
- As long as construction is thoughtful and done properly, there should be little to no impact.
- This has nothing to do with the environment.
- I think the environmental impact would be minimal
- Hinder, due to extra waste and the developed world's disposable mentality.
- Hinder. More pollution, environmental destruction
- Neither
- There will be more people in the city, and in the provincial/federal parks so that will effect the environmental negatively. They are already talking about restricting people from entering the parks.
- Help. Calgarians are mindful of the environment when planning events.
- It could impact the areas that are cleared for the venues.
- I think the proposed environmental planning and implementation will have not net positive on the environment. There will still be more garbage and recycling to manage.
- The games could have a significant NEGATIVE impact on the environment, especially for the skiing events in the Kananaskis region. Over the time period of the Olympic games, the massive amount of people in these environmentally sensitive areas could have a terrible impact in the future when all of the tourists have left.
- Hinder, I pick up disgusting amounts of garbage from the shores of the reservoir which we drink from, we have too many vehicles on the road for our population, and our transit is 5-10 years behind the demand.
- Not sure about the environmental impacts. Again not enough information
- Hinder. excess garbage and recycling will be hard to manage. we are having enough trouble trying to sell our recycling now to potential buyers.
- Possibly hinder. But if proactively handled could be ok.
- No.
- Don't see much impact, hopefully they use some Olympic funds to clean up that creole site by the river.
- One 10 day event will not radically change Calgary's future. Do not spend on an event which has been shown to cause massive debt.
- I don't see this as a significant consideration.
- Neither
- No measurable benefit/hindrance.
- Neither
- No concerns.
- Hinder! More people to create pollution and garbage.
- Help - newer more efficient facilities
- Depends on where they are planning everything. Use of existing facilities or breaking new ground where it's not necessary.
- Canada is top notch in terms of environment. So I don't think it is an important point in our bid consideration.
- Any environmental impact would be short-lived.
- Ah! Environmental waste. More plastic, all the fast foods and their wastes. Bigger carbon foot print as people will be driving around. Less money to go towards projects that we should put in place. Maybe we will get the LRT to the airport but it won't be a quick route to the downtown so that will be a waste of money. Going to build housing next to the river. Oh right building in a flood plain good idea. So when we get the next flood the people are going to have to move. That's okay we'll just dam up some good farm land to save the city because we decided it would be a good idea to build in a flood plain rather than leaving land near rivers as parks so we don't have to use taxpayers money to build new housing.

- Neutral - what environmental impacts? It's a short-term event and new development would still be held to existing environmental standards.
- It may be a way to spot light how great we are at managing our resource development while be world leaders in the environmental protection feild, as well as how we treat our workers.
- Hinder. Can we please intensify the city instead of sprawling outwards and making it hard for everyone to access services? I know its cheaper to build on greenspace but please....it comes at an environmental and social cost. Density Density Density!
- More construction is not going to help moral in this city and the total lack of regard for the environment in favor of these make work projects is despicable. The urban sprawl is out of control and impacts the environment and nature disastrously. Adding more for an unnecessary event is irresponsible and ignorant.
- "AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION WOULD DEFINITELY BENEFIT CALGARIANS IF THIS WAS BUILT TO HOUSE THE ATHLETES AND COACHES FOR THE GAMES.
- A NEW INDOOR STADIUM/DOME WOULD DEFINITELY INCREASE WORLD CLASS EVENTS AND SHOWS THAT WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE NOW. FUTURE REVENUES AND JOBS!
- I SEE NOTHING PROPOSED THAT WOULD HARM THE ENVIRONMENT OR URBAN AREAS THAT WOULD PLAY HOST TO THE GAMES. THE SKI FACILITIES IN CANMORE AND KANANASKIS WERE ALL BUILT FOR 88 AND THAT IS WHEN THE MOST IMPACT TOOK PLACE ENVIRONMENTALLY."
- Spectacles of this size tend to generate an abhorrent amount of waste.
- May help not sure
- I can't imagine it being a good thing.... installing new ski jumps or ripping up the land to build "olympic housing"... especially if the facilities are shoddily built like they were for Vancouver 2010. Again this is an area where I think the costs outweigh any perceived benefit.
- The Environmental impacts are irrelevant to me
- This is also a neutral for me.
- Hinder, cheap contractors inflate prices, under deliver, cut corners and more has to be spent to fix it after.
- Since the majority of this is about upgrading existing sites and sharing hosting with other cities that also have existing facilities, I doubt that there is a large enough impact to generate concern.
- no
- N/A
- We host the Stampede each summer with no concern for the environment. Why is this a relavent question? More people in our city, e tar energy used, more garbage, etc. = negative.
- Hinder
- What is the BC? What environmental impacts?
- I suppose the environmental impacts would hinder Calgary but then there are always environmental zealots on whatever anyone proposes.
- Hinder. ^
- We would have to do an exceptional job of making these zero waste games that enhance the environment
- proposal doesn't have many positive enviromental effects
- It will make things worse for GHG / climate impact, for waste creation, for use of our limited water resources, for increasing the impact of humans on the environment in Kananaskis / Canmore / Whistler. Every major event in K Country involves death for large predators (cougar, bear, wolf, raptors etc), this is needless.
- What environmental impacts?
- I think any potential impact from the games will be less than that of industry and should help Calgary's future
- Hinder
- As long as you have Treaty 7 hanging in the trees. Not worried about fools mistreating the environment.
- there isn't any environmental impacts. that is just a red hearing for the bleeding hearts
- Recent Olympic games have shown that they lead to incredible waste and pollution. The Olympic group if often held unaccountable for this and will lead to further environmental ruin of Calgary and Southern Alberta
- Hinder, there is a lot to build, clean and take care of.

- hinder
- No effect to Calgary's future environmentally
- Environment not an issue
- Environmental impact could be good if public transit is expanded but that doesn't seem to be part of the plan.
- No comment
- Can't see environment adversely affected
- Don't see any environmental impacts
- Hinder. Banff is stressed enough without a million new Olympic tourists feeding our bears pepperoni sticks.
- I honestly don't see it as relevant.
- Hinder for sure. We barely scratch the surface on environmentally responsible anything here. We don't even have a train from the airport, it's the WINTER games so no one is going to walk anywhere. Waste galore from all the junk/trinkets/souvenirs. No good.
- The impact on the environment will only be negative. Not just the construction but massive amounts of garbage and litter are left after the games.
- City council doesn't seem to care much about the environment. Approving 14 new communities contributed to disgusting urban sprawl and eats up grassland and wetlands at the sacrifice of the environment. I don't have faith they will prioritize the environment at the cost of success.
- I am neutral in this regard.
- Total environmental fail. Again, just like setting an example with being financially responsible (how many monthly payments is a new ski jump....), can we take the lead and say no to the Olympics, also based on the environmental damage. New construction equals horrendous environmental impact. (Roads, housing, transit, skating rinks, etc) Let's take care of our own backyard again and be a leader in environmental responsibility. Did you know making cement is the world's third biggest contributor to man-made CO2? That's only one fact....
- I think the environment will be affected badly by the venues in the mountains. Even if the venue itself is thought out, the crowds and influx into the mountains will affect the environment and wildlife in it. Our mountains are fragile and even small changes can affect it negatively.
- Hinder. I imagine you are going to wreck more land.
- The environmental impacts are the most important consideration. If part of city planning is to clean up the dirty creosote-soaked site in West Village that no one wants to deal with, in order to build a new hockey arena to replace the Saddledome, at least that environmental disaster will be somewhat remedied and Calgary will finally have a world-class entertainment venue for touring acts. But ecologically sensitive areas that might be threatened or destroyed by building or expansion of infrastructure should take priority over sports. I also think this is a great opportunity to invest in smart/green technologies infrastructure, so that Calgary has a lasting environmental legacy from the games.
- You can't stop growth, but you can plan and channel it. As the risk of sounding cliché, "green", environmentally sound should be adopted.
- I don't know
- Not much environment concern
- The effect on the environment will have a negative effect as additional visitors and construction will add to sewage treatment, landfills and use of water resources
- Little impact.
- No I do not think it would effect it.
- Help. It's progress.
- It would be terrible
- Somewhat
- Hinder as we are probably the least environment friendly city going already
- Na
- Hinder for sure ... the Olympics has many a history of uprooting environmental areas for a new venue and for a facility that is left to fall apart
- Hinder - Calgary cannot handle its traffic as it is let alone with all the visitors the games would bring.

- Another stupid question. It will neither hinder or help Calgary's future.
- massive environmental impact, in 1988 we had +16 one day, the amount of energy, and resources it take to truck in, or make snow, the average snow machine uses 350 gallons a minute when its cold out
- Irrelevant. The environment will survive us.
- The environmental impacts would be a hindrance. We are at an environmental critical point and should be doing nothing to endanger our environment further.
- No comment
- The games would be a big drain on any environmental budget for years to come, just to be sustainable.
- Hinder due to the unnecessary construction.
- Hinder
- There is a lot that the city has not considered regarding environmental impacts. I would like to see more details on the protections being put in place to minimize impacts.
- No or little impact.
- Calgary already suffers negatively in the world view from reliance on oil and gas. Having an environmentally aware games would increase costs.
- How in the hell do you figure there would be a positive environmental impact from this???
- I have no concerns about the environmental impact. I believe in this regard there is some truth and honest study.
- Hinder, the Olympics will have no bearing on how we treat the environment in and around Calgary
- No info
- I am not sure there are any positive environmental impacts.
- No. Environmental impact would be negligible.
- not sure
- I hope that we could manage this since nothing really new is being built
- They will negatively impact the environment. All the BS we are already being fed from the Olympic (Booster) Development Committee already stinks. I'm sure everyone will walk to Calgary so they don't leave any carbon footprint and not fly private jets or first class.
- Hinder, we need road systems and transit to improve the movement of people, we are not getting any improvements
- The influx of short term visitors has no real benefit to sustainable growth.
- I am not concerned here. Our laws and oversights in place currently would address.
- No comment
- I don't see this will have much negative impact on the city or surround venues - nonissue.
- Calgary is a very organized city. I think the environmental impact will be minimal due to the state of art recycling program.
- Another ridiculous question. Do you have a crystal ball. How are we to know what impact it will have current governments do 10 year studies, better get started soon!
- Hinder. Construction of the scale required for the Olympics, negatively impacts the environment. A large number of people moving into an area always negatively impacts the environment. There is no getting around this fact. More people in the city, more people in the parks, more people using infrastructure, more people using limited water resources, more people driving and recreating... These all impact the environment in negative ways.
- I'm neutral on the matter.
- Not too concerned about this aspect in all honesty.
- "Things have to be done cost effectively. The Olympics bring no long lasting benefits, lots of activity but all of it is to prepare the city for 2 week party.
- Council must get it's priority straight."
- Increased traffic in our natural beauty people use stuff people leave things also increase in co2 and misc other pollutants
- This WILL have a negative environmental impact.
- Don't really care either way

- More trash everywhere as tourists do not share the compassion for a clean city that Calgarians do. No pride when there is no ownership./
- Why do we want more people, traffic and congestion in the mountains? Banff and other parks are already struggling with the amount of visitors.
- HINDER. Calgary is already reckless with respect to development (ring road, 11 new communities, constant river interference, Springbank dam, etc). This would push things over the edge at the same time de-prioritizing investment and focus on creating a sustainable future.
- Hinder
- Impact on the town of Canmore. It's not a sleepy little coal-mining town anymore - impact on the wildlife corridors there. Having some facilities at Whistler is ridiculous!
- It would hinder. I don't think there's any way an event so big could end up helping the environment. I think the best we can do is limit the impact, and I hope that is a priority.
- Disposal of waste from bus barns will fill our landfill. There should be more life out of the existing bus barns.
- Hinder Calgary future as we would not have any green space available.
- I personally believe the environmental impacts will very clearly hinder Calgary's future. How could anyone think otherwise? The environmental damage that will occur not only from prep work for the games but the aftermath will leave Calgary in such a sad state.
- Hinder, how is this even a question?
- Hinder. More development of venues and upgrades mean less untouched natural environment.
- Hinder
- I think that the environmental impacts in our nearby mountain parks are already very serious. They are already undergoing problems from too many visitors. How will having some of the sports in other cities help the environment? You are only increasing the carbon footprint. And what of environmental issues / problems literally uncovered in Calgary if you build new facilities, such as the Athlete's village on the site of the Victoria Bus Barns? We, the taxpayers, will have to foot the bill. And don't forget, it is the taxpayer footing the bill at every level through property tax (municipal taxes) and income tax (paid to provincial and federal government.). Why do you treat citizens as if they are stupid by saying that they won't be on the hook for this bill? We will be paying for it.
- Hinder
- Let's get over the whole environmental BS
- What environmental impacts?
- I don't see there being any specific impact on the environment.
- n/a
- "Since most of the proposed venues are legacy venues from 1988, our family thinks that the potential environment impacts from a Games may be next to nil. One of the biggest environmental concerns we have relates to the proposal to use Whistler for ski jumping. Use of Whistler for the Games seems excessively complicated and such use must result in additional travel and logistics with much greater environmental impact that would otherwise be the case if the events proposed for Whistler were held in YYC or Canmore. We think the use of Whistler is also not in the best interest of the long-term development of ski jumping and ski jumpers in Canada. The Whistler ski jump (Callaghan Valley?) is at least 2 and 1/2 hours from YVR in summer driving conditions--likely longer and more dangerous in winter. A ski jump in YYC would be 10 minutes (or at worst in Canmore--a little better than an hour) from the U of C or even less from the closest YYC high school with an elite sports program (Bowness). Seems like those 2 institutions and the programs at them would provide the best chance for development programs for ski jumpers to take hold and, again, best develop the sport in Canada while minimizing longer term environmental impacts from maintaining a ski jump training facility which is much further away from a significant population centre and such educational institutions.
- In addition to the comments on ski jumping, our family supports the environmental clean up of the Victoria Park Bus Barns site and would further support the environment clean up of the old Domtar creosote contaminated site in ""West Village."" We struggle to understand why YYCCC appears to continue to put off addressing the remediation of such sites adjacent to the main water courses in YYC and would appreciate a full explanation of the risks associated with not expeditiously addressing the clean up of those sites and leveraging the Games opportunity to do so. Also, it

seems like there should be meaningful private investment \$\$\$ available for both sites which could both offset the costs of a Games and better maximize the long term societal and economic benefits to YYC taxpayers."

- Skip
- It would be hard to mitigate the environmental costs of the games - sure you can say you'll make efforts to recycle etc but in the end it is more things being produced and thrown out or more cars in the road, more power needed etc for an uncertain payoff
- hosting all those athletes, visitors and officials will have a negative impact
- Help, this day in age technology is much more "green." We could be a leader in showing minimal environmental impacts.
- PROBABLY HURT, WILL TAKE US YEARS TO OFFSET THE ADDITIONAL CARBON RELEASE ASSOCIATED WITH HOSTING THE GAMES.
- Would cause minor damage. Somewhat irrelevant part of this decision process.
- This has no added value to Calgary's economic future
- Spending billions on games is irresponsible. These games will do nothing but hinder our cities environment by taking money away from deforestation reclamation projects, repairs of pathways and trash control. Fish creek is littered with trash of all kinds the city should be paying workers to clean up. There is fishing line/hooks littering the river beds, i have seen it wrapped around dead birds and getting stuck to deer. I have seen and heard about children getting stuck with hooks left behind bely fishermen. You cant walk 10 feet in any of our cities parks without coming across litter and refuse. More people and more money spent on games means more garbage and waste and therefore more negative impact on our environment there are still areas of this city that need assistance from the flood of 2013,we are still paying for the flood, how dare the council consider wasting money on games instead of putting it towards the protection/maintenance and re-establishment/safety of our cities parks where our children and loved ones play and seek peace. Our parks need ashtrays because people are ignorant and litter their cigarette butts, we need more trash cans and care to help prevent litter, we need crews and city workers to be paid properly so they actually do their jobs to help keep our parks and recreational areas litter free. Litter is crippling our wildlife we should be helping the wildlife of this city not wasting money on games that do not help nature or our parks or wildlife or common citizens in anyway.
- Who cares
- Useless question.
- Hinder, as much as you would try to lessen the impact of a dramatic increase in population for the duration of the games...waste disposal would place a huge burden on existing infrastructure.
- The construction from building the extra facilities will create much more pollution than we already have.
- What environment impact? Get off this green crap narrative.
- The influx of thousands of people would have a negative impact on our environment.
- Neutral on this.
- Hello !!!!! Garbage!!!!
- Hinder. More pollution and waste from visitors.
- More tourists - more litter. Better not to have both
- This is a stupid question. What's the environmental impact of the green line? For that matter what was the environment impact of the pile of rusty iron and rocks near Bowfort Road.
- I think the environment impacts will hinder Calgary. The severity of climate changes that are being felt at the moment, will only be exacerbated in 8 years. I haven't seen any reasonable explanation as to what we will do if there isn't enough snow or if the temperatures are so severe that events have to be postponed.
- Hinder. We should stop over developing in the mountains, Which are Calgary's true #1 beauty and attraction.
- Not sure on this one. Not enough info for a good opinion.
- No opinion
- Olympic Games generate monumental waste which is left for the host city to deal with. The IOC provides little to no support.
- Hinder.
- NO?

- I'm sure the environmental impact could be managed but I'm not interested in proceeding with the Olympic bid
- No tangible data to have a forecast.
- WHAT environmental impacts?
- The ammonia refrigeration used for the bobsleigh luge track is a target for terrorists. It was a concern back in 1988 as well, if someone blew up the refrigeration building the ammonia fumes would be spread across the city on our predominately west winds. Again it was an insane decision to build that track where it is now it also should've been built in Bragg Creek because the winds also affect the sliders
- May be more of a negative impact in Canmore...who ,by the way, have not appeared to be committed to being involved.
- I think they are minimal considering the fact that we are mostly just upgrading existing facilities!
- I'm not sure. It could be a great opportunity to promote plastic-free, recycling and composting.
- It really depends. It could go either way. As stated above if we align this with cleaning environmental hazards already in place and monitor and maintain other possible effects I think we will be fine but it needs to be monitored closely or it could make a big negative impact
- There would be no impact at all if we just scrap the ridiculous idea altogether. We are BROKE!!!!
- Hinder
- It would hinder Calgary's future. Calgary needs more green space, not more spectator's sport facilities.
- Don't really care
- The games would create an environment of debt and tax increases
- Too much CO2 from all these airplanes flying to Calgary. Who is going to pay for this to D.Suzuki and Al Gore in carbon tax?
- I don't expect the environment will take a hit from the games
- Neutral. We already get a huge amount of tourism. Do we have the capacity to absorb more sustainably?
- Hinder - we live close to some of the most sensitive environments in the world for threatened keystone Canadian species that will be negatively affected by such a huge influx of people.
- There has already been outcry from national parks on the negative impact a games would have on already sensitive environments. How is this being considered?
- Don't care
- Couldn't help it. That's for sure.
- I think any potential environmental impacts could be managed properly.
- The environmental impact will be minimal as most of required already exist.
- Shameful to subject our already growing problem in our NTL parks. Infrastructure in this city is lacking for the everyday commuter. Bike lanes have been a priority for this council, and yet they are not used by the majority of Calgarians. Priorities of this council is sorely lacking.
- undecided
- There is not enough information truthfully within the report on this matter.
- What would be the environmental concern?
- There will be no environmental impacts.
- This is a dumb question.
- NA
- N/A. Balanced.
- No one cares about this. It's silly to think we can help our environmental "legacy" with anything concerning an event like this.
- It cannot be anything other than a significant environmental hit. Unless there is a challenge to food vendors and others to mandate compostable packaging on everything, there will be massive amounts of waste created. Not so worried about the impact of two new venues being built in the city. Lack of train to the airport is a huge negative on carbon footprint as everyone must take a car or bus. Have not seen anything in the plans about tree planting, habitat creation (wetland/lake), creation of a new city park space etc to offset effects and provide Calgarians with a positive environmental legacy.

- Hinder
- a two week party can be easily cleaned up
- Look to Latin America after Olympic
- No
- Just make us pay for more green bins that no one uses. That will solve all the environmental issues.
- they will only hinder unless we put in improved infrastructure and stricter guidelines on reducing waste after the olympics
- Not a top concern
- I feel there would be no longterm negative impact to the environment. I don't feel this is a concern.
- I think they will affect the environment about as much as Stampede does.
- I believe a strong Environmental plan will help Calgary move into a more positive light on the world stage regarding our environmental track record.
- I see a major issue here with the possibility of holding alpine racing events at Lake Louise vs. Nakiska as has been bandied about. The environmentalists will argue about the large footprint in the National Park if these events are held at Lake Louise. And I tend to agree with them. The environment could suffer irreparable harm from all the visitors taking in such events there.
- Hurt
- HINDER. Environment will not benefit from putting up more venues and tracking more people through our area.
- Hinder.
- I'm not knowledgeable enough on this topic to have an opinion.
- Hinder. Security nightmare. What will we have to have in place to make this work and what will be used after the fact? Logistics nightmare if they start splitting where the games are to take place. How does one attend all the events if they are scattered outside of Calgary and Alberta. Who pays for that to happen? We pay and these other venues get the supposed revenue and possible benefit.
- I do not believe that the olympics would have a positive environmental impact and in fact have a massive negative impact due to all of the vehicle emissions from transporting people to the games
- The games will hinder Calgary's environmental future.
- Not sure. Maybe poll 250 indigenous groups and shut it down if the least involved groups object.
- What does the environment have to do with it?
- No games, no impact.
- I don't think Calgary's transit system could support the travel objectives for the games. Calgary's population has increased a lot since 1988 and not sure current resources could address daily commuters, games attendees, and visitors.
- Yes and also, are you kidding me with this question! Nothing about the olympics has ever been enviromental. The city will have to build using major resources in a short amount of time. Yes there will be major enviromental challenges.
- Hinder. No will have any money and the city will lag behind in other areas watching Calgary AGAIN play catch up. The city has the worst roads in north america, maybe fix that issue first
- Hinder - we already can't do out own recycling. The waste that will result from the games will be enormous, as will be the costs to deal with that waste.
- I don't know.
- I can't think of any Games related development that will do anything but have a negative impact on the evironment.
- Hinder. We are struggling now, why bring more environmental headaches to our city
- Put Olympic money into more LRT-THAT would positively impact the environment.
- I'm not sure that there would be a huge environment impact as long as venues are properly policed. There are venues in Calgary and area that could be used for some of these events.
- hinder
- N/A
- There is no environmental issues if the games are held here.....what a stupid question!
- The games would have limited environmental impact on Calgary's future, it would be neither positive nor negative.

- I think we already do a good job protecting the environment in Calgary and surrounding areas so I think the Games - when and if we can afford to host them will have no impact.
- Obviously, they would tax the environment, but could lead to increase knowledge on how to minimize environmental damage.
- I think this will negatively impact the environment
- Irrelevant.
- Not sure
- Depends how you view environmental impacts. A lot of material goes into the creation of new facilities and more energy use. In this sense, I say it hinders.
- Remain the same.
- It will help. The games will be done very environmentally responsible and show how this can be done.
- No impact
- Neutral
- Hopefully, environmental impacts would be kept to a minimum. Especially, limiting more development in the mountains.
- There is no way this will be good for our city's environment, but honestly this isn't the highest of my concerns.
- Why does IOC need their own travel lanes which can't even be used by transit and carpools. Working against environment
- What thriving natural areas or communities will we bulldoze at cost to us all so that a few people can make a fortune. Do you people really not look at the costs and failures of most every olympics since calgary and several before? Montreal didn't manage to pay off the last of it's olympic debt until 2006! I don't want that for my city! And it will happen. We got lucky once. It won't happen again.
- The Games are not environmentally sustainable. To host fully sustainable Games with no/minimal environmental impact would at least triple the cost.
- Neither
- See no environment risk to use Lake Louise for downhill, those objecting are extremists and don't reflect public.
- Not sure on this one.
- 100 % hinder future generations in a mire of debt.
- "I think Calgary is fortunate enough to be a first world country where we can spend the money to mitigate impacts, and where our citizens are strong enough to insist and enforce it.
- A big part of my hesitation with the games stems from the IOC's blatant disregard for conditions and impacts in other hosting venues chosen in the past. As well as their disregard for the actual impacts to a country's citizens, work conditions in preparation and the seeming corruption associated. Because Calgary has the resources and citizens to do it right, in a sustainable way, and then to maintain the facilities and venues, I would like to see Calgary put some sort of condition or caveat in place for holding the IOC accountable for future games. For us to help protect those with less political voice and say in countries with less resources or accountabilities."
- No difference
- hinder
- N/a
- Help.
- Hinder. \$\$\$\$\$
- They would probably have a slight positive impact if more affordable and environmentally friendly public transit was part of the equation.
- HINDER
- I do not see any large scale impacts that will harm the environment. We as Albertans are very aware and do our best regularly to help our environment
- With careful planning the environment will be ok. More development means more taxes to deal with environmental issues.

- Help. More explicit consideration of the environment.
- It would hinder Calgary's future. If you worried about the environment spend the money on cleaner buses.
- Not sure.
- Neutral
- Based on past experience, I believe the Olympics are fairly benign from an environmental perspective, barring of course the obvious issues with ripping out massive mountainsides and forest to build new ski hills. This is not the demonstrated intent of the proposal. The proposal makes it clear that good environment stewardship using "reuse/repurpose" would govern much of the development of facilities.
- Not interested in hosting the games at all.
- Hinder. Banff is overstretched. City is a mess thanks to current administration.
- I don't see many environmental impacts so if we can control any that there are it should help Calgary's future.
- Hinder. It's a huge environmental impact.
- Hinder
- There are no environmental impacts.
- Hinder. Any time you build anything you negatively impact the environment.
- Hinder as the modification or regions will be to accommodate large numbers of people for a short time. Long term it will be detrimental to the environment.
- Could help, however with quick construction timeframe could overlook opportunities
- Hinder. Destroying even more of our green space to complete more unnecessary venues (much like the New Horizon Mall) is completely and utterly ridiculous. They'll be abandoned and all that money will go to waste.
- Hinder. Too many people coming here will put a huge strain on all of our existing infrastructure....which impacts our environment.
- I don't think there would be very many environmental impacts because any land we would use for facilities would more than likely eventually be used by someone at some point anyway, something else would just be built in its place
- Disaster if the downhill skiing bullies its way onto the Lake Louise ski hill
- hinder -as the consumption from visitors will create more waste. people will want to drive to and from venues because it's winter and it's cold, no one wants to wait for a bus outside at -20 deg.
- Irrelevant.
- Hinder: Hosting an olympics does not appear to be a sustainable endeavour.
- The amount of garbage the olympics creates is astonishing. I feel that the environmental implications would be huge. More people equals more garbage.
- Hindrance. The mountain parks are already overused and overcrowded. Don't encourage more use that the parks cannot handle.
- Not applicable
- Hinder, trash from venues and the crowd. Taking away greenspace to build venues to accommodate the games.
- The games will help. Calgary is a city of innovation. 2026 Olympics will only foster greater environmental innovation to showcase to the world!
- Skiing is proposed in Whistler - wont affect Calgary
- Again irrelevant
- With the heightened awareness on all things environmental these days, I have no doubt that these Games will be done right and the environmental foot print minimized.
- No
- Hinder. More people more construction more waste more pollution
- Hinder
- Environmental impacts are minimal.
- Help!
- Bad for the environment.
- So far Calgary has had a brilliant environmental strategy. I don't see the modern Calgary of the past 30 years making that kind of mistake.

- Their are no environmental impacts
- We already pay a carbon tax
- It helps but not very much for the average calgarian in their day to day lives.
- "Simple;
- More people = more waste
- There's no way around that"
- to expensive to justify any benefits
- Hinder. Creating facilities, especially in sensitive mountain areas is not a positive impact
- Help because our awareness and care for the environment is growing and this will not change as we move forward with a bid and ultimately host the games. Hosting will give opportunity to model strong environmental care and as we do not need to build a lot of new venues will actually reduce the environmental impact that might be otherwise made.
- environmental concerns can be turned into a positive making this the greenest games ever!
- That will depend on whether the environmental impacts are seen as negative or positive.
- Hard to say. Overall we are moving towards more awareness to environmental impacts, but on the other hand, it is also just an excuse to Tax us more and more.
- Hinder
- The impact on the environment will be huge. The Province has made a commitment to a smaller environmental footprint, but this would bring more vehicles, people, construction etc. to our mountain communities creating long-term harm to animal corridors etc.
- Not is issue. The 1988 Olympics showed that.
- No opinion.
- Likely little effect, but if the games resulted in more tourism, which it almost certainly would, it would be environment friendly since tourism generates a lot of jobs/\$s with little negative effect on the environment.
- hinder...seniors are struggling now with services and cost they cannot afford.
- Canadians care about the environment and no matter what we do the environment will be a huge topic. Building better infrastructure and investing in Calgary's future will help the environment in the long run. Building more LRT lines (green line and access to the airport) will get more vehicles off the road. Upgrading our transit system as a whole will also do this. New venues can be constructed to be more environmentally friendly.
- Help, sports always bring people together.
- Will help. The environmentalists will keep the developments on the correct track. We have unbelievable watchdogs in this province.
- New efficient infrastructure will benefit the city.
- Environmental outside of construction projects wouldn't be a big concern as cleanup would surely be sufficient
- Neutral
- Hinder. Visitors unlikely to care for the environment the same way as citizens
- Everything impacts the environment but what are we supposed to do? Stop living?
- Help as they will give Calgary a platform to tell the world about the great work we do in this area already that we will otherwise be unable to champion. Also the Games will spark new initiatives, funding and attention for those projects and programs.
- Neutral on this one
- Not interested. Council needs to focus on getting taxes down. Need to see the taxes drop in this tough times. Focus on cost control!
- No comment
- I don't think the environmental will be hurt in any way.
- I see no problem here!
- Are all the people going to take their garbage home with them, forget the strain on the water filtration system.
- No comment. I don't have an opinion either way.

- Construction whether upgrading or new will cause more carbon and methane pollution. I don't think any of this was thought about or measured for the 1988 Olympics and there is nothing mentioned about doing actual measurements in this proposal.
- Unless the use of green technologies and planning is actively encouraged and used the environmental impact of hosting the Olympics will most certainly hinder Calgary's future in the short and long term.
- It is a sport term event. The coverage will help show how amazing the outdoor here is.
- Not sure
- They would help by showing Calgary off as the number one cleanest city on the World. There is no better place to host the winter Olympics.
- Neutral
- I cannot not see the games lowering our environmental footprint
- The environment will be the ultimate loser from the Games especially the Rocky Mountains.
- Help - why can't we show off technical and engineering prowess in a way that champions sustainable development where possible?
- I don't see why they would have a detrimental effect. This opportunity could be used to bring older facilities up to today's standards from an environmental impact point of view.
- "The large number of athletes and visitors attending Calgary and the events will likely travel by 'conventional' transport, i.e. burning hydrocarbons in jets, cars and SUVs, etc.
- Unless everyone walks or bikes to Calgary, and to and from the events, the carbon emissions from the Games will set us back years. Going ahead with the Games will generate significant greenhouse gases"
- We cant keep the garbage collected in a timely manner now,( think bus shelters, c train platforms and the overall city so paying for extra city workers at premium \$\$ would increase our utilities more than they already are, which is way too much in 2018
- Spending will not be controlled and the cost will be on the tax payers.
- Hinder, waste of money
- "The City does not care about the environment. They care more about placating people about the environment. Asking this question knowing that you don't take it seriously in the first place is insulting. I have given up on expecting any level of government to do anything effective in adequately addressing climate change. None of you have the courage to do the right thing. You are all either weak and/or stupid. I don't know what other conclusions I can come to.
- What is it? Scientists are signing letters by the 10's of thousands trying to convince governments to act. They do little to nothing. Business as usual. The incompetence is staggering.
- At this point, it is clear to me that our tri-level governments are clear and present dangers to my family. I don't see how you can convince me otherwise.
- Incompetent, short-sighted, idiocy. At this point in the game there is no other way to describe the governments inaction on climate. It's criminal what we do and how we rationalize and explain it away."
- What environmental impacts are you referring too? Noise pollution? Was this an issue in any other games. Why are you asking this question? Please explain yourself
- Environmental impacts would have no direct impact on the cities future, other than having to pay for all of the environmental impact assessments required for any new infrastructure.
- Hinder Calgary as the False claims the needed housing for athletes would go to affordable housing and lower income families. no contractor is going too build stuff then give it away anyone saying that is a liar.
- No
- Don' know
- Obviously a negative environmental impact
- Huge cost to the environment; flights to/from Calgary, building facilities, planning, hosting events, travel to/from venues...total unnecessary cost to the environment

- The potential environmental impacts from the Games would definitely hinder Calgary's future. We already have enough headache with the provincial government's carbon tax. Hosting these games, with the hundreds of thousands of people flocking to Calgary and area, the environment stands to be the real loser here (just look at the legacy of other Olympic events and their host cities).
- I cannot answer that since I do not have a full understanding of all the potential impacts
- Environmental impacts are always a concern especially in sensitive environmental areas.
- Will neither help nor hinder.
- How would the environment not be affected by the short amount of people in the area
- I don't think this is a major concern.
- I am concerned about the high volumes of traffic into the Rockies during the winter.
- HINDER!!!! Development in and around Calgary is already destroying important ecosystems and natural prairie land. The Games would require further unnecessary development that would not be justified.
- No more disrupting the environment with building, extra roadways. Huge impact on environment from Stoney Trail. Endless subdivisions, downtown towers. Stop
- Help, Calgary already does a great job as far as the environment goes and as a lifelong Calgarian I am proud of the changes this city has made in this respect. I have no doubt any future building or upgrades would fully consider and abide all environmental requirements and in fact bring this city even further forward in that regard. Upgrading rather than building many of our facilities makes sense and is responsible both environmentally and economically.
- Help.
- Extra people in the Banff area and extra people during the games probably has a negative impact on Calgary. (traffic, emissions, fuel consumption, extra city busses and extra tour busses).
- Have to be aware on this one, but can be done well, with the environment in mind.
- Hinder. I've never seen any evidence that hosting the Olympics has had a positive impact on the environment. If anything, disturbance from building new facilities, CO2 impacts from increased visitors to the city and overall litter would be a hindrance.
- Hinder
- This would be a negative. A lot of new development for a very short event.
- I don't think this is really a top concern for anyone, one way or the other.
- Environmental degradation is not good for long-term livability. The city's commitment to green spaces should be expanded upon.
- A very positive impact. Rejuvenation, improved infrastructure, facilities we otherwise aren't likely to be able to upgrade
- I don't feel the environment will be impacted
- No, doesn't matter at all.
- The environmental impacts are negligible compared to other outside environmental impacts
- "Spending 5.2 Billion for less than 30 days of use will such a waste of money that could go to environmental projects that will impact the
- City for decades."
- The Environmental impacts will be minimal, the venues already exist.
- This is a question that can't be answered until the level of renovations to existing structures, potential construction of new venues, and road, transit, etc can be evaluated.
- I don't think it will hinder or benefit the environment
- hinder
- Environmental impacts are not Germaine to the discussion.
- Calgary's environment is already at risk via and through other means and such games in my opinion would do little to further put Calgary at any further risk.
- Don't know
- Hinder

- I think in terms of emissions and energy this is an unsustainable and environmentally unsound choice, on top of the risks of cost.
- From the information provided it is doubtful there will be any long term environmental improvements to help Calgary as there is no money attached for public transit, public realm or cycling infrastructure improvements to our city even though the Olympics should be the perfect reason to take on these types of projects
- It will help
- Hinder. The city is fine but I worry for our mountains and wildlife out there.
- hinder
- We're already causing too much change for the animals with the ring road. No further destruction of the land .
- Not sure need more information on locations and development of projects.
- I don't see how environmental factors have anything to do with this bid in any way.
- Hinder. The Olympics will only bring a new super unprepared and uneducated group of people out into the mountains and this will result in negative wildlife encounters and the deaths of wildlife because of these encounters.
- might hinder it a bit
- what environmental impacts are of real concern here?
- Who Cares
- The least important factor of all.
- HINDER. Unless severe environmental mitigation is put in place, I worry for the impact the Games will have on the environment. The eastern slopes are an important ecosystem that is already facing enough problems without the influx the Games would create. Our parks are bursting at the seams, it is increasingly difficult to advocate for new protected areas and environmental legislation. Alberta has the chance to take a stance for strong environmental practices
- Hurt
- I don't know enough about environmental impacts to have a strong opinion. The influx of tourism is always helpful to a city like Calgary.
- Hinder. Building more venues means taking away land for other uses.
- "Hurt the environment. Hands down. You can't build unnecessary venues, have people fly needlessly from all over the world, and throw a massive two-week long party without an environmental cost.
- The Olympics are inherently wasteful events that have no benefit to the environment. Anyone who says otherwise is delusional."
- Hinder. The carbon footprint that comes with the games would not be good for the environment. It would be good to educate the rest of the world to see how we are amazing at recycling and utilizing our green bins. It would help the world's future but not Calgary's.
- Won't make a difference. Although Alberta is the most environmental place on earth, we are considered toxic by the eco-terrorists and hosting the games will not change that. If our economy continues as it is going, we will only be showcasing an impoverished community.
- I don't have an opinion on this.
- Hinder. We are expanding too fast into our nature. The games would advance that expansion. Against.
- Don't see a lot of positive environmental impacts from the Games.
- The games cannot be zero emission - the emissions from tens of thousands of people flying into Alberta or driving into Calgary are staggering. How are you planning on mitigating this?
- People don't seem to care about the environment at all so I'd be willing to bet there will be a huge negative effect on the environment. If tourism is up that means a bigger carbon footprint for that time, plus all the damage to the mountains when people drive their insanely huge vehicles out there to see what they have to offer.
- Although it is important to consider the environmental impact it should be the least thing considered and in my opinion is not part of the decision to bid or not.
- The would hurt or hinder the planet as a whole. Concrete, and related energy expenditures of construction will contribute to environmental degradation.
- help

- Hinder. But don't really care. City doesn't take care of our roads or parks outside the core anyways. What makes you think they will at it after this?
- Hinder. Massive, rushed construction, pressure to complete at any cost.
- Don't know
- It would just add more debt that Calgarians would have to carry.
- No comments in this section
- Hurt. GHG envisions will likely increase, especially from venue construction and transportation impacts.
- No games
- Hinder.
- From an environment perspective I don't believe there will be a big impact positive or negative to Calgary.
- I think that is a ridiculous question to even ask.
- Money. Calgary doesn't have any. Alberta doesn't have any. We can't afford the environmental cleanup. Don't bother asking for money to handle environmental impact studies.
- hinder - more pollution, more building, more traffic,
- Can't think of any material environmental impacts.
- Environmental has nothing to do with it.
- No comment
- Neutral
- Hinder. Today the UN released another reporting stating that the world is heating up too fast and everyone needs to cut emissions - and the Olympics only create more and more emissions. The flights and transport for the athletes is probably huge just by itself.
- No examples are even given of potential impacts... What are they even?
- The environmental impact will be negative.
- I think the city should focus on resiliency and watershed issues. The carbon cost of an olympics (travel alone) is incredibly high. I don't see how we can take money from other areas actually building a better more resilient city in order to bid on the olympics. Where are our priorities? I am disappointed we would even be discussing this when we have so many important environmental issues to be dealing with in this city.
- Hinder. We are already struggling with our recycling program. How much more will end up in recycling that can hurt staff or end up in the landfill when it shouldn't be there. Having more people using our resources is unlikely to show any environmental benefit. I would rather see tourism Calgary trying to attract people in other ways, throughout the year (and over the years).
- neutral
- Hinder. Clearly there would be negative impact on the environment.
- Unless the proposal is creating better public parks and spaces I can't see any benefit to Calgary future
- it would be regarded as any other construction project however this is NOT a necessity
- The environmental impact in the mountains would be harmful. How will Canmore & Banff accommodate this when they are already bursting at the seams. Roads are gridlocked every weekend now.
- No matter how you spin it, the games are not good for the environment.
- Not too concerned
- Greater impact on the community as a whole.
- Hinder, current gov. having trouble completing important projects now with regulations, studies, protests, funding, rules, don't add to the mess. - already out of control !
- The crowds in Canmore and Banff would have a negative environmental impact during the Games.
- If there were brownfield regeneration sites as part of the games plan, that would be hugely beneficial.
- We have the opportunity to show the world how to make an environmentally Sustainable games.
- moving bus barns for housing will have huge enviromental costs
- Why on earth would you think the olympics is good for the environment? The flights alone will blow any supposed benefit out of the water.
- They don't have to hurt if we plan appropriately.

- n/a
- Probably would be bad for the environment with the extra people and everything here.
- It will likely hinder Calgary's future, due to the impact of hosting so many visitors, athletes, the need for upgrades.
- We're going to to be severely broke
- I cannot see how this would hinder Calgary from an environmental impact. If we are not building Olympic facilities something else is going to get built instead.
- Don't care.
- I amount of people it will bring is not great for the environment. I remember what it was like after the 1988 games.
- Not high on my list
- Hinder. The Olympics will have a huge negative impact on the national parks and Calgary's environment.
- neutral - too short an event, and not much new infrastructure proposed to result in significant environmental impacts on a ecosystem scale. Any improvements to transit, or to cleaning up existing liabilities, would benefit the environment.
- Hinder
- Hinder - emissions.
- Help. We have a poor brand of environmentalism. This would be an opportunity to reposition Calgary as environmentally conscious and stewards which would help all industries.
- Environmental? Really reaching guys.
- We're Calgary. We have enough "environment" around us. This should be a small issue, not a large one.
- N/S
- No, this is not an issue.
- We are already destroying our wildlifes homes with the ring round why destroy more
- neither
- No thoughts on environmental impacts
- help, we need to redevelop civic confidence, we weren't so afraid of challenges in the '80s, we embraced the games even though we were half the size of today
- Well the defunct ski jump rotting on the hill is not helping with the environment
- Not sure
- Will negatively impact the environment if Olympics are hosted here
- As with any large event there will be negative impacts, but the benefits of awareness and more community participation may actually help with environmental awareness.
- Neither. As long as it doesn't have a negative impact that's all you can expect.
- I'm not worried about the environmental impact. I'm sure there will be a million environmental studies for each venue done... trust the engineers and scientists and keep the politicians and advocacy groups out of it.
- Yes, lets bring in 1000's of people to contribute litter and chaos for two weeks and lets build new structures that'll sit and rot and be an eyesore once the Olympics are over.
- Hinder. Because we cannot afford it.
- We could potentially have more environmentally friendly buildings built if we host but the impact to the environment in Canmore, Banff and Whistler will definitely be negative due to the huge influx of visitors. Its a 2 sided coin, good for the economy but bad for the environment.
- Any activity associated with Olympic development will incur an unacceptable environmental cost: studies, lawsuits, actions, reactions, plans, replans, delays, cost overruns, etc. Don't go there.
- I think it will help the environment by encouraging the development and further deployment of renewable energy resources and sustainable modes of transportation (i.e. electric vehicles). Calgary will be able to shine in demonstrating to the World that we can host THE MOST sustainable games in history.
- It seems unlikely there would be significant environmental impacts, and therefore, minimal impact on Calgary's future.
- Hinder. Calgary already has a LOT of work to do to improve it's Environmental Image and the state of it's environment. Hosting the Olympics is highly unlikely to make that any better and has known environmental costs.

- Hinder! We have become the Hooters of the National Parks.
- we still do not have decent environmental / recycling / waste management program in place . especially the fires, floods excessive snow falls have taken a huge toll of our city budget and thus need to focus on rebuilding on that part
- no sense of how this would benefit the city. hinder or neutral at best.
- I don't foresee any significant negative environmental impacts from hosting the games.
- Hinder
- Hinder, more destruction of parks and wilderness to put up pretty buildings that will be outdated and useless in a few years.
- There is a big opportunity to change our image as Cowntown and show the world what a cosmopolitan city we've become. We have clean water, extensive transit infrastructure and thousands of km of bike and walking pathways. There is an opportunity to re-evaluate our transportation plans to optimize positive environmental impact.
- I think that increased air traffic in and out of Calgary will be detrimental to the environment.
- N/A
- Calgary's infrastructure seems to be lagging already without the added environmental concerns brought about by venue construction.
- All this talk of green energy, carbon footprint etc? Then we're going to have thousands of extra people fly here for a big party? Seems contradictory.
- I don't think that there are any environmental impacts from the games,\
- Neither
- Hinder - why spend all this money and build all this infrastructure for a 10 day party? I see huge environmental impacts of infrastructure spending for a 10 day party, why do we need this?
- I DO NOT SUPPORT A BID FOR THE OLYMPICS!
- I'm not overly concerned given that I anticipate the environmental impacts to be very short term. I list environmental impacts as my top concern in most cases, but I haven't seen a lot of cause for concern as of yet.
- Environment will be a focus - it is the Canadian thing to do.
- Who cares, there are trees everywhere.
- Hinder.
- No impact. Games will go ahead somewhere so net Impact to world impact is neutral.
- Hinder - all these people showing up on Calgary for 10 days and then leaving will result our citizens bearing the brunt of the impact on our city's environment.
- Bad for environmental
- I do not have a concern with this aspect.
- This should not even be a consideration. Too expensive to host and Calgary can't afford it.
- Hurt
- There is no reason why we cannot put on the most environmentally friendly games ever. We are creative and smart, and it would help Calgary's image, since oilsands and oil and gas in general are obviously not the most environmentally friendly industries.
- Environmentally there are probably few if any benefits to Calgary's future. Building anything always inflicts environmental problems.
- No
- Help. It might improve public transportation at an accelerated rate. However this is something we should be doing anyway.
- Calgary would be able to sustain the influx of visitors and development- the mountain regions would have to be carefully developed in order to minimize impacts.
- The environmental impacts would be harmful to Calgary and area. That many people visiting and driving. Not as many people would use transit as you think/hope they would. Pollution and garbage will be an issue. Our roads can not even handle the amount of people here currently; the impact on the roads will be negative causing congestion, pollution and destruction to the pavement that taxpayers will have to pay to have fixed.
- Wouldn't make a difference

- Hinder
- help
- Hinder, thousands of extra people in the mountains when it is already really busy will not help wildlife or the environment
- There is a risk that rushing through the process - especially if principles are compromised for expediency -- will harm Calgary in reputation or in our lifestyle. However, the commitments outlined in the Hosting Plan to ensuring that the process begins with the end in mind (sustainability) and building to recognized standards (LEED) would demonstrate that continued prosperity is possible within constraints.
- map hurt or help depending on how they are managed
- Currently there are several international events that take place in the Calgary/Banff region each year, and impact on environment hasn't been detrimental. So don't believe this will change with Olympics. If anything, having the game could make positive contributions to environment, such as funding for more greenline (north) funding, improve transit service for more parts of the city.
- Already the environment (includes the animal life) has suffered a detrimental impact from current modifications/changes to the roadways. The area around sarcee trail, #1 highway has disrupted an important corridor. Despite this knowledge, construction is well underway...and very confusing at that. Adding even more construction compounds what already is a tangled mess.
- Hinder
- Hinder, We are going to excavate more land for unnecessary buildings
- Hinder it will be another reason to increase our taxes
- The Olympic environmental impact has not been going down in the last 30 years.
- I'll start giving a damn about the enviroment when someone truly proves global warming to me.. Abraham and his family left Iran and made his way to Israel because the once and luscious country was now a desert.. Global warming has been going on since the dawn of time
- Neutral.
- Help - image of the redneck city needs to be changed. We need to be cooler than Vancouver and Toronto!
- We don't think there will be a significant environmental impact
- No impact on environment
- No
- HINDER. You're adding a massive carbon footprint to Calgary.
- Neutral
- No opinion on this topic.
- The environmental impact of the games will be insignificant and will neithrr hinder nor help the City.
- Stupid moose and goose question that has no relevancy.
- With any Olympics, numerous facilities will be built that will immediately be obsolete on completion of the games. It's fundamentally wasteful and harmful to the environment.
- Hinder - increased traffic, increased people, increased pollution. They are already complaining about the number of people in Banff National Park, and wanting to limit the number of tourists.
- Hinder. Given Calgary would not be the sole location for the events I believe there would be an increased negative environmental impact.
- It will be the same as any other giant construction project. It will make it too crowded.
- Hinder. Only hinder. Influx of people/construction = increased emissions and waste.
- No
- The environment of course would be affected negatively. The amount of tourists that would come and disregard any garbage bins or recycling bins increases and with more people increases pollution in general. Unless you can find a way to be SUPER strict when someone litters or figure out a greener way to transport people. In Calgary you need a car... even if it's to drive to the train station.
- I don't believe the Olympics will have any significant effects on the long term environmental future of the city, for better or for worse.

- Hinder
- I do not think the Olympics will have a negative effect of the environment. We have already invested in high cost waste processing facilities, I am sure we can clean up the mess. Tax payers are already paying top dollar to process our waste, I am sure any extra costs will get blended into a new city fee, likely non auditable.
- I'm not really sure but I do worry about whether or not our transit system could handle it, if transit is going to be a requirement, and I think the environmental impact of having seen events at Whistler are huge.
- Large numbers of people and more construction always affect the environment, but the few developers that stand to make millions don't really care too much about that.
- Hinder. The impact is not taken into account anywhere and I strongly feel it is necessary to consider. The overall impact is not necessarily worth the risk.
- Neutral
- More construction, more garbage, more people from across the planet who don't know how to recycle
- This is not relevant. Stop clouding the issue
- Hinder, due to overall use of resources.
- Slanted question.
- Hinder, especially if alpine events are in a National Park.
- Possibly hinder as the influx of people, required venues and enhanced infrastructure would negatively impact locals.
- Only impact (negative) I see is if ski events are proposed for Banff NP resulting in ski and/or support developments in the park
- Not enough information provided.
- What does the environment have to do with it.....? Unless you mean the rotten stench of this poor excuse for a mafia style civic government.
- 1000s of extra air flights combined with extra mountain traffic put pressures on the environment.
- 1988 circus was a crime against the earth. Canmore is obscene. Nakiska is even more offensive. 2010 helped destroy Vancouver & likewise ravaged the sea to sky corridor & Whistler environs
- A lot of extra traffic and road congestion for city residents
- About the same as the Stampede... so very little!
- Additional tourism will lead to additional fossil fuel consumption and create unnecessary CO2 so it is better to the tourist to stay where they live.
- Adds to carbon footprint.
- Again the city will spend above and beyond its means to protect the environment. Somehow social licence for the province's oil reserves will lead us down a messy road.
- Again, a stupid question.
- Again, who cares. Most of us hard working Calgarians care about whether we have a job. Whether our business can survive. How high our taxes will go. What will be the next 'fee' we have to pay. What will we eat tomorrow. How can we afford to pay for heat. When can my kid get a new winter coat. You bureaucrats are so out of touch with average Calgarians that it is pitiful
- All depends on where and how anything is built, it could also benefit certain areas in regards to removal of contaminated sites.
- All new facilities should be green buildings
- All the building, and people flying and driving here are going to create more problems
- Any construction impacts the environment. As a person with 30 years of construction experience, I have seen many natural areas torn up to build some project and it always saddens me.
- Any environmental impacts will hurt the city. Garbage alone from the games, people etc will stretch what space we have.
- Any event worth hosting has problems to be aware of, and offers chances to be solved by Calgarians.
- Any risks can be mitigated using best practices

- Any time you bring more people to an area you hinder the environment. Any time you move land to make room for buildings, you hinder the environment. Any time you need more electricity, natural gas, and other non-renewable energy resources, you hinder the environment.
- Anything that happens in the mountains will have a negative impact.
- Are these even being considered? The amount of contamination that relocating the bus barns will cause doesn't seem to be very environmentally friendly.
- Are you going to fix the toxic wasteland in the middle of the west downtown area? If not, this is all hot air and virtue signaling. People in Calgary need jobs not political hot air about the environment. STOP THIS MADNESS!!
- As above.
- as long as the city and surrounding towns and parks are ready for the influx of people. There will be environmental impacts but at the same time Calgary can show the world how green the City can be and be sustainable for hosting the game
- As most of my thoughts around this bid process are based on the economics, or more appropriately the lack thereof, I don't house a strong opinion on the environmental impact one way or another.
- As the bid wants to upgrade so many, impact on the environment is minimal.
- Banff and lake Louise are already infested with tourists. Do we really need more of that?
- Banff is already over crowded. With the games here, it would be mayhem out in our mountain parks during the event.
- Banff National Park should be about preservation not construction.
- Bankrupt us for decades!
- Bid Hosting committee should have to factor in the cost of offsetting the carbon footprint for all dignitaries, media, athletes, security personnel and spectators attending from around the world by fuel-guzzling airplanes.
- Billions of dollars to build facilities that would serve no useful purpose afterwards is ludicrous. Demolishing perfectly serviceable buildings in order to build prettier single purpose ones that have a useful service life measurable in days even hours is the height of irresponsibility.
- Both. This is a wash.
- Brutal
- Building more? This city is big enough. It is an over priced and over rated 2 weeks sporting event.
- Building today for tomorrow means considering all aspects of the environment. Yes, it can be accomplished - but, not on the backs of the taxpayer. The IOC wants Calgary, they need to demonstrate a willingness to provide more financial response. Their response should respect more environment protection, old venues they suggest using need updating environmentally. They want and need Calgary - time for the IOC to do more.
- Burden- how would the olympics ever help the environment.
- By 2026 Calgary and Canmore will no longer be a winter cities. The Bow River may be dry in the winter by then. Holding the Olympics in a non-winter city is ridiculous. The attention focused on Calgary and Canada will just highlight foolish decisions that were made. Calgary needs to be innovative. This is not happening.
- By the year 2026, seeing as electric vehicles will be replacing gas operated ones, the environment should be a major point of concern for these Games, the impact that the games may have on our local environment may be bad or may be better than expected.
- Calgarians are incredibly responsible environmentalists. I don't believe there would be a lasting negative environmental impact.
- Calgary already struggles with infrastructure; added industry and traffic would all but guarantee a decrease in air quality, which is to say nothing of waste.
- Calgary can mitigate environmental impacts better than anywhere in the world.
- "Calgary has been digging and plowing and paving for the last 100 years.
- We think that more ""roads for more cars"" is normal. We think that suburbia is correct. We think that urban spread is inevitable.
- There's no way to say ""enough is enough"".
- I don't like this."
- Calgary is a relatively environmentally conscious city. I think we should put the money from hosting towards new green ideas instead.

- Calgary is still immersed in a tragic state of urban sprawl that is not being addressed. Additional environmental degradation would hinder Calgary's future for all of us more.
- Calgary needs mass transit, not the trivial pursuit of "world class city" nonsense. Stop the games bid.
- "Calgary Transit would need an enormous upgrade and overhaul in order to accommodate the increased traffic. Unfortunately, the management of older projects such as the Connect Card system implementation does not demonstrate trustworthiness or responsible spending.
- Without an effective mass transit system, the increased traffic and construction for the Games will cause more congestion, more idling, and ultimately more emissions. Increased foot traffic and irresponsible hikers in our natural parks have already caused a lot of damage to more populated areas of Lake Louise and Banff. The tourism from the Games will no doubt worsen this as well.
- Investment in green technology and energy innovation is critical, but the Games have absolutely no connection to these types of investments and they can be done independently of them."
- Can be successfully managed
- Canada is number 1 in environmental
- Canmore is becoming insanely overdeveloped. Expect it to get worse with the games.
- Can't help.
- Care needs to be definitely taken to minimize the environmental impact
- Chance to reposition our reputation as a greener player.
- Climate change blah blah blah. Do any calgarians remember the 88 olympics where the city had to truck in snow because we didn't have any ?!?!?!
- Concern about the surrounding provincial and national parks being overwhelmed, but it is a great opportunity to showcase the beauty of our province.
- Conducting an environmentally responsible games will enhance Calgary's reputation.
- consideration but should not be a hindrance
- Considering the cities current reputation, it's not a good look.
- Construction leading up to the Olympics such as improving roads and building facilities aren't doing the environment any favors.
- Control urban sprawl instead of contributing to it.
- Cost vs benefit is too high.
- Cost, cost, cost is the item that outpaces it all and makes it not viable
- Debt for cleanup and cost of "environmental" friendly anything is enormous
- Definitely hinder - from the enormous tax burden and increased garbage from all the tourists
- Definitely hinder . There is no talk of Sustainability Having Games in BC and AB does not make sense .. People will be driving to Canmore and flying to Whistler increasing the carbon footprint
- depends on the infrastructure needed and how it's built
- Depends on the plan.
- Despite what some people think of Albertans, we are leaders in environmental stewardship. Our waste handling is second to none, our pollution is minimal for a city our size. I am not at all concerned about what effects the games would have on our environment.
- Development in support of Games would put a strain on our environmental systems outside of what has been considered in already planned projects
- Development will meet all modern environmental review and best management practices. The City is capable and qualified to accept, review and approve any type of development permit for the Olympic. Not a worry.
- Disaster
- do not care either way.
- Do you have a unfriendly to the environment plan? Really? I suggest not bidding at all then. You do not have the populations support.

- Doesn't matter.
- Don't care
- Don't care
- Don't care about environment. Plant a tree.
- Don't care one bit
- Don't care, cost is more important.
- Don't care.
- Don't know
- Don't know
- Don't anticipate much environmental impact on Calgary from the Olympics, but if there is one, it would be negative rather than positive. Increased people, increased carbon emissions from transport.
- Don't care
- Don't care
- Don't care. Go Oil, baby!
- Don't give a hoot about environmental impact
- Don't know enough to comment.
- Don't see how there would be environmental impacts.
- Don't think this should be a major concern. Don't destroy protected habitat and we should be good. This is probably the least of our concerns.
- Don't want it sick of hearing about it
- Easy answer - they will hinder it. The increases in building, construction, increased tourism, people-movement, vehicle traffic, and security concerns will not help the environment - it will hurt it. There are lots of environmental problems that come with the Games. just ask any nation who has hosted them in the last 10-15 years. The clean-up will be in the hundreds of millions of dollars (potentially).
- Enough about the environment. It has gone way too far beyond anything saying an appropriate conversation.
- Env impacts will be the same regardless.
- Enviro...this is an empty question...what exactly are you pointing at that we should consider/respond too?
- Environmental impact of building waste for cost ; would be ridiculous.
- Environmental impact why is this NDP Liberal question even in this survey to begin with . Who cares we are going to have impact from population growth no matter what we do .
- Environment doesn't even come into play. Irrelevant.
- Environment has been tossed into this mix as a buzz word. Green Olympics? No waste? Those are unreasonable and unbelievable terms. The simple fact that with the thousands of additional visitors/athletes using taxis, planes, buses, the environmental impact will be negative if anything. There have also been claims that athletes competing in distant locations (Whistler, Edmonton, Canmore) will be shuttled back and forth (by what means...air?) for medal ceremonies, adding to negative environmental impact.
- Environment impact is negative as I see but what can be worse than oil and gas?
- Environment is environment... it will happen if we host or not... why not show that we can host better than anyone
- Environment isn't just about carbon and destruction of natural space at the expense of expansion. Sometimes building can help the environment and by attracting others from already over populated areas, we are decreasing their demand on resources and dispersing it to an area under utilised. Again, increased population increases cash, more cash to diver to the likes of solar, wind and hydro.
- Environment will suffer from influx of people on it. People = more garbage and stress on local resources.
- Environment. No biggie we are farming out to B.C. and Edmonton.
- Environmental activists could use games to further the plight of Alberta and Energy
- Environmental effects will be minimal and will not affect the City's future in any way.
- Environmental impact is not seen as a major concern.
- Environmental impact not material

- Environmental impact will be minimal and can be dealt with by proper consideration and planning. will not hinder Calgary future.
- Environmental impact? Give me a break.
- Environmental impacts are a big risk in Canmore. Wildlife is already pushed to the limit.
- Environmental impacts from the game would be minimal - not even a concern
- Environmental impacts not significant.
- Environmental impacts would hinder Calgary's future in near term - huge recycle & garbage waste to be created. We can't even effectively recycle what is currently collected in the city even though we are being charged for such collection.
- Environmental impacts would hinder Calgary's future. We need to develop better environmental stewardship and sustainable mobility before bringing in millions of tourists to put further demands on the oil guzzling infrastructure we already have. I do not have faith that corporate interests will adequately help establish clean modes of transportation and powering buildings in Calgary in the next 10 years.
- Environmental. All the tree huggers will be out for what the can get.
- Everyone seems to think progress involves building more stuff. Totally false. Progress is actually building less stuff and giving the environment a chance.
- Excess amount of jet exhaust pollution delivering athletes, dignitaries, and tourists to Calgary
- Facilities within the mountains would be detrimental to the environment.
- Flights to whistler....impact the carbon footprint
- Flying & driving between venues has a huge carbon footprint
- Flying athletes to Whistler. Flying and bussing athletes to Edmonton. Nope. Definitely a hinder as this all happens on my taxpayers dime as well.
- For me cost is the most important factor. Mitigating environmental impacts cost money.
- Further development and incursions into K-Country and the Bow Valley Corridor will have a negative environmental impact.
- Given Calgary and surrounding neighbours already have infrastructure from the previous Olympics as well as other sporting activities it would not entail building entirely new facilities as South Korea did.
- Great opportunities for research, growth and improvement in the environmental scene as the world will be our greatest critic
- Hard to say
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- Hard to say. This Olympic website has been very general in terms of stadium upgrades, athlete housing and transportation changes. Generalizations are usually correlated with lack of knowledge or to avoid negative feedback.
- Harm. Much of the current natural environment will be harmed, as it is for Stoney Trail construction. Hopefully the end result will be worth it.
- Have not seen any information on potential environmental impacts due to hosting the games. Do not believe there would be any significant environmental damage related to hosting.
- Having a high concentration of international athletes and visitors for such a short time is not beneficial to the environment.
- Having hundreds of thousands of people coming to our city at the same time could bring nothing but damage to the city. All the garbage created by that many people will end up in our landfill and take years to get rid of.
- Having that many people visit our city will have an impact, no doubt. How can we be sure they will respect this city and it's culture and environment? How will the committee ensure the safety of the city?
- Having thousands of visitors will create tons of waste and most likely damage to public property.
- having tons of garbage generated, having athletes and possible visitors fly in all this harms the environment for a start. as a city we need some new facilities, but without the olympic burden. we can build environmentally friendly facilities without the olympic burden
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- HELP - Although there will be impacts during the Games, this is also our chance to show how we can host environmentally responsible Games. Alberta has taken a huge hit over its oil and gas industry. This is such a once-in-a-rare-chance opportunity to demonstrate our responsibility and use the platform to counter stereotypes - suggesting AB is a good place to invest
- Help - but at too great a cost. They still haven't come forward with the dollar figure for the reclamation of the transit land to be used for the athlete housing - plus the cost of relocating that facility.
- Help - This bid can be a way for the next 30 years of games to showcase how to host the Olympics and care for the environment.
- Help - we can show the world what an environmentally sensitive community we have become
- Help Calgary's future if done responsibly and logically.
- Help if any.
- Help if the infrastructure could be sustainable and maybe environmentally conscious. Maybe that will help to go towards a greener city
- Help or Hinder depending on the development plans of the new facilities proposed. "Pay as you throw" initiative, if implemented for visitors, will help in terms of waste levels. Only if "requiring" spectators and workforce to use public transit will benefit to reduce the carbon footprint, without "requiring" this will definitely hinder environmental impacts.
- help present an environmentally friendly province vs the poor image we have with oil and gas but that can be done without the olympics
- "Help
- New ways of working
- Diversifying economy"
- Help, already operate most of the facilities
- Help, as long as there is an emphasis on environmental protection and sustainability during infrastructure development and during the games
- Help, because there will be international attention focused on us and that will provide more incentive to live a cleaner lifestyle as a city.
- Help, of course! It will challenge Calgary to accelerate it's commitment towards being a green city, and allow us to showcase this to the rest of the country. We are doing great things here already, let's up them and then show them off. I'm getting tired of being looked down at by the rest of the country due to our investments in oil and gas. These are important, but they are not all that we are about! We live in the most gorgeous part of the country, we appreciate the importance of preserving our environment. Let's use this as an opportunity to accelerate our commitment to the environment, and showcase ourselves as leaders.
- Help, self inherent
- Help. We can prove that we can have the most environmentally sustainable games.
- Help. Encourages insight into how ALBERTA treats our environment.
- Help. Focus the bid on moving people around using gas or electric vehicles.
- Help. I don't think the games would have a detrimental effect with today's standards.
- Help. Investing into existing facilities now to extend their lease on life another 30 years instead of waiting until its too expensive to renovate and then require demolition and re-build is more eco responsible.
- Help. It helps draw attention to our local environment.

- Help. It will put Calgary on the map; showcase it to the world in its beautiful state it is.
- Help. It would provide money to help build stopguards for the river and fix up some of the already contaminated lands and old abandoned projects
- Help. New buildings, greater public awareness of environment
- Help. Presumably infrastructure and therefore the built environment will improve.
- Help. Show the world we are not the polluters they are brainwashed we are
- Help. There will be short term impact, but also an opportunity for the city to show it cares about the environment which is critical to offset our negative oil based perceptions
- Help. We can make the greenest winter olympics in history a reality. Lets be the example of how the winter sport industry can be a leader in sustainability.
- Help. We live in an amazing winter land and it needs to be shared
- HELP: Can't be worse than it is today; the awareness would definitely help Calgary improve and diversify its economy
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- HINDER - a financial disaster would have far reaching effects.
- Hinder - are we still planning on moving bus depots to clean up the site. What's the impact to new site? How will it be kept up?
- Hinder - how can having hundreds of thousand of more people and waste be a good thing? The money spent is NOT being invested in green energy or environmentally friendly projects....
- Hinder - it will mean the destruction, for the purposes of construction, of what either is, or could be, green space in and around the city and the related environmental and social impact of that.
- Hinder - it's wasteful. An expensive splurge that needs a big cleanup afterwards.
- Hinder - money, if we had it, could be much better spent directly on environmental programs instead
- Hinder - more construction, development, traffic and people
- Hinder - One of the largest polluters on the planet are those architects, engineers, material suppliers and contractors involved in custom designed building, not to mention all the heating and cooling equipment sometimes running 24 / 7, Perhaps the environmental impacts could be greatly reduced if the construction required new buildings were built from a kit of recyclable parts and only from those suppliers held to the highest standards of green building, and all heating a cooling coming from local sun and wind and geothermal energy.
- Hinder - something that should be obvious based on other Olympics
- Hinder - there is 0 chance that hosting the Olympic Games will be "good for the environment"
- Hinder - There is already news Banff needs a vacation from tourists, and what do we think of doing? inviting a ton more people out?
- Hinder - there is no benefit.
- Hinder - think of the carbon cost of all the potential "tourists" - think of the costs of living that will increased etc.
- Hinder too mcu building cause impact takes away neighborhoods
- Hinder Use the money if available to improve the city infrastructure.
- Hinder - very negative environmental impacts, in terms of construction, transport, travel.
- HINDER - we don't need more environmental interruptions.
- Hinder - we saw what the free parks pass did the the environment and how damaging it was to our eco-system. More people means more garbage in our city.
- Hinder as the energy involved is a waste for a 2 week athletic event. Give your heads a shake and work on the real social issues facing calgarions. If carbon emissions is the criteria for doing the games the resounding answer would be don't do it. It is hypocritical to advocate saving energy, recycling, managing our carbon footprint and then pissing these goals away for a 2 week sporting event. why would we ever do this.
- Hinder as the number of people going to the mountains from Calgary would affect our wildlife.
- Hinder as we will be left with a large debt
- Hinder- Banff is already at capacity. The ecology in this fragile area shouldn't be exposed to an event this size. The consumer waste generated through the games is also irresponsible- tchotkes, single use plastic, etc.
- Hinder because of the extra pollution from the significant increase of population during the games
- Hinder because we can't even handle our own environmental impact
- Hinder Calgary's environment, at least for the short term - extra foot traffic and garbage for the duration of the Games. If a tourism boost remains after the Games are complete, then environment will be negatively affected (more garbage, more traffic to Banff)
- hinder Calgary's future
- "Hinder during the games - traffic, noise, crowds
- Help afterwards - perhaps have better infrastructure and then less need for constant construction?"
- Hinder for sure. The amount of residential development in Calgary is mind-boggling! In my opinion, needs to come to a STOP! For every community built, there has to be infrastructural needs for police and EMS, Fire departments, hospitals, schools, the list goes on & on. It's in my personal opinion that if the city keeps up the rate of development it currently is doing with commercial, residential, and road development. There will be very little or no natural land spaces left.

- "Hinder I am against some of the venues particularly in the mountains.
- We do not need more development in high risk area such as Banff Park or Kananaskis"
- Hinder increased traffic only hurts
- Hinder more people more pollution.
- Hinder per Q2 above
- Hinder the environment as the plan to create temporary bus barns (not environmentally friendly). Furthermore, Calgary will be in so much debt that it will not be able to support important green initiatives in the future to be environmentally friendly.
- Hinder- the mountain parks are already choked with tourists, they're being loved to death. The last thing we need is to televise to the rest of the world that they exist. Once they're ruined, there is no coming back from that, and we're well on our way already...even development just outside the park gates (Eg) in Canmore) is out of control. We need to remember- the environment is NOT OURS to exploit for monetary gain. We are the stewards of this planet, we have done a terrible job of conservation (and it continues to get worse)...how are we going to explain to future generations that we could have preserved precious wildlife corridors and habitat, but instead decided to bulldoze it all and throw a two week party?
- Hinder too many people
- Hinder too much cost with no tangible reward for the people of the city
- Hinder- unless there is a solid and viable plan. If new housing and facilities are built, they need to be green. Green roofs, efficient water and power, solar panels, green bins in every unit. City needs to look at reusable materials for food packaging, look at impacts of increased traffic and people- will there be significant transit upgrades?
- Hinder we need to save the environment as much we can not destroy it
- Hinder!
- Hinder! Difficult to answer without knowing the exact location of new facilities but more people in any areas always has an impact on the environment whether from traffic, garbage, air quality, etc
- Hinder! How does hosting the Olympics take into account any positive environmental impacts. Greenwashing!
- Hinder! Traffic congestion, additional people using city services and crime increases.
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- Hinder, at least for the short term. You can't introduce that many people to an environment and not have negative impacts.
- Hinder, because tourists don't care about the environment, litter and use fuel to get to each of the games.
- Hinder, environmental protection should come before sports.
- Hinder, especially in the national parks.
- Hinder, how is building multi facilities good for the environment?
- hinder, how much "Carbon" is being used to attend the games, fly to the games, abuse the environment from these events
- Hinder, Impact to Canmore and Banff to high
- Hinder, it would be almost impossible to host an event like this and be carbon neutral. The waste and landfill impacts alone will strain what Calgary has planned for. No impacts on water, landfill, recycling etc appeared in the proposed budget so I assume these will be unplanned costs that will just flow out into the regular business and property tax funded budget and result in increases.
- Hinder, more people will cause more destruction
- Hinder, most of the city has trash and vandalism all over it. This is just going to increase it.
- Hinder, no money for that
- Hinder, of course. This won't have any positive impacts on the environment but will certainly have many negative impacts.
- Hinder, people already are doing everything possible to ensure our environment is protected, no more interference is needed.
- Hinder, the garbage pile will be bigger than ever.

- hinder, traffic is bad enough now it will only get worst
- Hinder, venues would take up extra land and natural resources.
- Hinder, visitors are never as respectful to the environment as they should. But I dont believe the games , construction, or venues themselves would hurt the environment
- hinder, we are working to use less carbon based energy (or should be) and building all the support systems for the games would be a huge carbon load...how can you even ask. it's obvious.
- hinder, with the olympics will also come the negative impacts of alot of travellers visiting and leaving items that can impact the environment
- Hinder, won't help but place immense strain on the environment in many areas that only WE Calgarians will have to steward.
- Hinder, would result in lots of people flying to Calgary, resulting in higher CO2 emissions. If it was hosted elsewhere, more countries/people would be closer.
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- Hinder. More more more, money, stuff, building, can only cause harm. And all we need are more crazy environmentalists coming to our city to protest one thing or another. Stop with the waste! Olympics are a huge huge waste! Excessive waste for the rich to benefit, and the poor to suffer and pay for.
- "Hinder.
- When those nature spaces are built over, they will parallel the golf course craze that gripped Calgary a while back. Those natural places are irreplaceable. You can only destroy them once. Tourists come here to be in nature, not necessarily to ski.
- If we suffer another international embarrassment like the drunken car theft in South Korea, coach and participant, how can Olympians as international ambassadors be justified? It's just a bad joke now."
- Hinder. Benefits if any will not go to vulnerable populations
- Hinder. Communities will be changed to accomodate for an event that lasts less than a month but Calgarians will be forced to live with the changes indefinitely.
- Hinder. Development is already out of control. NOTHING in Calgary is built with sustainability in mind, only pandering to developers.
- Hinder. Efforts spent on the wrong priorities. Olympic projects a lower priority to overall Calgarians needs.
- Hinder. I imagine poorly informed climate fear mongerers will use the Olympics as a target of moronic environmental activism as much of the world is envious Calgary and Canada is an energy superpower.
- Hinder. Increased infrastructure is a burden to the environment.
- Hinder. Increased vehicle and air traffic, traffic congestion and Impact on air and noise levels, increased garbage, increased use of water, power which is still being generated with non renewables...And the list goes on.
- Hinder. Large crowds in the mountain parks is not going to benefit the environment in any way.
- Hinder. Obviously.
- Hinder. Overruns passed on to tax payers.
- Hinder. The aircraft traffic pollution alone will be monstrous.
- Hinder. The cost will hurt all tax payers for years.

- Hinder. The funds used to develop and promote the bid alone could have a positive benefit, but it's unlikely that a significant part of the games budget would be earmarked for environmental enhancement. The focus would be on mitigating or avoid environmental damage. Having everyone use mass transit sounds good, but that minimizes damage not improve the environment.
- Hinder. Think about it
- Hinder. This is a short term solution to Calgary's economic problems. We need to create, permanent, mortgage paying jobs; not temporary jobs in the low paying service industry. Construction costs will skyrocket out of control as these projects will be likely have to be completed by a certain date and will run into overtime.
- Hinder. This is not how we should spend this much money.
- Hinder. We do not need any more development.
- Hinder. Will hurt our environment. We are poor and will not be able to dig ourselves out of this grave
- Hinder. With such a strong stance on climate change and focusing on renewables, why would the Municipal, Federal or Provincial governments support the use of fossil fuels to build infrastructure and fly people around the world to attend a corrupt sporting event.
- "Hinder.
- We have to build outside city limits or tear down current buildings and occupy potential spaces for other community driven outlets."
- Hinder. All of the spending and building for a 2 week party will inevitably lead to waste and poor decisions. We don't need the Olympics and they are of NO benefit. Keep them out!
- Hinder. Already a bad reputation with our environmental impact.
- Hinder. Banff National Park is already experiencing accumulating damage every year, and with the Olympics present, thousands of people with no passes, clue, or respect will be flooding into the mountains and try to pet bears, feed deer and walk in closed off spaces.
- Hinder. Bringing too many people into the city/region and the waste it would produce is not worth hosting this event.
- Hinder. Brings spectators to areas that are already being stretched
- Hinder. Build more man made facilities means lost more nature environment
- Hinder. Buildings that will go unused after the games. The traffic and increase in people moving through the city would have an impact
- Hinder. Carbon footprint would be extensive.
- Hinder. Constant construction, furthe expansion is not what we need.
- Hinder. Construction, renovation as well as use will negatively impact the environment.
- Hinder. Costs associated with games will hinder Calgary's future abilities to address real environmental concerns such as the creosote contamination along the bow.
- Hinder. Defunct olympic facilities that are under utilized are a blight on the taxpayer and the community
- Hinder. Especially if the plan is to use any part of the mountain parks.
- Hinder. Every olympic games has had a damaging environmental footprint. Every. Single. One.
- Hinder. Facilitis would be built and then like many other Olympic sites would be taken down because they are not needed and cannot fund operating costs.
- Hinder. Great care needs to be taken to lessen the environmental impact of so many people coming to Calgary.
- Hinder. Have you ever cleaned up after a massive party? Guaranteed that the Olympics will f\*\*\* our s\*\*\* up.
- Hinder. Having that many people in one place at one time leads to a lot of garbage and pollution. Look at every music festival after it's over.
- Hinder. How can it be anything else? New construction. Thousands of people driving and flying to the city and to venues.
- Hinder. How does the footprint of that many people, media, countries even c actually help our environment?
- Hinder. If you stick to the current plan of creating at least two new mega structures, as well as more and more housing, it will have extremely negative impacts on the environment - because there wo't be any left!!!
- Hinder. I'm 110% against us hosting the olympics.
- Hinder. Imagine all the carbon from tourists.

- Hinder. It will only do damage to our environment and infrastructure.
- hinder. Less money available for real environmental concerns
- Hinder. Massive building, over expansion. Debt filled city will have to make cuts and the cuts will come at the cost of the environment.
- Hinder. More buildings putting pollution in the air.
- Hinder. More people = more deleterious environment impact STUPID.
- Hinder. More people equal more garbage and damage and issues in Banff area.
- Hinder. More pollution, traffic, using items that create waste, garbage, etc.
- Hinder. More sprawl.
- Hinder. Most facilities end up abandoned after the Olympics. Look at Russia and Brazil.
- Hinder. Nothing in the proposal concretely explains how the carbon footprint will be reduced. Better public transportation is a must (e.g. C-Train to the airport)
- Hinder. Nothing will be done that improves our environment
- Hinder. Olympics are a waste of money and provide no benefits
- Hinder. Our crime rate is high, our unemployment is high, our homelessness is high, our vacancy of businesses and homes is high.
- Hinder. Our parks are already stressed.
- Hinder. Our recycling program already struggles to recycle rverything (Black plastic)
- Hinder. Paskapoo slopes was supposed to be a protected area in our city that house many plants and trees as well as animal habitats. Council already voted to change the area was protected to make way for a new development. I don't want to see more areas like this and in Kananaskis negatively impacted from development and tourism.
- Hinder. The amount of increased traffic. Tourists, athletes, media will all be driving around Calgary and Kananaskis
- Hinder. The environmental footprint of an event this size is huge
- Hinder. The environmental impact is clearly one sided with no up sides.
- Hinder. The footprint will be huge to build. And there is no talk of a wide spread city conversion to green
- Hinder. The large amount of people going through Banff is having a negative impact on the environment and wildlife.
- Hinder. The Olympics don't have a reputation for being environmentally benign. Quite the opposite.
- Hinder. The pollution created by building and hosting the games is never worth it.
- Hinder. The scramble to build or accommodate Olympic Games in what are largely temporary showcase facilities end up only used by the few. Better roads benefit all. Pipelines can't get built due to protests from environmental terrorists. A dam is too damaging to the environment to be built on provincially-owned land at McLean Creek? Yet we cantrample the wilderness for a 2 week party? No.
- Hinder. There are several negative impacts.
- Hinder. There is no realistic way to host such a large scale event with no negative environmental impact. From building new venues and transportation, to the environmental cost of having athletes and tourists travel here, there is going to be an environmental cost.
- Hinder. There will be more waste with the amount of people coming.
- Hinder. There's no way the environmental impact to our mountains and National park would not be significant.
- HINDER. TOO EXPENSIVE!
- Hinder. Too much tourism is already hurting the natural environment of the national parks.
- HINDER. t's a large carbon footprint.
- Hinder. We are awful at environmental stewardship as it is. Then you want to add thousands more people to a city that doesn't have the infrastructure for it?
- Hinder. We don't need more people putting stress on things.
- Hinder. What a mess.
- Hinder.... 13 days with a ton of people that don't necessarily share our same sense of environmentalism.
- Hinder...if events are to be spread out between two provinces (hardly a CALGARY olympics if many alpine events end up held in Whistler, BC), you're creating a larger environmental impact by needing to house and feed athletes,

coaches, spectators & media in multiple venues. That's BEFORE you create higher green house emissions to transport them here, there and everywhere

- Hinder...more debt.
- Hinder.Could affect environment by having lots more people coming ie tourists. Its already busy enough in the back country around calgary the more people that go out there the more parks regulates every thing due to more people trashing stuff.
- Hinder: If the Whistler games are any indication of what is more important (e.g. destroying the habitat of endangered salamanders to make way for 2 weeks of stupid games, or NOT doing that) then I can't even imagine how much less the conservative community of Calgary/Alberta would care in comparison to B.C.
- Hinder: This is a different time than '88, and the environmentalists will descend like a plague of locusts to protest everything under the sun.
- Hinder; obviously. How can hosting 1 large event ever help the environment? This is unsustainable on all levels of sustainability. Environmentally unsustainable, economically unsustainable, socially unsustainable.
- Hinder; the environmental impact on our infrastructure; garbage, increase water, sewer utilization and again, think about the impact in our smaller communities who have an even greater impact on the environment
- Hopefully help, by improving efficiencies and adding environmentally-friendly upgrades.
- hopefully there won't be any games to cause an environmental impact
- Hosting the Olympics would increase the pressure on our National and provincial parks.
- Hosting thousands of visitors to the city will definitely have an impact on many environmental aspects, from stresses on the sewage system to increased air and vehicle traffic.
- how can this do anything except hurt our environmental impact? just thinking about the carnage in Rio makes me sick and also the extra energy costs ... just another thing we can't afford and calgary is becoming a laughing stock. nevermind the economist's thinking we are a good city. i read the economist.... it's a magazine for the world travellers , not us everyday folk. check out how we are the worst place in canada to live if you're low income.
- How is bringing in plane loads of people in to our city for few weeks good for the environment? Are surrounding public parks and ski hills are over burdened now and games will not help that.
- Huge impact in the added fashion waste via volunteer t-shirts, souvenir t-shirts, coats, mittens etc. Making and disposing of these products has a huge environmental impact.
- Huge negative environmental impacts are associated with the Olympic games. The amount of traffic, construction and flights associated with Olympics leaves a massive carbon footprint.
- Hurt the environment overuse
- Hurt, tourism has carbon footprint
- Hurt.
- Hurt. So much waste would be produced from the visitors
- Hurt. The carbon footprint of holding the games is huge, and there is no plan in place to mitigate it.
- I am concerned about the potential environmental impacts; however, new construction and renovation may be able to help make older venues more sustainable in the long run.
- I am confident that the environment issues will be addressed.
- I am not qualified to properly make this judgement.
- I am not sure if there will be any environment impacts beside spending a lot of money for environment impacts as a part of the facilities upgrade just because they have to consider environment on everything..
- I am not sure what impact you may be considering
- "I am uncertain as to whether the environmental impacts from the games would help or hinder Calgary's future.
- At this time I think that it is impractical to say there will not be an environmental footprint. I do not however think that the impact of that footprint would be any greater without the games, but perhaps the footprint will arrive at a slightly accelerated rate."
- "I am very glad to see that sunshine and lake Louise are excluded from the plans because we should not be expanding these facilities within the national parks when we are already losing caribou and bear populations to fragmentation, development and human conflict including traffic collisions and poaching.

- We should be very careful that Olympic development is inside the city with good transit connections and does not serve to amplify the sprawl of both Calgary and Canmore. Especially developing Canmore further will put significant strain on the bow valley wildlife corridor.
- What would the green mitigation's be for athletes, media and spetators who would be flying between Calgary and whistler?"
- I believe Calgary should make it as green as you possible and be at the fore front of environment
- I believe the current Calgary 2026 Olympic Bid information provides significant focus on minimizing environmental impact. These steps are not new. They have been documented and implemented at most world class events over the last decade. I believe Calgary will do a fantastic job of implementing environmental mitigation plans. These innovative plans will help Calgary's future.
- I believe the games will have a negative impact on the environment. We don't need to increase tourism in Calgary. The 150th anniversary has already significantly increased tourism in the nearby national and provincial parks which are now at risk of being "over-loved" and destroyed. Further tax dollars will have to be spent in effort to prevent that.
- I believe we can host these Games in a sustainable way which will not hinder our environment.
- I can not see haw the Olympics would help the environment.
- I can't imagine that the games would provide any type of environmental benefit to the city or the province. Only negative outcomes are possible.
- I can't see that it makes any difference.
- I can't think of anything at all about the Olympics that would have any good environmental effects.
- I could care less
- I could see with the amount of waste at Games that there would be concerns at landfills, public parks, national parks with the potential over-crowding.
- I do not anticipate any major long term environmental impacts associated with the games.
- I do not see a huge impact either way with respect to the olympics and the environment.
- I do not see any change to the environmental impact for the duration of the buildings.
- I do not see any positive or negative environmental benefits for holding these games.
- I do not see how the Environment even comes in as an issue...it's the Olympics, not a nuclear power plant
- I do not think the environmental impacts of hosting the Olympics are significant enough for this to be one of the main topics of discussion. In terms of the broader picture of environmental impacts from basic infrastructure required for this city, province, and country to grow, these developments do not even register.
- i do not think there would be any impact
- I do not understand what will be a negative environmental impact
- I do t care about the environment
- I don't really see a huge environmental impact specific to the games, all development has an impact.
- I don't believe there are any significant environmental impacts from holding the games.
- I don't have enough background on potential issues to comment.
- I don't know.
- I don't see any benefit at all
- I don't see any environmental impacts??? Assuming any housing built would be in the top 1% of environmentally correct standards.
- I don't see much impact on the environment.
- I don't think so.
- I don't think there be be much impact long term
- I don't think there will be very much long term Ben if it's or consequences when comes to environment from hosting the games.
- I don't agree that there will be any potential environmental impacts from the Games
- I dont believe there will be any impact good or bad
- I don't believe there would be a significant environmental impact, either positive or negative.
- I dont care about the environment. Lower the cost of fucking housing

- I don't feel the impact will be nearly as much as it has been with other host cities. Most, if not all the venues to be used are already here and in place, meaning little expansion needed into wildlife areas and parks.
- I don't know, it maybe a great stage for showing others how to do both the Games and keep the impact low.
- I don't like having our environment impacted with the Games. The ring road has already impacted our environment too much so any extra disturbance to our wild life is unacceptable!!!
- I don't see any environmental impact from the games
- I don't see any reason why Olympics will have any significant adverse environmental impact. This is nothing like building a smelting refractory or huge pollutant enterprise..
- I don't see how any construction of infrastructure or entertainment venue is going to possibly have a positive impact on the environment.
- I don't see how it will hurt.
- I don't think it will matter. We have proven in AB that we will tear down anything to make a buck (or think we can).
- I don't think it would hinder Calgary, as Calgary is a modern and environmentally responsible city. If anything, we can promote the idea of recycling to visitors.
- I don't think that environmental matters are a material concern in a country like Canada. We generally do this very well.
- I don't think there is anymore of an impact than the stampede does already.
- I don't think there will be many environmental impacts. We may see more environmental protesters which will negatively impact the economy.
- I don't want construction all over building crappy sports stadiums we will use ONCE.
- I doubt that anyone even cares other than paying lip service so in my opinion this is a red herring compared to actual issues at hand which is a bunch of bureaucrats and elected officials who think they know better than anyone else say it is a go and the fix has been in since this started as none of the stakeholders who are pushing this are telling the truth, are not providing a balanced opinion of cost benefit, are hiding information or slanting information so they can say we told you but that was a wrong assumption rather than saying if this happens then this happens or of this happens then this. There really is no interest in telling the truth but rather obfuscating the facts to slant the answer just like this survey.
- I doubt that the environmental impacts would do either. I'm sure the Games would be clean, but that would be expected. It's table stakes.
- I doubt the Olympics would be beneficial to the natural environment and would likely do more harm than good.
- I fail to see how these games could possibly benefit the environment. I have not heard any convincing arguments to this regard.
- I fear that environmental impacts will be negative, that proposed environmental friendly projects will be pushed aside in the desire to keep costs down.
- I feel the results would be neutral.
- I feel we are aware and will make sure the games are environmentally sustainable
- I find the notion that hosting an Olympics would be a benefit to the environment especially laughable.
- I have no comment on the environmental effects as none have been discussed.
- I have no opinion
- I have no thoughts on the environment.
- I have no thoughts on this.
- I honestly have not even considered environmental impacts in this bid as the other factors are much closer to home.
- I imagine that the games would be hosted in such a way as to have a net neutral effect on the environment.
- I mean, its infrastructure. Even though im opposed to the bid. Im not naive enough to believe that it will never happen in the future at all.
- I see a minor environmental impact on lands to build new facilities and environmental improvement due to the upgrading of existing facilities.
- I see a ton of unnecessary waste coming from the games.
- I see little environmental impact coming from these games.

- I see no benefit . city council has a track record of wasting tax money . affordable living is becoming out of reach and tax from all levels is one of the reasons .
- I see no benefit to the environment
- I see no benefit to the environment one way or the other. There seems to be no inclusion of such things as public transportation, thus no benefit to speak of.
- I see no issues with environmental impact
- I see no obvious impact. I see no environmental losses if the games were to go ahead. I just can't see, how Calgary will be able to host all the Diversified winter sports that are showcased in the Olympics. We have no God damn mountains here. And the asinine suggestion that downhill skiing occurs in Whistler or Banff or elsewhere just seems ludicrous.
- I think any development in the parks is a hinderance to the environment and any protections we currently have in place. In order to protect wildlife we need to protect both Kananaskis and Banff parks and the facilities needed would put that at risk. We need to start prioritizing human needs over the needs of the environment .
- I think any environmental impacts would be mitigated. I think people think it is a bigger issue than it really is
- I think Calgary is capable of putting on the most environmentally friendly games to date.
- I think environmental impacts within Calgary can be managed effectively. Since events are not envisioned to be held in the national parks, I'm not concerned. I would be strongly opposed to any events being held in the national parks however.
- I think if new facilities and venues were develop while keeping the environment in mind, it would help
- I think it could help send a good example. Overall the surrounding area is quite picturesque and well kept.
- I think it does. Global warming is a big concern in the world right now. In 2026 it will be worse. The current method for public transportation that calgary has will not work for the Olympics and traveling via car isnt great. Not to mention all of the airplane fuel that will have to be spent for people to get to see the Olympics etc.i sont think that what the city has planned right now to reduce environmental damage is enough.
- I think it will be a negative overall. We should build our public infrastructure such as transit on our own schedule.
- I think it would drive positive environmental changes.
- I think it's negligible, we live in Canada with world class environmental standards. Non-factor in my mind.
- I think lots of tourists would come here and cause some level of environmental damage (through added pollution, garbage, etc.) . Furthermore, the games themselves are rididulously costly to the environment in numerous ways (ie: building facilities, hosting wasteful and garbage-producing games, etc.)
- I think that without a completed LRT from Airport to COP or other dedicated transit to the mountains it's not worth it.
- I think the environment challenges can be managed.
- I think the environmental impacts need to be assessed and addressed. The impact would help Calgary's future with responsible development with a long term view.
- I think the environmental impacts would be muted over time.
- I think the games can be held with minimal environmental effects
- I think the games can be managed in an environmentally friendly way. I don't think it would help or hinder.
- I think the Games will promote more public transit solutions and it's public housing will improve population density. Both of these are wins. As no new venues in natural areas are proposed and regular construction and tourism have very similar impacts the environmental concerns are very limited.
- I think the sudden burst in people would put a greater stress on us and the surrounding mountain towns. Since we're not the only city involved in this hosting plan, they're going to be hurt as well.
- I think this would be a huge hinderance to Calgary. There are some many disposable items that simply can't be recycled and would instead be placed in the trash. Another issue is increased visitors in the mountain parks. These areas are already over burdened that it makes it impossible for locals to even explore these areas!
- I think we know enough about how to do it right- providing recycle and compostable bins and it wouldn't be difficult to insist vendors use compostable plastics/containers. We could be leaders in public transit for getting to game events and the new car sharing options and Uber will only be a benefit. But this must be a priority in planning.
- I think we need to take into consideration the amount of waste and environmental impact and event of this size will have. If steps are taken to reduce this impact such as enforcing retailers to not provide plastic bags- use an alternative

instead and any food venues to use compostable containers instead of Styrofoam or wax covered take out boxes this will help. I feel like this topic is not being reviewed enough.

- I think we typically have very good environmental standards and trust that these standards would be met.
- I wonder how much energy is burned for facilities construction and transportation of athletes and spectators? As someone who is well informed on the state of the global energy business, perhaps we could choose not to host the games in order to prioritize our energy usage.
- I worry about this. I think that no matter how it's handled, it's going to be a huge hindrance on the environment. Reading about it being zero waste seems laughable since we can't even get the people who live here to cut back on waste, and our recycling facilities don't reflect the types of materials people recycle these days (e.g. many people don't have paper newspapers anymore and yet our facilities still run as if we do). I haven't seen any evidence that we are in a place that would make this event, or any other major event or building project beneficial to the environment.
- I would like to know more. Mountain parks are already at capacity.
- I'm not sure this is a huge factor for us. It's a bigger factor for the IOC, because we would more environmentally responsible than some others.
- Ideally neutral--but would be interesting to see how Calgary 2026 copes with / accomodates today's brand of environmentalist / environmentalism.
- Idk
- If council was actually looking st real research, they'd find that they've bowed to a bunch of environmentalists that only care about shutting Canada and Alberta down. Do your research. Most decisions that have been made in the last two decades have impacted our environment in a negative way. Time to get off the band wagon and get educated.
- If done correctly and judiciously there could be minimal impact from the games.
- If done in an environmentally sensitive way we could avoid negatives for the environment. The the government is ambitious enough we could use this as an opportunity to incorporate innovate and green element to the design of new venues - I would like to see green energy powering the new venues
- If it is executed right, it could help Calgary's future. Improved transit in particular would have a lasting impact on the city. Also upgrading existing facilities rather than building new is an environmental choice I would be proud of. Olympic housing could be a chance to create good quality high density housing in the inner city.
- If new green infrastructure like increased train routes and green buildings were proposed then it would help but that is not proposed.
- If properly managed, with sustainability and recycling as priorities, it is possible to pull off the games with less of an environmental impact than in previous events.
- If the bid were to include better transportation and transit to alleviate ongoing traffic issues it would help the environment, otherwise I don't see any real benefit. Total pipedream...
- If the Canada 150 free park pass is to show anything about what a lot of people can do in a once beautiful environment, trying to clean up from the Olympics and out in the National Parks will be a massive undertaking. I can guarantee that more animals, that already seen, will have to be put down in areas like Banff National Park.
- If the environment is considered in the very beginning it can be good for the future and help make Calgary a leader in environmental practice
- If the games are planned properly we could launch Calgary as the new seat of green technology. Even in winter we have more days of sun than most European countries on the same latitude, we have enough land for wind and geothermal energy sources. We could build a carbon neutral athlete village and market the idea worldwide (except maybe to Trump).
- I'm indifferent on this issues
- I'm indifferent on this. This is outside of my expertise. I'm not really sure how it would be beneficial of hindering in the long-run.
- I'm neutral on this and again partly because City Hall has been so damn secretive about the transparency of the project. Todays paper had two articles of note. One an editorial contribution form a Calgarian offended by the 'in camera' process adopted by this mayor and previous council. Completely shameful and gaulling. Guys, you are civil 'SERVANTS' and 'SERVING' goes with the territory. Transparency means 'TRANSPARENCY'. Follow the provincial and federal model and welcome the public to occupy the gallery to see and hear what you are doing. But I digress. The

second noteworthy was seeing our mayor suggest that the province was somehow naive or off base in suggesting that the money they provide will come with the conditional that it be spent in a 'transparent' fashion. Seems to be a theme here. Re the environment, based on what has been provided I think this is a minor stumbling block.

- I'm not particularly concerned about the impacts this would have on the environment. We'll be fine, as long as we build the infrastructure and host in a way that is environmentally responsible.
- I'm not qualified to answer that.
- I'm not sure. I don't see much more negative environmental impact than if we don't bid.
- I'm not too concerned about the games having a significant environmental impact
- I'm sure that all developmental plans will adequately address environmental impacts or they should not be approved. This is no different than any private sector development requiring an environmental assessment plan and approvals.
- Impact on environment would be limited.
- "In the information pages, the environmental information was extremely weak. There are ZERO benefits to the environment. The heading "benefits" was full of silly ideas about how the environmental damages might be mitigated.
- "Try to reduce reuse and recycle as much as possible before, during and after the Games" is just nonsense. We already have trouble processing Calgarians' blue bin contents. There is no benefit to the environment here!"
- In the long run the environmental impacts would be a benefit as venues would be updated with newest environmentally friendly technology
- In this case, the environmental issue here is nothing but a political stunt.
- In today's society environmental issues will be covered
- inconsequential.
- Increase footprint period, despite hyperbole published by city
- Increased traffic and visitors will result in more pollution, garbage, environmental disturbance, etc
- Indifferent
- Indifferent
- Indifferent
- insignificant
- Instead of wasting money on the games, build modern, efficient infrastructure that moves people, goods and vehicles faster. That will do far more for the environment than anything else.
- IOC's practices and demands have little to do with safeguarding the environment and have more to do with safeguarding their reputation and profit.
- Irrelevant
- Irrelevant
- Irrelevant.
- It can only be bad for the environment.
- It cannot conceivably be done on even a carbon-neutral basis.
- It could help make Calgary the most sustainable city in the world. You need to think positively about the opportunities! Or city needs a substantial boost in this area and this could be the leverage we need.
- It doesn't matter. We can't afford it.
- It is a chance for continued leadership, in the same vein as Vancouver 2010. I appreciate the plan to stay out of the National Parks.
- It is going to be a huge impact in the environment, but it can be mitigated with a great organization, volunteers, teaching and get involve the whole city.
- It is not worth it
- It is predictable that the existing ski facilities that the proposal claims will be used (Nakiska, Canmore Nordic Centre) would soon be found to be "inadequate" for various reasons once a successful bid was secured and great pressure would then be brought to bear on large expansions or on destroying more natural areas to create new venues in areas that are already over-developed, over-used and much abused. There is no possibility of a "favorable"

environmental impact here and the impact mitigation suggestions in the proposal are insignificant in terms of the additional negative impact of a successful bid.

- It may affect the Banff/Canmore area negatively. Don't know about Calgary.
- It may help if lasting environmentally friendly public infrastructure can be built with the money
- It obviously isn't going to help.
- It shows how much we love our environment
- It will be importation to ensure all projects are undertaken with an eye to environmental impacts. Ask and enlistee to the specialists.
- It will create a lot of garbage.
- It will create opportunities for us to address environmental issues at an early stage
- It will have environment impact. Every activity does, but economy benefit is far greater.
- it will help.
- It will hinder Calgary's future but more importantly, will hinder Lake Louise and Canmore as the bid committee is already eyeing ski events in a national park. That is not what national parks are for and the effect on the environment would be negative. I am amused by Olympic bid assertions of environmental neutrality when the Sochi Olympics destroyed a World Heritage site for the spectacle.
- It will hinder it due to the resulting huge tax burden which will kill investment.
- It Will hurt the environment
- It will not hurt and may even help. By having a spotlight on Calgary it will force an improvement to occur
- It will to a point, but the '88 Olympics didn't impact it too much.
- it won't help or hinder the environment....
- It would be an environmental disaster. Destruction of forest and natural habitat to put up a building that will barely be used in the future - what could possibly go wrong?! Sport is a dying cultural phenomenon which is slowly being replaced by solitary exercise (gyms), gaming, and soon, VR games will be fused with exercise facilities (I already own an exercise bike that works with my VR gaming system - why the hell would anyone want to subject themselves to the drama of team sports when this technology becomes more mainstream?!). We would be better off preserving our forest and natural habitats and opening fun exercise facilities that feels more like the (video) gaming culture that has crept up under your noses - laser tag, paint ball, gaming arcades - or hey, maybe a city owned rollerskating rink, seeing how Lloyd's was shut down and we still have a large community of people interested in opening a facility. The Olympics gives a temporary benefit at a long-term price. I am appalled the City is even considering it.
- It would certainly hinder Calgary's future if the environment impact wasn't a major consideration of the planning. It seems from the very tight budget (5B) that is being proposed, that there isn't much wiggle room for planning and implementing appropriate and responsible environmental stewardship. The City of Calgary seems to have too many challenges in managing 'regular' environmental impact (why isn't there any styrofoam recycling yet?), and infrastructure planning (e.g., approving building on flood planes, flood mitigation planning) to even hope it would be better on an Olympic level.
- It would have no environmental effect.
- It would help
- It would help Calgary's future.
- it would hinder because hosting might require some environmental modifications that are non renewable.
- It would hinder the environment as Global warming is already upon us and expending resources to rebuild for a months use before leaving it would only be wasteful.
- It would hurt the environment I don't
- it would make no difference.
- It's a wash
- It's hard on infrastructure to deal with so many extra people for a short time, hitting our peak capacities.
- It's not worth the cost. That's all that matters.
- It's simply our responsibility to minimize the environmental impact of new facilities and future use.
- Just don't do it - too expensive- if we are not making money on it - then will be taxed to death - you're going to kill people Economically period

- Large cleanup costs...would hinder.
- Large corporations in Calgary are doing much worse to the environment than hosting the Games will ever do.
- Last Olympics gave us the poorly designed LRT, built with the flawed design of keeping transit OUT of communities. We already have green line coming up. Other than tourists trashing the city, what else could possibly happen?
- Less construction = less environmental impact. No Olympics = less construction.
- Less money for positive environmental projects
- Let the parts of the world who have a major hate-on for our resourced based city and provincial economy host these games.
- Let's be honest: this province does not excel at environmental responsibility. If we took on a major project like this, I find it extremely difficult to believe construction etc. would be handled properly, in an environmentally safe way. If we're concerned about the environment, why not invest a few billion in clean energy instead? Create some bloody jobs and get the oil goons to stop trying to convince our population that the tar sands are the only way this province can survive?
- Like all developments in the city, the environment will not be given enough consideration. Short sighted economic gain is the primary focus of all development approvals in Calgary.
- Likely hinder as everything we do is a hindrance to the environment...
- Likely more development in Kananaskis, which is not good IMO.
- Likely will hinder as the amount to be spent on the Games will certainly not benefit me.
- Limited impact to the future.
- Little effectLom
- Little impact to environment
- little or no impact
- Little to no information on what will be done in the Calgary area to offset the environmental impact
- Loss of habitat to provide facilities, increased road traffic, waste production, use of resources will be a negative for Calgary and its citizens.
- Lots of people will have a negative impact on City and surrounding parks.
- Make no difference
- Managed properly, I don't see the environmental impact being an issue
- Massive construction will increase only increase pollution.
- Massive traffic congestion is to be expected. security forces alone will have a massive carbon footprint.
- massively help, as by making our city an international destination over the next 8 years, and being in the spot-light, infrastructure like transit, electric cars, self driving cars, and other innovations will be adopted more readily
- Meh.
- Meh.
- Minimal
- Minimal environmental impact if Calgary held the games.
- Minimal environmental impact.
- Minimal.
- Mitigating impacts seems to have been a top priority. As long as upgrades to Nakiska and Canmore Nordic Center do not require big expansion, wildlife should not be impacted much.
- MOOT POINT - The environmental impacts are of no consequence as everything is already built. The bigger question should be around whether the Olympics promote fairness (no doping) and are not influenced by the IOC (bribes).
- More cars, more traffic, poor transit options means increase congestion and frustration
- MORE CONSTRUCTION = MORE WASTE, MORE DESTRUCTION OF CURRENT GREEN SPACES, MORE CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC, POLLUTION.
- More construction, more damage to the environment.
- More constructions, more damage to the environment
- More excess development we do NOT need!
- More litter more mess

- More people more environmental impact. Turning city properties into parking lots is terrible and will happen
- More people, more strain.
- More pollution with all the construction & increased traffic, more frustration with transportation & increased population. I think the environmental impact would be considerably negative.
- More potential to have negative impact on Canmore and Banff. We have too many visitors up there already!
- More traffic equals more air pollution.
- More traffic burning more fuels.
- Most Games contain an element of Environmental stewardship as well as Global responsibility.
- Mute point
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- N/a
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- NA
- Need to be concious of waste management and traffic
- Negative impact, the world will see this as a 'have' city undertaking, against current environmental initiatives.
- Negative impacts will harm Calgary's future, and its reputation. We don't need a bunch of plastic junk flooding our City and being shipped off to recycling centers and the landfill. More parking spots and hard surfaces just increase the Concrete Jungle. I would love to see environmentally sound buildings, grass roof's, solar panels, etc but that just adds to the cost, and frankly, it is not worth doing if we can't do it in the best way.
- Negative. Need to invest in more important longterm needs such as flood control, stopping development in the flood plain and maximum energy efficiency improvements.
- Neither
- Neither
- Neither
- Neither
- Neither
- Neither
- neither
- Neither
- Neither
- Neither help nor hinder.
- Neither help nor hinder. This is a neutral issue for me.
- Neither help or hinder
- Neither help or hinder but must be managed
- Neither help or hinder. Calgarys future is based on oil prices and a vision of diversity in the economy. Along with this a proud city can host events, concerts, if they have a vision to spend money on facilities that impact us in the long term,
- Neither hurt nor hinder.
- Neither in the long wrong. Initially there will be work to do.
- Neither to a material extent.
- Neither, Calgary already has an environmental plan that they are moving forward with.

- Neither, I do not see a big impact on the environment.
- Neither.
- Neither.
- Neither.
- Neither.
- Neither.
- Neither. The environmental impacts are overstated and usually unqualified.
- Neither. Again, not where attention should be focused. If we want to support shifting environment, invest some of the dollars into new energies and industries.
- Neither. It is absolutely ridiculous that our City of Calgary wants to allow the IOC to dictate all this change to our city at our cost.
- Neither. The cost of numerous studies and fighting green people is likely not worth it.
- Neutral
- Neutral
- Neutral
- Neutral
- Neutral
- Neutral - I didn't see anything concrete about plans for environment. Would have been nice for let to go to the airport. I did hear of bus going to Canmore which I think is a great idea
- Neutral impact
- Neutral on this one.
- Neutral.
- Neutral.
- Neutral. Doesn't affect Calgary particularly, or in any significant way. I'm indifferent even if they have to expand some ski hills, cut down a few trees. We have an abundance. This is trivial.
- Neutral. The environment is resilient and the effects would be minimal.
- Neutral. The games would have environmental costs. Calgary has proven proactive and progressive in waste management and energy management
- New construction and upgrades shouldn't negatively impact our environment any more than a new 30 story tower.
- No
- No
- No
- no
- No - The environment will suffer because more people will be coming to Calgary to the new facilities being built on new areas of land...
- No affect the I can think of.
- No Benefit. Environmental harm guaranteed.
- no benifit for anyone but greedy elites
- No change
- No change!
- No change, but perhaps worsen because other critical infrastructure projects will need to be delayed, causing increased congestion on streets, etc.
- No clue.
- No coment.
- No comment
- no comment
- No comment
- No comment

- No comment
- No comment
- No comment
- no comment
- No comment
- No comment
- No comment.
- No difference
- No difference
- No effect.
- No enough for the money we're spending
- no environmental impact
- No environmental impact
- No environmental impact
- No feeling either way
- No idea
- No idea and don't care. Environment is low low LOW on my list of concerns when Calgary residents are suffering a huge unemployment crisis and we are financially destroyed without any sign of pipelines to help us dig our way out.
- No idea.
- No impact
- no impact
- No impact
- No impact at all. Environment is s canard!
- No impact.
- No impact.
- No lasting impact.
- No more or less damage than what currently occurs.
- No more then they did in 1988.
- no opinion
- No opinion
- No Opinion
- no opinion
- No opinion
- No particular environmental impacts
- No pipeline no games
- No positive environmental impacts
- No real impact to the environment
- No real impact.
- no real opinion
- No thoughts on the matter.
- No, as long as we have plans in place to ensure the environment is not impacted we should be fine
- No, we don't need hundreds of thousands of individuals contributing to a negative environmental impact. That includes heavy trucks and equipment spewing pollution into our air.
- no,comment
- No.
- No. Games will occur from whistler's track to curling in Edmonton. Nothing to do with Calgary
- Non issue
- Non issue , a 2 week event will only impact the environment for a short time period

- Non issue any environmental concerns are addressed through Environmental Impact Assessments required for development. Cant think of other environmental impacts...
- None
- Nope
- Not a concern
- Not applicable
- Not concerned
- Not enough information on the bid has been shared to facilitate a decision
- Not help
- Not important
- not much difference
- Not much impact on the environment as this is downtown we are not gutting down a forest nor forcing animals out of their natural habitat. Yes a footprint will be left but that will be minor compare with what is available to be gained.
- not of any concern
- Not overly concerned
- Not quite sure what is meant by environmental impacts. If we do the downhill events at Louise, there will be some ridiculous people who think we have made an environmental error. That is silly. I don't think any environmental impacts will effect our future.
- Not really an ussue
- Not significant
- Not sure
- Not sure
- Not sure but use National Park for skiing events. Impact yes but gain & access huge
- not sure of what the full environmental impact of the Olympics would be but I doubt that there are many positive impacts. I imagine the carbon footprint would be huge
- Not sure whether Games would help or hinder.
- Not sure.
- Not sure.
- Not sure.
- not worried about this impact
- Nothing about the Games will have a positive impact on our environment.
- Nothing good will come of this
- Obviously if we host the games the environment will be damaged.
- Obviously there are no environmental benefits to packing hundreds of thousands of people into our city. More garbage, more use of electricity and water, more cars on the road, more cars driving to, and parking at, the mountains...
- Of course it will hinder it. I also see no mention of where the ski jumping events will take place. I'm sure if a new venue is required it will be a monumental task that will negatively impact the environment it which it will be built, and then ultimately abandoned shortly after the games have left.
- Of course it's going to destroy the environment. Massive tourism = vandalism, more garbage, more car pollution. And building new venues by taking away green space to accommodate so many people for a short span of time is so not worth it.
- Of course this is a negative impact event on the environment. Rinks and other winter sports facilities are huge resource wastes. Will a rink improve drinking water? No. Will the Olympic Games preserve natural spaces? No.
- Oh I think we're going to end up with a city full of garbage just like when tourists take over the city at stampede every year but worse
- On it's own the Olympics will create negative impacts that may or may not hinder Calgary's future. We did most of the damage building for 1988 and if we decide to use and upgrade existing facilities and disturbed areas we will do more incremental damage. Again for a 2 week party, it's not worth it.

- Our environment is fine. It's a non-issue.
- Our environmental practices should not be tied to the olympics in any way. It doesn't matter if we host the olympics or not, we should always strive to put forward best practices regardless.
- Our Games can make a bold statement by working to zero impact. I think that the Games could be held at Lake Louise and in the National Park, but if the sports world and the IOC find Mt. Allan acceptable, then it will have to be acceptable to me. I would rather show off the amazing Park and all we do to both protect and use the environment.
- Our landfill sites are filling up and it is costing us more and more for sewage and water treatment, a little foresight should be included in these plans
- Our parks are already overcrowded and run down. This huge influx will have a strong negative impact on our parks.
- Over hyped and over commitment to environment. We are in pretty good place with policies and basic human attitude towards environment. Current or future activities really don't affect the environment. Political needs seem to be driving environmental issues.
- Overall, I think it would help as reusing and improving infrastructure efficiently and to a deadline will prevent future challenges.
- Overdevelopment. We do NOT need it!
- People aren't capable of recycling properly as it is so why would hosting the Olympics make this any better.
- People come to make memories and leave behind a lot of garbage.
- Places a heavy toll on the environment
- Planning for the Olympics with a global spotlight will force Calgary to examine its environmental practices and become more responsible.
- Please do not bid for the 2026 Olympics, they will bring no value to Calgary. Environmental impacts could be devastating financially.
- Pollution, people, waste, wearing out of areas.
- Possibly. It depends on what is built, and where it is built. The increase in construction, traffic, and infrastructure maintenance will certainly cause some damage to vulnerable ecosystems, and we have no guarantee that the IOC will help with any environmental damage or cleanup.
- Potential for damaging environmental impact on the mountain parks, which are now bursting at the seams.
- Potentially, there would be negative impacts to the natural environment. I don't see any benefits.
- Probably hinder only because I fail to see how it would have a net positive environmental impact
- Probably no effect since the games are so short lived.
- probably neutral to the city itself but detrimental to the mountains.
- Right now, the only serious issue we, that is everyone, should be addressing is how to cope with climate change. I would rather see the money put toward, say, solar panels for houses, etc.
- Sadly, the environment will be deeply and negatively impacted by the massive infrastructure and people influx created by the games. I fear this will be made a low priority by organizers should the games be awarded.
- Same answer. These are all loaded questions geared to a positive response. Hinder, the cost of the games will increase tax burden on the many. Those rich will enjoy the changes but the regular person will find it more expensive just to own a home.
- See above
- Seriously!!
- Should be minimal environmental impact... probably some environmentalists trying to make a buck by insisting they're consulted.... :p
- Should the City invest in additional snow removal equipment, this could be a benefit, but you don't need Olympics to do that.
- silly question -- not relevant -- this is only a feel-good PC meme inspired question
- Silly question. Environmental impact is nil
- Since many of the facilities already exist, and the skiing events are not being proposed in ecologically sensitive areas such as Banff (Lake Louise), environmental impact isn't a big concern.

- Since the indigenous groups have been excluded from the BidCo, this tells me the environment is a low priority for this bid.
- Sincerely, who cares
- Skip
- slim hinder.
- Spend our money removing the snow from our environment when you call a snow route parking ban. Spend no more money on Olympic bids
- Stop wasting our money.
- Straw man argument, we can't afford this. Waste of taxpayer funds.
- stupid question
- stupid question.
- Such a huge event interferes too much in an already fragile natural environment
- Tell us what they are!
- terrible, terrible.. the parks are already overloaded with looky-loos.
- Tge benefits out weigh the costs
- That's a pretty huge GHG impact.
- The 2 week event will have insignificant impact on Calgary's environment. This is a non-issue.
- The 500+ million spent on security could have been spent on more bus and LRT
- The alpine skiing venue still has to be determined and if new construction is needed, There will be hurdles to jump over if it is inside a national park.
- The biggest issue environmentally would be garbage and emissions from tourists.
- The city might clean up its act in snow removal in Feb 2026 but then again, they will likely wait for the next Chinook...
- "The City of Calgary and its Councillors don't give a solitary crap about the environment.
- They keep talking ""legacy"" and ""fun for the kids"" like the Olympics is the only way to get Calgary some notoriety. It's a farce."
- The cost outweighs the benefit
- The damage from driving through the park and the increase of people in the park is not environmentally friendly. Neither is no transit to the airport.
- The debt burden will outweigh any potential benefit.
- The environment has not been taken into consideration as the hosting of such a venture would over ride the environmental aspects as it did in 88.
- The environment is in tatters, building more useless garbage wont help it. We need to reduce the land area of Calgary, it is too large to sustain. We should be actively demolishing neighborhoods right now and relocating people. Spending money on the Olympics doesn't help this problem.
- The environment is not a factor.
- The environmental damage from construction, transportation and security measures will be difficult and expensive to remedy.
- The environmental effects are negligible.
- The environmental footprint of this thing is beyond astronomical and unforgivable. The carbon footprint of the air travel to bring national teams, media, IOC princelings, and tourists is unfathomable--and CANNOT possibly be greenwashed away.
- The environmental impact is negligible.
- The environmental impact is obviously negative.
- The environmental impact on Calgary, and especially on the surrounding parks, can only be seen as a negative and has the potential to be enormous. I am baffled that the information presented on this site would attempt to market 'reducing environmental impacts' (e.g., mandating public transit) as benefits; this is absurd.
- The environmental impact will be minimal.
- The environmental impact would be minimal.

- The Environmental impacts will be negligible
- The environmental impacts would be minimal in Calgary as most events are held outside of Calgary.
- The environmental risks can be mitigated as always.
- The Games are always an environmental detriment to the mountains. If we are trying to lower our GHG emissions, why bring in all those people for a two week party?
- The games will not make Calgary a World Class City...but spending the money where it is needed will.
- The games would be detrimental to the environment and to Calgary's future. Litter, inadequate waste disposal, consumerism all lead to environmental damage.
- The games would have a zero impact on our environment in the big picture. But there will be a huge cost to ensure this is so.
- The games would negatively impact the environment while they are here.
- The garbage & footprint left is always damaging.
- The high costs of the games will be a burden on the taxpayer for generations and the money would be better spent on the environment directly.
- the huge deficit will hinder Calgary's future
- The increased pollution risk is short term. And building new infrastructure is going to happen regardless if the olympics come to Calgary
- The increased traffic pollution caused by the Olympics and the associated waste or hidden costs.
- There is no way that anyone will attain any environmental benefit from the games
- The money should be used to fund and develop other ventures related to environmental benefit.
- The mountain facilities are already at capacity, and any additional free advertising and pressure from additional tourists is not responsible.
- "The national parks have been established as a legally bound areas of environmental protection and stewardship. We need to heed to those established ideals. More development in or near National Parks areas should be disallowed as they will directly effect changes to existing environment areas within the park. No more development should be allowed in either Canmore or Banff as they have both exceeded their initial environmental footprints.
- And we need to remind people that the environment is not something we can manage, we can only reduce the effect and elements we bring to the environment with commercially developed projects. Less development equals less impact !!!"
- The Olympics are known for having a devastating impact on the environment. The ecosystem is already at enough of a risk, especially in the mountains. The Rockies don't need more environmental damage!
- "The Olympics are not environmentally-friendly. They use a lot of resources, generate a significant amount of waste and bring a ton of people into environmentally-sensitive areas.
- You can make the Olympics more environmentally-responsible, but don't kind yourself into thinking that using all these resources to host what is essentially an international sports tournament is in any way green."
- The Olympics would 'showcase' to the world, how we protect our environment while providing facilities and accommodation for the athletes and fans.
- The plan has included a conscientious plan to have minimal impact on environmental situations. By using the existing venues will eliminate the a lot of waste and building materials
- The planet is at the beginning of a serious environmental issue. We have known this for decades, but we still make exceptions for everything. There will be no improvement unless we can mitigate all environmental issues, something we are not ready to do.
- The ring road construction today is enough to turn away tourists. Construction periods for the olympics will turn away conventions (conference board report)
- "The vote for Calgarians is coming soon with advance polling Nov 6 and 7 followed by the final voting on Nov 13.
- Although i see many stating an emphatic NO in their opinion, well until one actually votes, your opinion does not count. We Calgarians tend not to get off our butts and actually vote. This one is important.

- For your consideration of just how fictitious City Hall numbers are (not including the stuff they tried to hide that got leaked), take a look at a past Olympics and an upcoming one...
- Cities tend to exclude large amounts of associated costs when they submit a bid to host the Olympics. Such bids usually include only core components such as the main facilities so that the bids are easier to compare. Building design, security measures, transportation and other costs are largely excluded.
- The 2012 London Olympics cost \$19 billion, compared with the bid estimate of \$6.5 billion.
- In 2013, when they were awarded the right to host the 2020 Summer Olympics, Tokyo officials said they could stage the Games for 829 billion yen, or \$7.3 billion at the current exchange rate of 113 yen to the dollar.
- According to a report released this week by the national government's Board of Audit and reviewed by the Associated Press, Japan is likely to spend at least \$25 billion and possibly more for the 2020 Games. That figure is nearly four times the original 2013 estimate and more than doubles the number that was thrown out just 10 months ago, when the Tokyo organizing committee said the Olympic budget was about \$12 billion.
- Japanese taxpayers will foot 80 percent of the final bill, the audit found.
- "The Games overrun with 100 percent consistency," University of Oxford researchers wrote in a 2012 study. "No other type of mega project is this consistent regarding cost overrun. Other project types are typically on budget from time to time, but not the Olympics."
- The world already knows about Calgary, our national parks. We are already dealing with challenges with tourism. I don't think we need anymore exposure. Very expensive marketing tool if that is the thought.
- There
- There are MANY other things that happen in this city on a daily basis that hurt the environment far more than hosting the games.
- There are no environmental benefits to be seen.
- There has been discussion of hosting some of the events in Whistler. That alone would leave a massive carbon footprint.
- There is a lack of clarity on what "the potential environmental impacts" may be. In fact, we have no clarity on exactly what we are proposing to host in our area as opposed to other centres (e.g Banff, Canmore, Edmonton, Whistler, etc). So, again, insufficient detail and clarity available to objectively answer the question.
- There is a very limited vision that has been communicated regarding the environmental impacts.
- There is already a lot of overuse of our nearby outdoor parks. Adding more is just going to add to this.
- There is no environmental impact- dumb question
- There is no scenario I can envision where hosting an event for hundreds of thousands of people is a net benefit to the local environment. Would could likely deliver a more environmentally-friendly games than most other parts of the world, however.
- There isn't anything that gets developed that would "help" the environment, so it seems like a moot question...
- There will always be a negative environmental impact but these can largely be mitigated in the long term.
- There will be a large amount of waste should the Olympics happen - not sure how this would help us, other than with the notion that Calgary can then come up with a better recycling/green plan than we have today through the Olympic Games
- There will be a negative impact to the park areas with so many tourists.
- There will be an environmental impact that can't be avoided. Benefits will outweigh. It could be the most 'green' Olympics on the books to date. Something to strive for and set a new precedent.
- There will be little noticable environmental impacts.
- There will be no added detriment to the environment.
- There will be no impact with no Olympics.
- There will be no Olympic impacts

- There will be no positive impact
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- There will be zero impact to the environment if this bid doesn't go further.
- There will hopefully be impact studies done on how to lessen the risk to the environment
- There would be a minimal impact on the environment.
- There would be few environmental impacts.
- There would be massive environmental impacts from the Games, people, and construction. It is hypocritical to say that this is an acceptable form of pollution when the industry that supports Calgary is under so much environmental scrutiny.
- There's no such thing as an environmentally friendly Olympics. It's not possible to host an Olympic event without impacting on the environment.
- These days (vs 1988) I think the environmentalist movement would ensure there's less negative impact. I'll go with 'help'
- They sure wouldn't help. Garbage, energy consumption etc.
- They will hinder Calgary in the future because the massive debt that will be accumulated will devastate this city.
- They would help the economy
- This has nothing to do with anything and is just here to please the small, loud, squeaky wheel green religion zealots. Next.
- This is a bogus question which has no bearing in the decision,
- This is a ridiculous question as obviously millions of extra visitors does not help the environment.
- This is a stupid question.
- This is a very minor question but it is 1/6 in a public survey on a huge proposal.
- This is dependent on stewardship and smart planning. It's too hard to tell this far out.
- This is not a concern for me as the city has to operate under strict guidelines
- This is not a relevant question at all.
- This is one area where I have concerns we may not do enough to protect local environmental systems and ensure minimal or neutral carbon footprints.
- This is probably a negative or net zero depending on the amount of waste generated from remodeling old facilities and building new infrastructure.
- This is so far down my list of concerns.
- This Olympic Games has a negative impact on the environment, regardless of where it is held. What is the carbon footprint to get all of the athletes, coaches, broadcasters, spectators, etc to and from the Games? During the Olympics, how much energy is used transporting people around the different venues? Any attempt to claim that the Game is beneficial to the environment is disingenuous.
- This one is iffy. As long as the environment is considered while building/upgrading the area then it would also benefit. It would especially benefit if we took the chance to upgrade these facilities to run more environmentally friendly. Maybe we would be able to have more LEED Certified buildings?
- This provides Calgary the opportunity and political leverage to develop these facilities as environmentally as possible.
- This question does not make sense... How could an "environmental impact" be positive when everything about the environment is bad??? To increase our carbon footprint to remove and rebuild shiner infrastructure would have a very real negative environmental impact (especially given the vain, narrow-mindedness of city councillors who would not place much emphasis on reducing the environmental impact in favour of "creating legacies").
- This will have a huge effect on Canmore's environment with the citizens already crammed into a wildlife corridor and the Olympics will provide even more foreign interest and traffic/housing in the corridor.
- This will hinder the surrounding environment with the heavy traffic that's to be expected from hosting millions of people at once.
- This would be a massive hinder and anyone who tries to convince Albertans that there would be no or minimal impact are not being truthful. There is always an environmental issue with building.

- This would definitely be a hindrance to our environment, massive amounts of tourists and more development and waste definitely won't help!
- This would hugely impact the environment.
- TOO EXPENSIVE
- Too much of a strain on Banff National Park
- Too soon to say. Environment has to be made a priority for all pre/post development. Need to see proposals for construction for K country and Canmore.
- Traffic and waste.
- Traffic, construction, pollution. Where's the environmental benefits
- transporting and supporting tens of thousands of people will certainly have a negative environmental impact
- Tremendous potential for damage at Nakiska and potentially with the Nordic events. Look at the incredible environmental damage done by recent Olympics.
- Tricky question, forcing to positive feedback
- Unable to comment on environmental impacts as I have yet to see any relevant information.
- Undecided. Have had issues finding a robust environmental assessment of the Games online.
- Unimportant
- UNKNOWN
- Unknown risks!
- Unknown to me
- Unless there is a serious detrimental impact to the local ecosystem, I really don't care one way or the other.
- Unless this is used as an opportunity to really invest in zero emission infrastructure, it would be bad for the environment. Given the recent UN report on climate change, preventing destruction of the environment should be where money is going worldwide, not to frivolous events like the Olympics.
- Unless we're chopping down old growth forests to build ski runs and parking lots, we can set up facilities with minimal impact on the environment, waterways, and wildlife. And again, diversity in an urban setting can be celebrated by everyone.
- Unsure
- Unsure
- Unsure
- Unsure. however the short term increase in population will definitely have some sort of negative impact to the local environment.
- Unsure. It will take planning and commitment to ensure the environment is protected
- Unsure. Need to see details about the plan wrt sustainability and environmental impact.
- Until we know the total capital and operating costs that will come from public funding sources (i.e the taxpayer eventually) this question cannot be answered. I am concerned in order to make the cost projections palatable some budget items will be shifted from the Olympic bucket to other buckets many of which will be funded via the public purse and not coming from the private sector which will ultimately reap substantial benefit.
- Upgrading and building new venues would destroy our environment for a two week stint that loses money
- Useless development for venues that will go to waste.. Lol at the large ski jump tower from last Olympics it will hurt Calgary
- very little effect
- Very negative to environment. If pipelines are not good for environment then Olympic is 100 times worse.
- View minimal impact.
- Wasting money for elitist projects do not help the environment. Olympic games were supposed to promote harmony between nations but now it is just a moneymaker for an upper echelon and a place where countries can bitch when their drug fuelled athletes are disqualified or banned.
- Way bigger environmental impact from using Nakiska than Lake Louise. Irresponsible, environmentally, to use Nakiska
- We already have issues with recycling and an additional 4500 athletes and countless visitors would burden the city with a larger environmental footprint

- We already struggle with more and more large wildlife coming into the city due to construction. As well, the small to medium wildlife that we are fortunate to have will struggle if parks and natural areas are overwhelmed with tourist or impacted by construction. Then there is our carbon footprint to consider. The increase in traffic, construction, and waste will be overwhelming.
- We are a large city, so I do not see the influx of people as being an issue for the environment.
- We are already struggling with waste management costs, this would just add more
- We are opening ourselves to media coverage of false environmental statements - why would we knowingly provide a forum for false statements that the whole world can see. Environmentally Alberta already does all the right things, but we can't get the positive message out as it stands.
- We are taxed to death by all levels of government and the Olympics are corrupt as is our municipal government, most Councillors & a out of touch, full of crap Mayor. What is the Environmental Impact from the extra Fuel and Time wasted because of this municipal governments terrible awful snow removal . Use money for snow removal - that will impact the environment positively year after year. What a corrupt incompetent municipal government we have FULL OF WASTE.
- We can't afford it !
- We have great composting, recycling and reusing initiatives in Calgary. I doubt that this is a concern. However, the cost of increased disposal of all the deleterious material generated by the games is huge. We can hardly afford to plow our streets, let alone pick up more garbage. We used to have city workers with barrowed carts, and brooms. We havent seen those workers for years. Why, cost no doubt.
- We have to balance all projects with a realistic concern for the environment. All human activity has the potential to harm the environment, but we should be responsible in reducing the impact where practical. Building infrastructure for a 3 week party, which ends up being excessive for the long-term needs of the city, would be an unnecessary environmental impact.
- We must preserve YYC's most pristine woodlands/wilderness areas (what's left of Paskapoo slopes) as we consider OLY 2026 development. We cannot destroy what makes this city still great and still charming ...that would be self-defeating and shooting ourselves in the foot. we must preserve what's left of those areas. Don't pave over paradise.
- We need a green Olympics with zero wastage.
- We need more money dedicated to mental health, social services and housing for homeless, not new venues.
- We need pipelines to bring prosperity back to Alberta. Until this is in place these games are not worth anything to us.
- We need to find a way to do the games that has the most minimal impact on the environment. Must be carbon negative.
- We really do not need more development in natural areas including parks. There's no reason to destroy the environment for A two week event.
- We simply cannot afford them. Hosting them will put huge pressure on debt service, city services and property taxes which will affect each and every one of these selections.
- We're a small city. The Olympic is not what it used to be in the 60's & 70's. The mass influx of tourism over a short period of time would destroy our parks, green space and city. We need to think long term. Improve infrastructure on our own with out any Olympic games, with the proposed cost. We would draw in more tourists and have a sustainable well thought out infrastructure.
- We're broke. We can't afford the Olympics.
- What about the environment? It's a two week event. There's be more carbon emissions for two weeks, but what are you going to do about that? Other than tax me, anyway.
- What does this have to do with anything? Virtue signaling.
- What environmental impacts
- What environmental impacts are we talking about?
- What Environmental impacts? I don't see any benefits or harm to Calgary's environment. This is a red herring and distraction from real issues.
- What impacts are we talking about. I keep hearing enviromental impacts but to what?
- What impacts. It's construction. It didn't stop all of this useless roadwork.
- What potential impacts? This is a non-starter issue on any scale.

- When everything's all said and done the games will likely result in more Albertan debt which will translate into few dollars available for reclamation, conservation and those working as fish and wildlife conservation. Bring rationality back to the table. Enough spending of what we don't have.
- When has more development assisted the environment?
- When our society seems so concerned about our carbon footprint, how could we possibly not hurt the environment when people are flying in from all over the world? The added garbage will be another problem.
- Where is the environmental impact study? Definite hindrances.
- While environment is important, I don't believe it will have a positive or negative affect of Calgary's future.
- Who cares if you're bankrupt
- Who cares. Too much money
- Who cares. We don't need this stupidity.
- Who cares?
- Who knows - I am sure there will be very robust studies done before any building gets approval.
- Who really cares
- Will hinder because we should keep environment and not destroy it
- Will hinder our future.
- Will hinder.
- With an influx of new tourists, just like in the 88 games, it took a long while to clean up all the litter and waste left behind and that cost was shouldered by the city.
- With not having to build a whole bunch of new facilities the environmental impact should not be as high
- With proper planning and execution the games should have negligible effect on the environment.
- With proper planning, negative effects can be reduced
- With some common sense approach, there should not be major environmental impacts.
- Won't help. It will hinder.
- would be a good time to show the world that we are not just an oil town.
- would be ok
- Would have no impact, would be as irrelevant and as useful as the hypocritical carbon tax, aka liberal wealth redistribution model
- wouldn't affect it at all
- wouldn't matter
- Yep: my children get to pay it off.
- Yes, it will help.
- Yes.
- Yes. It will put pressure in the improvement of public transportation
- You can't deny there would be an environmental impact, however with the use of old facilities then that can minimize impacts. Also if it truly is planned out right with good public transit then it will be low impact.
- You did not yet tell us what the expected environmental impacts will be. How can this possibly be a question. Idiot.
- You will be flying athletes and fans to Whistler vs a short drive to the mountains. Makes no sense to me
- Your environmental "benefits" are garbage - they are basically a list of some ways the games \*might\* not have a negative environmental impact. There are no positive environmental impacts of having that many people come into the province.
- After having read the generalizations and pious platitudes in the "plan", I have no confidence that the committee has even given a thought to the environment. The first part of being environmentally aware is "reduce". Let's reduce by not having the Olympics.
- After the IOC, tourists and games are done, there is going to be an awful large mess.
- Although important, the things needed to manage the environmental impact, are reasonably well understood. Waste management, energy efficiency. Use the best standards.
- Another question that makes no sense. A "red herring" question that should have no impact on decision.
- Any negative environmental impact is a hindrance to the future.

- As soon as the words 'environmental impact' are used, it's a hinder
- Banff can suck it. Relative to the summer the winter has a fraction of the foot traffic. Hosting the Olympics would have no increased impact to the Environment.
- BOWFORT TOWERS!
- build train idea to canmore,banff,lake louise to cut down vehicles and pollution extend new north lrt to airport (not extend n.e. route)
- Calgary already has a reputation as an environmental leader. Calgary 2026 will simply build on that base, with good solid experience throughout the City to positively impact Calgary's overall
- Calgary is quite advanced environmentally, having the games would be a hinderence as it would take money away from bike routes, transit unless it was directed towards the games whic may not align with the best needs of the city.
- Calgary is recognized around the world as environmental steward, we have the opportunity through the Olympics to profile and demonstrate how we can incorporate this leadership in the games changing the future for the Olympics.
- Calgary Taxpayers want access to information - not in camera secretive meetings or blacked out documents!
- Carbon tax alone for flying athletes to vancouver and back
- "Citizens, just like in Montreal would be left with a hefty bill.
- The opening and closing ceremonies for ones, cost millions.
- And we won't go into security, which would be lesser than for summer Games."
- Concerned that green line funding, or LRT line to the airport is not part of the proposal. This would be key legacy infrastructure for Calgarians. Striving for zero waste would be great, and help showcase a green and innovative city (not just an oil city)
- Concerned that the housing project will not be completed after the games. Just more talk from the city trying to sell us this debt
- Congestion. Gas pollution. And noise pollution.
- Considering the perennial cost cutting and degradation of Calgary's Parks and waterways Calgary's priority should be to reduce contamination of our waterways by dog faeces and controlling the incredible spread of noxious weeds in our green spaces. Monies should be spent on the environment now rather than the olympics.
- Construction waste is a significant pollutant, along with carbon generated by heavy equipment. Building and remodelling facilities will further harm the environment, without any way for recovery.
- Cost benefit analysis results in a decision to NOT support this bid.
- Creating facilities that will be constructed just for the Olympics can only have a detrimental environmental impact, even if some of the materials are recycled.
- Definitely not going to help. Canmore and Banff are also dealing with severe environmental impacts from increased traffic to the national park. If you want to help the environment, focus on that issue instead.
- Does it matter at this point. Too much ignorance in the pre millenial populace to enact meaningful climate change policies. They need to die off first.
- Doesnt change
- Don't think it will have much of and impact
- don't care
- Dont care.
- Don't know
- Don't see where there would be a positive impact overall.
- Effective environmental studies are needed to ensure the environment is protected and enhanced.
- Environment is a huge part of our future going forward although there are risks that come along with the games believe this is a fantastic opportunity for our city to explore new environmental technologies such as the integration of more sustainable power sources in our cities infrastructure, advances in waste collection with heavy emphasis on composting and recycling. Also, introducing more minimal waste packaging, as well as sustainable or eco-friendly products for consumers at different venues. This could be a wonderful time to update how we handle our environment on a local scale and setting Calgary up to be on the leading edge of environmental technologies and an example for other places around the globe.

- Environment would be negatively impacted by increased green houses gases generated by increased vehicle and airline traffic.
- Environmental impact is not a key issue
- Environmental impacts to Calgary are likely to be mitigated or short term. Uncertain about the impacts to Canmore, likely negative and harmful.
- Environmental issues are gaining in strength - hinder
- Exactly what you mean is unclear. Money is always the bottom line for prosperity. If people are struggling to feed their families and a City is struggling to pay for basic services, the first thing to go is the "environment". We simply cannot afford to bid on the games let alone host them. The tax burden from the games will put far too large a load on taxpayers. We are struggling already. We don't have enough money NOW.
- Focusing on a large influx of people and transportation efficiencies could potentially have a longterm benefit to the city, depending on the solutions that are found.
- Gotta move that bus depot.
- Guaranteed more emissions, waste disposal and dumping, water and electricity use for the entire period. None of this money will be spent on environmental protection. There is no way this would benefit the environment at all.
- Having the games spread out through Canmore is a strain on the already busy small town and beauty.
- Help
- Help
- Help
- Help 100%
- Help if new methods for reuse and recycle work and stay
- Help. Would help strengthen the recycling, etc
- Help. Focused investment in central areas helps curb urban sprawl. Transit infrastructure investments help reduce overall car usage.
- Help. We can display and learn from environmental best practices.
- Help. It can create an opportunity for Calgary to take a strong environmental approach in planning and hosting the games.
- Help. No issues.
- Help. You save hat you k ow and if you are not exposed you can not know
- "Help.
- Because:
- More people would pay Canada Park fees for preservation of National parks.
- Canadian take on lowering carbon emission will be praised at International level."
- Hinder
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- Hinder - as with most big events, the environment is always the last consideration.
- Hinder - Seriously?
- HINDER - Spend the money on improving the quality of life for tax payers in Calgary - public transit, infrastructure, green spaces, etc
- hinder - the staggering cost, use of land , construction costs, energy spent , greenhouse gasses to build basically single use facilities is very wasteful

- Hinder - we need to husband our natural resources. Water treatment in particular is a sensitive issue plus creating increased human presence in Kananaskis is undesirable for the flora and fauna of the area
- Hinder ... how can the impact of construction and operation of new facilities actually help the environment?
- Hinder as Calgary is not ready to handle the sudden influx of huge number of visitors and construction, traffic increase would only add to chaos
- Hinder as it doesn't accomplish an environmental cleanup long overdue in our West End.
- Hinder as it will detract from the exceptional environment we now share.
- Hinder Calgary's future: Energy consumption and garbage creation will be enormous.
- Hinder in the short run, with a huge short term influx of population to host the games. Environmental wear and tear on infrastructure and increased carbon footprint would be high during the games. Long term there would be no huge impact as this influx would not remain after the games.
- Hinder our environment and create long term changes in areas affected
- Hinder pollution and drama
- Hinder way too expensive at this time
- Hinder we don't need any more environmental impacts
- Hinder- we have ONE EARTH, and we're already ruining it. The last thing we need is to further interfere with parks (either National or Provincial) and green space, in order to put up huge facilities that will be used a handful of times a year at most.
- HINDER! Will Canmore need more clear cuts and logging plus more accommodation and infrastructure to accommodate the games? Will even more tourists jam Banff National Park which already is overloaded with too many tourists? How many old facilities will be destroyed to make way for new ones? After the games, how many facilities will quickly become obsolete albatrosses, like the 1988 ski jumps?
- Hinder, an event of this magnitude always has negative effects on the environment, that many people in a small area hurts and creates a lot of waste and uses a lot of energy.
- Hinder, as above
- Hinder, mega events cause a tremendous amount of pollution from inflow, and displacement of natural environment in order to build new complexes
- Hinder, more people more waste
- Hinder, there would be added construction and waste created by visitors. If the games are chosen to be held in Calgary, significant efforts should be made to reduce environmental impacts. (Compostable cups and food packaging in arenas, bus and trains to reduce car emissions etc )
- Hinder.
- Hinder.
- Hinder.
- Hinder.
- Hinder.
- Hinder. Great tree hugger question. Why even consider it? No impact at all if we don't have an Olympics.
- Hinder. Overbuilding in a buyer's market
- Hinder. The Olympics is an outdated model that cannot be justified from an environmental perspective.
- Hinder. Think of all the pollution transporting people from Calgary to the mountains, British Columbia.
- "Hinder.
- We do not have an efficient transportation system, specifically the C-Train in place to take people to the venues. It also depends upon where the events will be held and also the weather as to impact on environment. Is there a post Olympic committee to deal with litter and other environmental issues."
- Hinder. More people means more pollution
- Hinder. Not even considering the amount of money we will need to spend to prepare for possible terrorist attacks
- Hinder. Taxpayers get to pay for the cleanup.
- Hinder. That's a lot of poll and construction creating lots of waste
- Hinder. The environmental impact of this type of event is huge.

- Hinder. The noise, pollution, disruption of services. The infrastructure is not sufficient and the cost to upgrade prohibitive.
- Hinder. The parks are already strained to deal with the current level of tourism.
- Hinder. The Provincial & Federal governments want to decrease carbon emissions. There will be an increase through various transportation avenues-airplanes, vehicles, construction equipment.
- Hinder. We don't have the infrastructure to accommodate all the games and people
- Hinder. You are experts at lying
- Hinder.. a larger carbon footprint
- Hosting the games isn't worth it.
- Hosting the olympics would be environmentally detrimental to Calgary's future. Consider increased traffic, fuel consumption and the impact of an influx of short term visitors.
- Hurt - too much density, waste, airfare and driving to other venues will cause pollution
- Hurt. Probably will have to dig up parks to build facilities.
- Hurt.? Greenhouse gas emissions from elite athletes will destroy our planet.
- I am an environmental science professional. Your environmental education section is sparse and concerning. By your own standards the games will have a negative impact on our city. By my standards it will be even worse.
- I am concerned about the impact of the games on our national parks, if events take place in Nakiska and/or Banff. I am not so concerned about this in the city of Calgary.
- I am concerned about the number of people that would be visiting Banff National Park over the 10 days. There are already parking and overcrowding issues, would have to see a concrete plan on how the visitors would be handled and not have an impact, which is unlikely.
- I am not concerned about the environmental impacts: meaning I believe that Calgary is responsible and will be smart about making sure the environmental impacts are minimized and sustainable and enviro friendly practices are used.
- "I am sure that the 2026 will benefit Calgary no doubt but right now we cannot even think about it. However there is a lot of money in Calgary and maybe it is now to start targeting those that have the bucks to contribute. Last time Calgary did not pay a cent to 1988 they cannot afford it now they have a debt of 4 million \$ how can they. our mayor is not a sports minded person so is he going to give . and forget the feds they will follow our lame province with their pitiful giving"
- I believe that if done correctly and efficiently it could. If effects are felt past the games and continued on certainly. Calgary has the reputation as an oil town which comes with the negative connotation that we don't care as much as we should for the environment, and with such a high profile and typically high waste event such as the olympics, we could possibly shake off the negative view that some have of Calgary.
- I believe that the Games would benefit the City environmentally because they add an extra focus on being environmentally conscious which would leave a lasting legacy in our city.
- I can see overcrowding roads and more litter in our mountains and definitely some disturbance with wildlife
- I can't see how this could be environmentally positive...
- I do not see any significant environmental impacts from hosting the games here. Technology has been proposed to be used such as was used in Vancouver. If it was good enough for them, it will be good enough for us.
- I do not see any specific environmental issues. I hope the architects are sensitive to land use issues.
- I do not think environmental impacts would be significant. We would be building some of these facilities anyway.
- I don't believe that the National Park can withstand the influx of tourism. A zero waste policy is unrealistic; visitors (even locals) litter, create trash, and pollute, whether it's voluntary or involuntary. Tourists visiting the park now are arguably there to witness nature at its finest and can be expected to have some respect for the environment; with their focus on the games, there's going to be less care and concern for their surroundings. Public transportation may be available, but it's also available now and still many people choose to drive their own cars. The amount of non-compostable to go containers will increase. We will need to construct, and then tear down scaffolding, seating, lighting, stadiums, leaving a permanent scar in our national park for a temporary event. Not worth it!
- I don't know. I need more information.
- I don't know enough about it to comment but my impression is that there would not be significant environmental impact.

- I don't see too much environmental risk.
- I don't see where the environment will be negatively or positively impacted by the Olympics at all. This seems like an add on component for unnecessary debate.
- I don't think it will really affect any environmental impacts.
- I don't think the environment is what we need to think about
- I don't think the environment will be effected in a negative way.
- I don't think there would be a significant environmental impact
- I don't think there would be any significant environmental impact, negative or positive.
- I feel that investment can hopefully empower Calgary to improve environmental initiatives.
- I have no opinion on this
- I have no opinion on this matter.
- I see nothing that actually helps. All plans are around mitigating the effects of hosting.
- I think a significant effort would be required to model a clean, green games. Calgary is making an effort but is very far behind other cities in its attempts at being "green" (look at the crap developers are still building- not too many LEED buildings popping up...). Would the appropriate amount of finances be allocated to ensure the games were setting the highest standards in environmental awareness and leaving a negligible environmental footprint? I'd like to see the cities plan for this before I decided my answer to this question.
- I think Calgary has been participating in a lot of environmental improvements lately. This is simply a large scale opportunity to further this.
- I think Canadians do things properly and that the current NDP government would never allow the games to be marred by an environmental concern.
- I think it may hinder the environment. The upgrades and additional venues needed to host the Games, will have large impacts on the area. Also the number of visitors to the city and area will be heavily burdened.
- I think it would help
- I think it would hinder it. Even though Calgary already does an AMAZING job with our waste management systems and environmental protection regulations, there's no telling how capable we are with mitigating the MASSIVE volumes of non-compostable/non-recyclable waste it'll produce. I have no doubt that Calgary will be on top of it, but based on past Games, it's more than that. I know we already have facilities in place but the risk of pollution in our beautiful bow river, the litter of THOUSANDS of tourists/visitors or deforestation from building ski hills? YOU WILL CATCH THESE HANDS. so no thanks.
- I think some of the infrastructure would have impact on our environment with deteriorating and not being maintained due to costs not available
- I think that Calgarians have a profound respect for our environment already. Not sure what the IOC can teach us about that.
- I think that the Games would help our Environment by encouraging us to show the world how environmentally forward-thinking Albertans are in our businesses and homes.
- I think the environment would be just fine either way.
- I think the games has little to no effect on the environment. There will be increased traffic and carbon emissions for sure, but that is very minor. Garbage and pollution will be a problem but the revenue collected from taxes should help offset that.
- I think the Olympics are full of nationalistic ideology which, coupled with a huge increase in emissions, is a terrible idea.
- I think there is a risk to the environment by having the games.
- I think they will help as we can put these games on in an environmentally friendly showing our commitment to environment in this province
- I think they'd be a catastrophe. Our city has incomparable sprawl. The use of cars will likely double, if not triple, just to get to venues. We hardly clean our streets as is - the city will just be an even bigger version of the dumping ground that the Stampede creates.
- I think we can responsibly host the games with out huge environmental impacts.

- I wonder what building venues in our national and provincial parks achieves at a time when negative impacts on the environment due to expansions are so prominent in the news.
- I would hope the environment would be at the fore of all decisions made
- I'm a huge environmentalist and I don't think it'd have a huge impact. Maybe more litter and more transmissions due to all the flights and taxis for visitors.
- I'm not sure that it would help our reputation but I care less about it.
- If Calgary can implement a good green plan for the Games and lead using that on the international market, I believe it can portray Calgary in a good light and make us a leader.
- If unused land is repurposed for infrastructure and affordable housing, the impact on the environment would be minimal. We should attempt to reduce enviroental impact as much as possible, and if possible, reuse old facilities.
- I'm neutral on this question. I don't think there's much impact iether way.
- I'm not concerned about potential environmental impacts. Any new developments will need to be properly permitted by the regulating authority or authorities. Environmental impacts will be mitigated.
- I'm not concerned about the environmental impacts - no negative impact to Calgary's future
- I'm not concerned about the environmental impacts of the games. Calgary has proven that events can be put on that are 0 waste and carbon neutral. Hopefully we can work towards that with these games.
- I'm sure there will be some environmental impacts due to the increased traffic, food, waste, garbage, etc. Overall though I think the environment can benefit from the olympics as it's a great venue to showcase to the world the connection between our earth and it's inhabitants and the need to find a balance.
- I'm unsure.
- Impact on animals will be a concern. Unless the games have 0 waste and 0 emissions, can't see that we would benefit.
- In your presentations you refer to protecting the environment several times but when I asked about infrastructure I was told there are no plans to extend the LRT line to the airport. This in my view is a crucial part of protecting the environment and removing congestion from already stressed traffic along the Deerfoot.
- Inpartial
- Irrelevant
- Irrelevant.
- "Isn't global warming going to cause the world to end...why are you even thinking of supporting an event that would generate any increase in GHG emissions at all.
- Such hypocrisy."
- It is too early to say, but the amount of attention and care around this is pleasant to see.
- It states that "Actions planned to address environmental sustainability can't fully be implemented" What does that mean? Will there be additional costs to sustain the environment which evidently the taxpayers will be responsible for?
- It think we are able to manage any environmental issues in a responsible manner.
- It will hinder. We cannot afford these games. The cost will put a huge burden on the taxpayer and the added costs will take away too much from budgets for the improvement of Calgary's environment.
- It will hopefully help to drive through programs and commitment on how to deal with the environment in the future
- It would do nothing
- Lack of space will mean taking over Calgary's green spaces to male room for venues.
- Like everything else that is built, as long as our regulatory body is consulted we are already set up to host the games in some of the most beautiful settings in the world. We have the ability to lessen the impact to our environment, while sharing our beautiful location.
- Likely hinder it, as there is always a negative impact
- Likely no impact.
- little impact
- Maybe all the people jetting here will cause the temps to rise. Calgary is cold in february
- More people becoming aware of and wanting to visit to desecrate the national parks is never going to be a good thing.

- More traffic, more pollution, more water needing filtration etc. etc.
- N/a
- Negative
- Negative impact on environment. There is a proposal to add 1200 units to Canmore, in addition to more impacts at Nakiska etc.
- Negligible
- neither
- Neither
- Neither
- neither
- Neither
- neither
- Neither help nor hinder.
- Neither, Calgary is already a clean city.
- Neither, outside of redirecting funds to the games.
- Neither.
- Neutral - it will depend entirely on how people execute this.
- Neutral as long as the Games are as environmentally friendly as possible.
- Neutral most of the facilities already exist so I believe the impact would be minimal
- Neutral. Nothing would be approved that would harm the environment.
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No benefit from the games for the environment. Massive greenhouse gases generated by the games.
- no comment
- No comment
- No effect
- No impact
- no impact
- No impact
- no impact
- No impact at all.
- No impact but they should
- No not at all
- no one cares
- No opinion.
- No remarks
- No strong opinion on this, though protecting our natural resources is important.
- No waste games? !! How are you going to feed 45,000 people with no waste? Either the landfill or the composters are going to have huge volumes of extra waste.
- Not a significant issue.
- Not going to help when we have higher taxes to pay for the huge debt we will incur.
- "Not having a C-Train link to Flyyyyc was a big mistake. I may have been convinced to support but that and a new arena were show stoppers.
- Based on sheer volume of athletes, coaches, officials, contractors and spectators that will FLY in makes the Olympics severely carbon intense and it would be hypocritical to want to host a games while purporting to care about the environment.
- Big Fail with Bid Co."

- Not hosting the games will reduce opportunity for additional negative environmental impact
- not much impact
- Not sure
- Not sure of the relevance.
- not sure what impact to the environment there would be if you plan to use venues we already have.
- Not sure what the environmental risks would be.
- Not sure what would be such a big environmental impact that we need to worry about it.
- Not sure.
- Not worried about any potential environmental impacts.
- Not worth the cost
- nothing of consequence
- Of course it would hinder, whenever you attract that many people the environment will suffer.
- Opportunities for accelerating alternative energy in entire city I can imagine many pilot projects for future implementation
- Other than running the buildings with electricity and heat or A/C there wont be any major impact, other than the wasted resources for a building that may be used.
- Overall an environmental hit. Footprint of hosting this will be large.
- Please... the environment has nothing to do with the cost.
- Poor.
- "Potential environment impact - what are they? ""Using energy and transportation for the Games that will not harm the environment"". There is risk here: first have the renewable energy (infrastructure cost) who will bear the cost of these new energy generation infrastructure?
- On the other hand if we do not host we have no impact on environment - Why do councillors need our opinion to understand this plain and simple fact?"
- Potentially negative for to influx of people in a short time.
- Re-using facilities minimizes the environmental impacts that have been seen recently in France, Russia and Korea.
- Shouldn't be nearly the priority it has been.
- Spend the money responsibly
- Thankfully Calgary is better than 99% of the world and it will have a sound economic policy.
- The city doesn't care about the environment unless they can use it as a cover to raise taxes
- The current state of our environment is terrible. Wolf packs have been decimated. Bears and coyotes are being pushed out of their homes. Cougars and bobcats have had to resort to living in the city. We have ZERO budget to help our wildlife and reduce pollution. People want to have a "world class" city and province? Spend all this money to help what we already have and that which is suffering. The Olympics will only make things worse.
- The environmental aspect has many facets. Performing the upgrades and construction and bringing in people to view the games would generate a lot of waste. People will not comply to organic/recycle/garbage that we do here during the games do that will generate waste as well. This doesn't include the impact that the construction itself would have on the area, or noise pollution generated at new venues. I haven't reviewed any assessments for environmental impacts yet, but they may not be known until after a successful were made.
- The environmental impacts from the Games on the city are not clear to me given the information provided.
- The environmental impacts would definitely hinder Calgary's future, with the new facilities, upgrades, resources, impacts from travellers around the globe, these events impact the whole world's future. I don't believe that is a burden Calgary needs to bear, especially when we always have an opportunity to be environmental and efficiency leaders in the world.
- The environmental situation cannot be helped by any Olympic games.
- The games could always be planned and implemented to avoid any significant environmental impact. They should have a neutral effect.
- The information shared about environmental impacts was a joke, and essentially stated "we'll try to drive less" in 5 different ways. A formal environmental impact assessment should be carried out; without it, the information provided

is misleading to the public. What are the REAL environmental impacts to construct new facilities? How much land will be stripped and graded? How much construction material will be wasted? How will it impact freshwater? Asking Calgarians to answer this engagement question while providing insufficient information on true impacts is neither transparent nor responsible.

- The potential for environmental impact is over blown. The environmental risks are manageable and should not be a factor in this decision.
- The potential for negative impact on the environment exists. This is however under our control. Using best practices and showing genuine concern, it can be mitigated.
- The potential of creating environmental damage is always a risk when you are building or adding onto new infrastructure or facilities. There is also an adverse environmental impact when more people pour into the city for a major event, and require more transportation. There is also an increased amount of stress on our current infrastructure - which in-turn adds to more waste, more soil contamination, more chemical spills, and more risk of damage to critical ecosystems (both vegetation and wildlife). Much of this environmental damage will be both expensive and difficult to repair (if even possible?)
- The total carbon footprint of the games will linger long after the games are over. Just examine the environmental impacts on the construction level!
- the travel implications (impact of transport) are negative, where are we doing Alpine events? same issue. there is no help here and moderate hinderance
- There has to be minimal impact to mountain parks, mountain crownland and wildlife i.e. minimize new development in Canmore, Whistler and surrounds.
- There is clearly not enough information as to the environmental impact the games would have on Calgary and surrounding areas. I can't imagine that such a large influx of tourists and increase in construction could possibly have a positive impact on our local environment.
- There is no logical way to make a reasonable assessment of the environmental effects this project could have.
- There is nothing the games will do to help or hinder Calgary's future.
- There is so much growth in Calgary with the new ring road and possible expansion of the LRT, it's the perfect time to have a world event.
- There shouldn't be significant impact on the environment.
- There were a number of lasting negative environmental impacts resulting from 1988 Olympic development and I expect there would be negative environmental consequences from these games as well. One example would be the proposal to offload events to Banff National Park, which is already facing serious usage/over-usage issues.
- This depends entirely on implementation and what green technologies could be implemented or piloted during the games. Ideally we get somewhere with this but it isn't likely given the restrictive budget.
- This is a loaded question that is intended to trigger sensitive individuals who do not understand the current processes in place. It would be nice to see a sustainable Olympics that focuses on the use of recyclables, composting and the reduction of plastic products.
- This is not a relevant topic when discussing any games party.
- this one i believe is dependent on the political will and management of the organizers. if implemented well, then environmental impacts can be minimized
- This shouldn't even be a question. There is no environmental benefit. Let's be honest. My career is construction management. It's not good for the environment.
- Trying to sell us on how the environment will not be harmed, just because the city thinks people of Calgary and area are stupid. It will be and always will.
- Undecided.
- Unknown
- Unknown.
- Unsure
- Unsure
- Unsure of environmental impacts
- Unsure.

- Unsure.
- Unsure.
- unsure. We don't want a lot of one-use facilities built, that would be wasteful. If this happens, we need to make sure what is done can be used long in the future. like the Oval. And to re-use what we have that is existing, like the Oval.
- Unsure. This is an opportunity to be an environmental leader on Olympic construction and event management, though.
- we already have a reputation for being terrible for the environment. lets make it worse.
- We are smart enough to use technology to insure a clean games.
- We have Calgary stampede. That's where we stand for now. No need for olympics
- We have thousands of educated engineers and scientists who can ensure the environmental impact is minimal. Shut the whiny eco-fascists up!
- Well, it's not going to improve the environment... We just have to decide if it's worth that cost.
- What a strange Question! We are all environmentally responsible in Calgary why would we be any different if we hosted the games??
- What environmental impacts?
- What environmental impacts? Government will build where they want regardless of what's there unless it opposes the builder or it doesn't support some legacy project.
- What I have heard to date in regard to the environmental impact of the games does not indicate any great concern for the environment. A reasonable amount of bussing and other "mass Transit" was used in 1988, and is suggested for a proposed bid, however, significant "mass transit" to support hosting an Olympic games would require fast tracking some of the presently planned infrastructure, further exerting pressure on the taxation of the tax payers of Calgary - Unacceptable.
- What positive impacts on the environment could there possibly be?
- Whichever site is selected should not require an immense costly environmental clean-up. Or relocation of bus barns which would require building new bus barns and remediation of the old site.
- Who cares
- Why is this a question?
- With a city that has an embarrassing joke for an environmental and sustainability policy and approach; we really can't afford to dump thousands of tourists into this mess. In no way would there be any benefit environmentally to the city. Any suggestion otherwise is an ill-informed post-rationalization.
- With the recent UN report, I think drastic measures need to be taken to combat global warming. These drastic measures should include completely avoiding unnecessary events that would be taxing on the environment, such as the Olympics.
- YES more waste from the GAMES... useless unnecessary waste .. dot do it
- Yes. The game will ruin the environment including building new facilities and big amount of people will come to Calgary for a short time. Most people come to the game will visit Calgary just once. I don't see people will come to Calgary again just to see those facilities.
- Zero impact on environment.
- Air pollution from construction and the inevitable traffic congestion during construction and games operation will certainly increase.
- Building new venues will always change the environmental landscape. However, I can not say that I know how will the games affect the environment in the long run.
- Calgary is getting pretty good at protecting the environment and recycling. I think this would just get us to an even better spot with the world watching.
- City landscape is not significantly changing for the cost.
- Construction of that scale just so a bunch of people can fly in to crowd up a small city is always going to be bad for the environment. Pollution, litter, etc.
- Do not see any negative impact on the environment
- Don't need the games so it is a stupid question.

- Environmental concerns are moot where the Olympics are concerned, the event will not inspire business, industry or the public to pollute less.
- Environmental concerns? Move on.
- Glad that we are no longer talking about using the mountain parks for the Games. They are not an appropriate place to host such an event. Regardless, the environmental impacts of building new facilities and/or hosting this event will be negative.
- Help! I like that we are "recycling" many older facilities in Calgary for this event, rather than building new.
- Hi der - too many people converging on our environmentally sensitive natural areas
- Hinder
- Hinder
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- Hinder
- Hinder - dealing with the aftermath of the games .
- Hinder - diverts badly needed capital from technology / infrastructure improvements such as EV infrastructure/retrofits and new technology programs to hosting a sports party with little to no impact on the environment.
- hinder - waste of space
- Hinder as we already have over a million people here and our environmental tendencies are shit.
- Hinder, according to climate change experts, any human activity will hinder our environment.
- Hinder, but I think that's just a short term downfall, and the other benefits far outweigh this hindrance
- Hinder, by imposing debt and on going maintenance costs for money losing facilities.
- Hinder, if we can't concentrate everyone in one city (calgary) and need to have people all over the place in order to host it, it shouldn't be happening.
- hinder, more waste
- Hinder, no money for Calgary's future
- Hinder, too much traffic, waste, pollution.
- Hinder, waste of materials
- Hinder.
- hinder.
- Hinder.
- Hinder. All those people using fossil fuels to travel here is a bet negative for the environment.
- Hinder. If existing venues are looked at to be utilized, after the games there is the possibility that other organizations will be wanting bigger or even better size and quality venues built.
- Hinder. Money always trumps environment.
- Hinder. No need for this bid to proceed and impact the environment where events will take place
- Hinder. The City has grown too fast and needs to let the environment recuperate.
- How could it help it?
- Huge negative impact for 10 day party.
- I am commenting as a Canmore resident. The Bow Valley has long passed a tipping point for ecological integrity and cannot handle a second post-games influx of population and visitors as it did in the years after 1988 games.
- I am confident modern Olympics can be done in environmentally sound ways.
- I cannot envisage a large environmental impact, but any impact is a negative for Calgary.

- I can't imagine our current facilities and venues are environmentally friendly so this would give us that opportunity. As long as the environment is responsibly treated in new builds and impacted land reclaimed the impact should be acceptable.
- I don't know enough about the environmental impacts. Generally speaking, I would like to think we could trust the organizers to be environmentally responsible.
- I don't see very significant environmental impacts either way.
- I think concerns could be reduced or mitigated.
- I think that these infrastructure changes are planned anyway, so as long as there is a commitment to the environment from the outset, the environmental impact can be mitigated.
- I think the environmental impact is minimal, since most of the venues are already built & the footprint is already in place. As for the two new venues needed to be build, they would be inside the city. Its not like we need to move a mountain or cut down a forest to build them.
- Ideally some new public transit options, both in the city and to the mountains would be a part of the games.
- In the long view, I would say help. If Calgary can utilize the super smart people here and put on the most environmentally sensitive Games, then we can export that experience.
- irrelevant
- Irrelevant.
- It will help if it is planned correctly because the new buildings can be used after the Olympics for things we need but maybe don't have the money for them.
- It's 3 weeks. Who cares?
- "Let's focus on keeping a balance. More foot traffic, means more measures needed to keep to a minimum imprint on our green spaces. Waste/Compost/Recycling has immensely improved in our city and we can only get better.
- I look forward to seeing more transit buses into Parks Canada (Banff area) to limit vehicle traffic.
- We already know how busy, but organized, Calgary Transit can be during Stampede... I look forward to a well organized plan to utilize this great resource."
- Likely hinder but it would be worth it
- Little impact.
- Minimal environmental impact
- Minimal environmental impact.
- More tourists means that it will be harder to protect the environment during the Games themselves. Tourism may also increase after the Games. However, if we prepare for that in advance, the environment will not be an issue. I think there are more important issues besides the environment.
- N/A
- N/A
- Neither
- Neither. I think they would be environmentally neutral.
- Neutral
- Neutral
- Neutral
- Neutral. We don't have the transit to be emissions free for this unless you're planning on rapidly improving transit.
- No
- No comment.
- No comment.
- no environment impacts we are too smart for that to happen.
- No impacts.
- no real net impact. things get built, things get torn down. Cities priorities will change and there is no net difference.
- No to the games
- No, most of the high end games are being held in Edmonton or BC
- "No, we can bus people to venues in the mountains to reduce vehicle use.

- There is less environmental effect in winter in the mountains as animals are hibernating."
- No. Certain that the committee will do the necessary studies to ensure the environment is not impacted.
- None
- not an issue
- Not related to each other. Sports and environment?
- NOT RELEVANT
- Not sure
- Not sure
- nothing stated one way or the other, just motherhood and apple pie
- Only downside. Perhaps neutral. Try to contain the damage if the event occurs.
- Our city is very green. I've been to China during 2008 and I'll could smell the sewage reroutes. What is our impact going to be?
- Personally, if we do host I would like to see a zero waste initiative in place. Its not just an opportunity to showcase calgary but show haw canada can host a huge world event and eliminate all waste (non-recyclables). This would have to be a requirement for all food vendors and those attending the event.
- Short term it will be a tax burden but long term it will fuel the economy and be a benefit by bringing in investors to Calgary
- "Small negative environmental impact due to games themselves to account for pollution caused by venue construction, athlete, support staff, and crowd travel/servicing, and direct power and energy consumption.
- However if the funds were instead spent to promote development and installation of sustainable or renewable technology in Calgary city-wide, it would a better environmental investment & permanently reduce future climate change impact"
- Some environmental impacts for sure. ut I feel they can be effectively managed.
- spending money on environmental aspect is a big waste of money.
- The city can't even afford to water green spaces. How can it afford an Olympic bid? Use the money for ongoing improvement and maintenance.
- The city has made efforts to put the environment as a priority and I trust they would continue to do so during this process.
- The cost is the exclusive reason to reject the Olympics. Period.
- The environment always needs to be protected in every undertaking and all industries - non-negotiable concern.
- The mass amounts of fossil fuels burned in construction of facilities, in addition to the littering from spectators, can only be viewed as a negative impact on our environment.
- The mountain venues already host millions of visitors and events every year. The City is set to double in size over the next several decades. The Olympics aren't going to be a significant impact.
- The to update and renovate our current facilities is a great way to reduce environment impacts.
- There will of course be a net negative impact on Calgary's environment. The best way to avoid this is not to host the games.
- they would be fine
- This effort would funnel more money away from current environmental initiatives, and after the latest UN report, I think that is a poor long-term decision. Even though we are relatively small, we have to do our part, and sacrificing the environment for the pride of hosting an international event is just not worth it.
- This is a non-issue
- This would be an opportunity for Calgary to showcase our environmental stewardship to the world.
- To see the attitude of people in this city all you have to do is compare the vandalism and amount of garbage tossed in the streets these days to the cleanliness and pride that we once enjoyed here. We need to keep what little green we have, not put a hockey arena on it, or a useless ski jump.
- Waste will have a huge role in the games and it would definitely need to be planned for. If Calgary is successful in their bid, I would like to see the games be 0 waste.
- we do not need more construction jobs we need more IT jobs and AI companies.

- What Environment impact Fairy Tales
- What environmental impacts? None have been shared
- When you're bankrupt, you will have lots of time to THINK about the environment and NO MONEY to actually DO ANYTHING.
- Will help
- Will hinder the environment. Even now, we have done more than enough damage to the environment.
- With the remote locations of Whistler and Edmonton just think of all the carbon tax on fuel alone will be generated.... how does that fit with anything the gov at all levels have been saying?
- Building huge infrastructure as-well-as new venues are environmental risks and will create more concrete and make Calgary less beautiful! We do not need more mega structures to ruin our beautiful city! No to the Olympic bid!
- Environment will be fine Stop fear mongering Just Stop
- Environmental impact can be managed
- Environmental impact will be minimal
- Help.
- Help.
- Help. The Olympics will put more focus on environmental issues and will accelerate the implementation of sustainable solutions.
- Help. Hugely.
- Hinder
- Hinder
- Hinder
- hinder -
- Hinder because we are increasing our carbon footprint with facilities that we might not end up using after the Olympics
- Hinder our environment
- Hinder! Just the carbon footprint alone of flying participants here would be harmful to the environment, and that is not even taking into account increased vehicular traffic; heating of venues; and waste management.
- Hinder, by imposing debt and on going maintenance costs for money losing facilities.
- Hinder, not enough time to make fiscally responsible decisions
- Hinder, unless we are careful.
- Hinder. Separating the venues i.e. Whistler, Edmonton, Calgary adds huge transportation needs and costs which is of no benefit to Calgarians. The requirement for facilities and security in the various locations is daunting.
- Hinder. The construction phase would definitely have an environmental impact.
- Hinder. Increased environmental stressors such as trash, car pollution etc
- Hinder. It's well known how many people would come to see the games, that would definitely have a negative impact on our environment, both in landspace, garbage and littering, etc.
- Hinder. Olympics are an environmental disaster.
- Hinder. There are no environmental benefits for hosting the games.
- Hinder. Think about all the international representatives, athletes, etc... who will have to fly to Calgary for this. In case no one has noticed, jets burn fossil fuels and inject exhaust emissions straight into the upper atmosphere. Do us all a favor and help to decrease emissions not give people a reason to increase them.
- Hinder... more garbage
- hinder.... too much construction
- How nder\$\$\$\$\$\$
- I don't think it is possible to do anything without at least some environmental impact. That said, we can definitely try to minimize that impact. It's not like some other city hosting the games would have \_less\_ impact, probably more, so we just need to do the best job we can, within reason.
- I dont think so

- I haven't heard much about the facts behind the environmental impact however I lived in Vancouver during their Olympics and no matter how much they tried to be environmentally friendly, it still was an incredible waste.
- I see nothing of benefit from this question. Are we going to stop using plastic straws, utensils, one-time use plastics when we host the games to show how environmentally friendly and active we are?
- I see this as an opportunity to set a standard. To work with our local environmental advocates and providers towards a zero waste Olympics. I have had the pleasure of working with local companies to do this at festivals that take place in our city. We have the skills and knowledge in our city to set an environmental international standard when it comes to hosting the Games.
- I think the environmental impacts will be well managed
- I think the environmental impacts will hinder Calgary's future. Most Olympic Games are terrible for the local environment. Also how will indigenous groups be consulted and how will their knowledge be used to reduce the environmental impact? That sounds a bit like government speak for "we will consult" but how do our First Nations actually feel about the impacts of the games? What was their experience during the 88 Olympics and how can we improve?
- "I think the environmental risks are low.
- In the next eight years we need to significantly improve the visual appeal of Airport trail with large tree plantings, bushes and specifically design it so it is beautiful in cold weather so it does not feel like someone is landing in the most barren, tree starved place on earth.. Call it the Olympic Athlete Fresh Air Forest. Allow this forest to be planted by volunteers not city employees to build the community spirit. Fence off planting areas and allow families to come and plant trees and shrubs.
- I would like to see us plant 10 trees for every athlete/coach etc to offset the impact of bringing all these athletes to Calgary. Figure out the global carbon impact of the jets and cars coming to Calgary and plant trees to offset this. Line airport trail and Deerfoot trail near the fences with trees and shrubs. Try to improve the ambience of the trip into downtown.
- Airport Connectivity:
- I would like to see a direct C-train connection to the airport from the Northeast LRT, not the green line. Each connection point delays travellers, making them less likely to take the public transit. An example is Newark, NJ. By the time you figure out the connections to NYC, most people just take a cab. Stop the c-train in the terminal. Do not build a green line, then have a transfer point to another train.
- Taxis: The C-train connection above would dramatically reduce the number of taxis required that travel our roadways. Many cabs travel with no passengers for the return trip because only Associated is allowed to pick up. Remove the ability for the airport to only allow one company (currently Associated) to pick up passengers at the airport. This would dramatically improve the air quality not just during the Olympics but on an ongoing basis. It would also free up road space on Deerfoot Trail.
- Good Luck!"
- It may hinder due to incoming traffic.
- It would be terrible. Generators running day and night for broadcast. More holes in the ground and fuel used for wasted infrastructure This will be terrible for our environment unless it is entirely done as a green project, which is unlikely given our current attitudes.
- Keep the IOC out of our national parks keep them away from Nakiska and Canmore.
- N/A
- Neither
- Neither there would no real environmental impact
- No
- no change

- No comment
- No effect
- No opinion.
- Not at all. There will be a ton of wastes, a possible deforestation, CO2 emissions, fuel and electricity consumptions are massive.
- Not worried
- "The environmental impacts from the Games would harm Calgary's future. Several factors include:
  - Increased pollution and greenhouse gas emissions due to transportation and energy consumption. All the flights to Calgary, transport from the airport to downtown (since there is no low carbon transportation option to go from the airport the city centre), and transport to Canmore and the Mountains will increase traffic, pollution, and severely damage air quality (due to particulate matter). If Calgary's energy was 100% renewable, the negative impact of hosting the games could have been limited. It is still possible to clean our energy before 2026 but it will require more investment, adding cost to an already large bill.
  - Spike in water consumption that will stress our water supply system. Hosting the Olympics is much bigger than Stampede. Hosting that many people will put a huge stress on our water supply system as well as our water treatment plants.
  - Hosting the Olympics will generate a lot of waste. We live in a society of overconsumption with single-use items being everywhere. Hosting so many people eating food contained in disposable containers will generate a huge amount of waste. The best way to avoid that would be not to host the Olympics. If we were to host the Olympics anyway, there must be obligations but on companies to go plastic free and to go zero waste.
- My recommendation to protect the environment for the sake of Calgarians: not host the Olympics. The second best option is to go 100% renewable energy and zero waste at a city level before 2026."
- "The environmental question isn't just about Calgary's future. My main concerns on this issue are:
  - We already do a great job at promoting tourism. Too good, perhaps. Our mountain parks are at capacity. The highway between Calgary and Banff is often crammed with vehicles. Think of the emissions and the risk of collision with wildlife. Do we really want to potentially add to that?
  - With all the talk these days around climate change, carbon taxes, etc, etc, I ask: what is the accumulated flight time of athletes, coaches, etc going to and from competition? Think of it. All those air miles to spend a mere few minutes gliding around a rink or sliding down a mountain.
- So, when it comes to the environment what are our priorities? Sustaining the legacy of our provincial and national parks? Or being entertained for a couple of weeks by a bunch of ""Avioners?""
- The rush of crowds in the city and mountains would exacerbate the problems that Banff and Canmore are already experiencing with animal encounters resulting in the death of an animal as well as huge amounts of waste and litter in the streets.
- This is neutral.
- To see the attitude of people in this city all you have to do is compare the vandalism and amount of garbage tossed in the streets these days to the cleanliness and pride that we once enjoyed here. We need to keep what little green we have, not put a hockey arena on it, or a useless ski jump.
- We do not have a sustainable way of dealing with the number of people it will bring into the city at one time.
- We would have to carbon tax all participants. Or increase to local taxpayers.
- What does this even mean? Not relevant to hosting the games.
- Why even consider putting environment in risk. Last time I checked land is not made anymore.
- Ya will leave a huge cleanup bill for Calgarians to pay for! Wonder what may get bombed too! Security costs alone will be huge! Overrun will happen and who will get stuck in 2026 but the Calgarians!
- Ambivalent about this
- As much as the plan attempts to minimize the environmental impact of the Olympics, the reality is that any major event, including massive infrastructure upgrading, massive transportation and a huge temporary population hike will have a marked negative effect on an environment that is already showing serious signs of climate change. Calgary is badly behind the times in environmental protection legislation and education and it is unlikely that Calgarians will actually be able to adhere to the proposed plan to minimize environmental impacts of the Olympics.

- Don't care
- Environmental impacts'?!?! Get real
- Globally we can show that our city is inline with the environmental protection thus be proud about it
- Hinder
- Hinder. Primary focus is always on economic benefits with the environment and wildlife way down the list. Yet this is Canada's true treasure. Aiming for recycling and zero waste, etc are rinky dink measures that do not begin to make up for the environmental impact of masses of people during the games and tourism thereafter. Look at the masses of cars lined up at the Banff gates on weekends and crowds of people presently stressing this wilderness. Do not give away Canadian wilderness for free by allowing the overuse of this precious resource that is already under significant pressures. Also, Alberta should be planning for drought, floods, fire and agricultural disasters that are already a result of climate change. Money should be spent to get ahead of environmental disaster rather than compounding the financial crises that already exists for the province.
- hinder. stop taking out green space in urban areas
- Hinder. The increase in population will mean an increase in garbage, pollution, water usage, etc. The increase in facilities may mean more land being used, increasing urban sprawl. We need to protect the natural spaces we still have left.
- Hundreds of thousands of people flying between three cities and driving back and forth to Canmore? Not environmentally sound.
- I don't think the environmental impacts are of any concern.
- I don't think the environmental impacts are of any concern.
- If we can't build pipelines to the coasts because of the environment, why should we building massive stadiums for our amusement???
- In no other form the olympics by nature are an environmental cost. Movement of athletes, spending of resources and consumption of 'stuff' will be a cost. the term is far to general to be effective. If the Olympics do go ahead, each and every purchase needs to be assessed BEFORE selection as to what the impact is and what the eventual end will be (cradle to grave). in some cases landfill may be the best choice. Trying to make that choice AFTER and asking 'why can't this be recycled' is pointless.
- It would hi dee slightly as we have to make it so there is not a huge influx of vehicles. The amount of drinks and food served using plastic can quadruple waste and double emission. Venues should be forced to be plastic free. There is also the concern that increased visitors would damage the national parks as awareness about safety and laws would be very limited
- no comment
- No comment
- No concern with environmental impacts.
- No opinion.
- Unsure
- Who cares

*Q3. VENUES AND FACILITIES: Do you think the proposed upgraded and new venues and facilities from the Games would help or hinder Calgary's future? Why or why not?*

- Although it may help, financially it is not a viable or intelligent decision for our city.
- It's not enough. If the Saddledome isn't replaced this is a waste of time.
- Hinder
- Most of the venues already exist. The venue for skating sports does not have a legacy tenant and there is no plan to build an arena for the fFlames, so this definitely hinders the future.
- hinder, if you can't put it in the budget already don't do it because you want the attention for yourself
- Help
- Build the arena for the Flames!!!
- If you are going to spend money, it should result in infrastructure that lasts. Not bandages.
- Help. Many of the facilities and upgrades are needed anyway and the investment will be better if we can do it now, rather than wait
- Again, I'd rather as a taxpayer do a long term plan and pay for venues & facilities where we KNOW what the costs are going to be. IOC is an untrustworthy organization as a whole and I want nothing to do with them. Allowing Russia to come back into the games despite the whole drug debacle is perfect example. The Games will be tainted and dirty as a result. Clean athletes trying to compete against dirty athletes.
- . upgraded winter sports facilities would be awesome . no need for an Olympic bid to proceed .
- Help! The same way the facilities we have had and have been using since 1988 have helped - by bringing sporting events to Calgary and teams that train here (all of which brings tourism dollars to our city). Plus it allows exposure for all Calgarians that might not otherwise be possible, to try different sports (sledding, speed skating etc.).
- New facilities don't need to be tied to the Olympics, we can build them as we can afford them.
- I think it would be wiser to just build the facilities we need , in the short term and long term it will be more cost efficient
- They will help only a very small portion of the population.
- Help
- "Less than 3% of calgarians use these facilities
- Less than 15% of calgarians can afford year round use of these
- Its a shiny Å¥hing that is not needed unless we could stop increasing property taxes"
- No new hockey rink. No new football stadium. Those are what the city needs.
- Hinder. No proper facilities will be built
- Help I guess -or have no impact.
- Continual drain on the already OVER TAXED TAXPAYER which of course City Council is not apart of
- Help as we are already known for a strong winter legacy so enhancements and facilities will continue to improve and maintain this legacy
- Hinder. The cost would not outweigh the benefit
- Hinder. We don't have money to make new venues and I dont want to pay additional taxes for something like this when I'm already unhappy with the present service that the city offers.
- hinder.. They are not the list of priority for the cities needs. wish list sure but not priorities. two stadiums are way too old to refurbish and get optimal use before inevitable de-commision.
- I don't think we are getting enough benefit- we need a train to airport like Vancouver, a better venue than McMahan or saddle dome
- Help, by providing low income housing after the games, and to provide new rinks and sports facilities for the City following the Games. Additionally, more tourist attractions like Winsport currently has!
- The upgrades benefit such a small percentage of Calgarians, and are not broad enough to be of benefit to the larger population. So I think they hinder Calgary's future, injecting an enormous amount of money into facilities that are irrelevant to most. I'd much rather see the money spent on transit, environmental initiatives or other projects that help a larger segment of society.

- The new venues are needed and the reuse plan for existing facilities is very responsible. However, I worry that the unaccounted-for costs for other upgrades (the bus barn, Crowchild Trail, etc.) will add up far more quickly than expected.
- We need upgrades to our facilities so we can continue to train athletes and host World Cup events.
- Hinder
- Games would only be useful if they result in long-term improvements in the LRT system, and a new arena.
- Hinder. If we need to upgrade or build new infrastructure, the city should just identify the priorities and do it. You don't need to host the games to build new things (example: Green Line)
- They would keep international athletes training here for thirty more years
- The upgraded facilities are nice to have but do not justify the expense to taxpayers.
- If the facilities require upgrading, they should be upgraded irrespective of the Olympics.
- Hinder. It's a complete waste of money. Full stop.
- if we were to see the Olympics I would like to see a brand new Saddledome
- They are sorely needed at some point. Why not take the opportunity to share the costs with other levels of government.
- This would help Calgary's future, as these facilities would be a great source of revenue for many years following the Olympics. Take Winsport and the huge positive impact it has on the economy for example.
- Venues and facilities will always need to be upgraded and maintained regardless of whether the Olympics are here or not. This should be looked at as a User Pays venture. Keep taxes in mind for Calgarians.
- Hinder. We can be guaranteed that our taxation levels will rise mightily... we will be on the hook as taxpayers for a significant part of this.
- This is just a way for the Flames to get a new arena. Millionaire private business owners should pay for their own venues. Walmart doesn't ask the city for money when they want to build a new store - they pay for it themselves. The Flames should do the same. We don't need a new arena.
- I think the upgrades would be good for the small portion of Calgarians who use them, but are low on the priority scale. They are a want when we have so many more needs that would positively impact so many more Calgarians.
- Hinder. They're not useful otherwise and we already have so many stadiums and arenas and sports centers... The arts are dying please give us like one dollar
- We don't have the money needed for this our city is a mess of construction and people can't afford rent money could be much better spent
- The future maintenance is too high. Especially given it's not NEW facilities but retrofit of old and aging ones.
- 50/50. I think it's in Calgary's best interest to build a new arena before 2026, as ours works, but will be completely out of date in terms of the technology, and venue itself.
- The olympic games certainly won't help. We will be stuck with unused facilities, like the ski jumps.
- Help.
- Hinder
- Ridiculously biased question. Put a price tag on it.
- Hinder. We need new facilities not upgraded old facilities
- The only major venue Calgary "needs"/"lacks" is a new arena, which should be 100% funded by the private sector. This is not how we should prioritize our tax dollars, which are needed to support services which support communities, families and children.
- No arena, no Olympics.
- Help!
- same as above, but we have better things to use our money on like offering up more public services, lowering childcare costs
- Absolutely not. We do not need another mid size arena when Max Bell, Father David Bauer and Winsport and all the other mid size arenas sit empty 90% of the time.
- Building facilities for the Olympics is a mug's game. So many become white elephants. We should build the facilities we need for activities that will take place on a regular basis. One the subject of the Saddledome replacement, not one

thin dime of taxpayer money should go to it. Let the billionaire owners front it, and if they won't, it's because they don't think it will make money. Why should taxpayers take that risk? The history of the games shows that most facilities are not used after the games. The unused facilities will gradually rot, and will eventually have to be torn down by some future administration.

- Help, especially the new Fieldhouse.
- Help. It would preserve our city as a sporting destination. Our proximity to the mountains heavily supports a healthy and active community. We also need a new Olympic plaza for the 21st century.
- We don't get a new arena
- What facilities? Renovated old buildings? No thanks.
- If The Flames want a new arena they can pay for it themselves. I don't want any of my tax dollars going to help out a bunch of multi millionaires saves a few bucks.
- For the amount of money proposed to build these facilities for the Olympics we would be better to build them without the Olympic politics.
- This is an extremely relative consideration. Obviously Calgary requires many different facilities but at the same time strategy on creation of those facilities need to be considered not just all of a sudden incurred due to a sporting event such as the Olympics.
- Help as a legacy.
- Same as above, we can't afford the price tag for the games.
- Can only help! We still use the facilities from the previous Olympics.
- Help cement Calgary as a winter games training city. Field house will be great. We need a public arena though - shouldn't be shipping off hockey, the main event, to Edmonton of all places.
- Help. We are in need of some new facilities from arenas to field houses.
- Hinder. Why don't we look at council priorities and underfunded projects before we pay for a sports party.
- Upgrade the fucking transit system before building olympic facilities! Maybe plough the streets in winter??!!
- Costs do not add any value for the average Calgarian as the average Calgarian will not take in any of the games due to cost and potential availability of tickets and also do not take in Flames or Stampeder games afterwards at those upgraded facilities or would they benefit from any other new or upgraded facility.
- Hinder, the future care and maintenance costs aside, these relics become obsolete and unable to meet updated technology advances...you know like the ski jump at Winsport!
- This is the dumbest question I've ever read. We can't negotiate a 250\$ million arena deal, but we want to spend a couple a billion dollars on the Olympics. I have 2,800 characters left and if I were to use them they would all be swear words. Next question...
- If you want a sports facility, it should be just like any other business premises. There is no subsidy for factories, malls, petroleum processing or agriculture. Give Joe \$2M to buy his Grandpa's farm? Doesn't happen. What makes the sports mafia, excuse me, community, think that the taxpayers should subsidize it?
- Help support future olympians by providing top training facilities for years to come
- Hopefully help if planned right.
- Hinder; we don't need to be spending money on ovals or ski hills. We already have them, they work fine.
- Hinder how is upgrading facilities only a select few use going to help me?
- Help, new facilities will help youth athletes develop.
- Hinder
- Help! We need several venues upgraded whether the games happen or not. The money must be spent anyway. Why not reap the benefits that come with the Olympics as well!
- Not sure
- I think the cost of the proposed upgrades will ultimately be a burden for Calgary's tax payers.
- Help! We would benefit locally (by using upgrading from for both minor and pro sports) and entice international competitions and world class athletes for training or musical acts who bypass Calgary for Edmonton due to dated facilities.
- I think the money would be better spent upgrading existing, older, sport and recreation facilities so that citizens in all areas and all economic groups have equitable access to sport and recreation. The majority of venues created will

become the playgrounds of the wealthy - that could afford their sporting pursuits without tax funded venues while the city's less fortunate use old, overcrowded facilities (or are without in their neighbourhoods). City hall complains that they have been hit hard by Calgary's economic downturn and we should expect cuts in our services - but magically has tax money to invest in upgrading ski hills? Invest in creating a better Calgary for all it's citizens.

- I think this would help. Calgary has a lack of entertainment and sport facilities and we need to add to our inventory if we want to attract bigger conferences and events in the future. This will help achieve that.
- N/A
- Proposed upgrades are not sufficient. Why do Olympics if we don't get a new arena? Should be connected.
- Completely unnecessary spending being championed by council.
- Help
- What new facilities? Few new facilities are actually being proposed.
- It will hinder our future due to the carrying costs.
- There should be an option for NOT hosting the games on this question. We don't trust our municipal or federal governments to use our money wisely. It will put us in the hole more than we are now. STOP spending money on foolish pursuits to boost the mayors ego, and start spending it on infrastructure and supporting the thousands of unemployed oil and gas people. Three years ago, my family could afford a good life, since my husband was laid off from the oil and gas sector, we are deep in debt and can't pay for food some months. You've done nothing to help but tell us he isn't unemployed with the thousands of other contract employees. Lower our cost of living by making taxes lower not waste money on silly bids and art projects. We can't afford tickets to a hometown hockey game and you want us to pay for your Olympics? For shame.
- No. Proposed buildings have no use for us as our facilities now aren't used to their capabilities. We need a new NHL rink before a new mid size arena
- How could it not help? if it's worthwhile would be a good question
- I feel that that new venues/facilities have no realistic pay back and adds more expense to the city. I think that we should be creating a city that is a great place to live or visit without the pretense of having been an Olympic host city.
- Many of the venues and facilities are only used for the Olympics. These are not needed in the city
- Let the billionaires build their arenas. Most Calgarians can't afford NHL tickets, yet would be expected to pay for a new NHL arena.
- There are better uses of money and increasing taxes consistently is not a sustainable approach. Why are we subsidizing private industries that will benefit the most from these facilities for a very minor proportion of the City that stands to benefit.
- The proposed facility plan is good for Calgary
- 100% help Calgary's future. We need these facilities to set our city apart. They promote healthy living for Calgarians. I would like to see a new NHL arena as part of the Olympics.
- Upgrading old venues for training is a good idea, but to use them as main venues seems unrealistic, specially the opening and closing ceremony at the McMahon stadium.
- Again, while the proposed upgraded and new facilities might help Calgary in the future, the negative economic impact far outweighs those considerations. I do not believe our economy is strong enough.
- I don't think they'll make a big difference.
- Help, we always need more sporting areas and facilities.
- Again, I think it is too short sighted. The main thing Calgary needs is a new stadium to attract more concerts and other cultural events. This would guarantee long term stimulation of the economy.
- Hinder, we dont need the Olympics.
- Hinder. We can't figure out how to pay for a new stadium for the local NHL team.
- Hinder. The saddledome is in shambles. We need a new arena but nenshi's ego caused the talks to fall apart, but suddenly we have the money to waste on Olympics?
- Beneficial to our future as an active, healthy community
- I would hope to see a continuing benefit.
- They would help but the cost is not justified. The games are just a way for Nenshi to get handouts for the prov and feds for his infrastructure projects and carte blanche to tax us more.

- New venues (field and hockey) are required with or without the Olympics, again there are political drivers road blocking even prior to the Olympic bid. Calgary often gets bypassed from entertainment tours due to the inadequate venues available. New field and hockey stadiums are entertainment essentials to a city the size of CALGARY and all it has to offer year round. Transportation infrastructure is a must w or w/o olympics, just like the ring road a C-train connection to the airport is long overdue. The olympics shouldn't be an excuse for "better" venues or infrastructure it should be part of a civic mandate (along with responsible city development, world class first responder services) but if the olympics can help initially fund such services, the long term sustainment and use will follow as experienced with multi events a WinSport, Canmore Nordic Center. consideration for assisting with revitalizing fortress mountain could also keep some freestyle events (ski cross) within the calgary area.
- Hinder.
- Hinder. Just build the infrastructure if you need it. Don't tie it to the olympics. Plow the streets instead.
- it would hinder, as the city will become more in debt
- For the cost of it, t upgrades don't really seem that substantial to me
- If the facilities are not justified on a long term basis without the Olympics as a driver, I don't see why we would invest in them for a 2 week event.
- Hinder. Why the olympics to construct a fieldhouse? Nobody cares about the municipal/provincial/federal spin. Remember you are beholden to voters! Not enough residents read the Sun any longer to fall for this business proposition.
- Help but is it worth the price tag?
- Hinder. This seems like a low priority in comparison to properly funding the existing operations within the city.
- Any new venue is an asset; however I will end up paying for it, likely double and never use most of them nor will anyone else. The venue upgrade plans still seem somewhat vague and their exactness elusive. Maybe host national or world level events that aren't olympic events and happen more than one or twice in a city's lifetime ie. skating, curling, swimming, track and field, soccer, baseball, curling, tennis... and get upgrade venues that way...
- Hinder
- See above.
- Help. New rec facilities are good for everyone, and any new bars or cultural activities/events make the city more exciting.
- There are no significant new venues or facilities proposed. The cost of those that are will far exceed their true value.
- More venues like the COP ski jumping hills and other unused facilities after the games?
- Calgary is lagging in terms of facilities so this will be a great opportunity to bring the city into the present.
- Hinder. We have other kinds of infrastructure that are more important such as schools and public transit infrastructure.
- Hinder as I've not seen a proposal to include a new arena for the Flames or concerts
- Help, but poor use of tax payer money. Skip the costs of Olympics and invest in some state of the art facilities we can use for decades. Doesn't make sense to renovate the junk we have.
- "There is very little gain for the funds spent. We are wasting 1 BILLION on security when that could be spent on major facilities upgrades for a larger legacy effect. This is a bunch of small projects with no centre of gravity that provides any tangible improvement to our facilities. As far as I can tell a bunch of non relevant amateur facilities will benefit upper middle class families who want their kids to be spoiled in premier facilities, and a few thousand low income folks who want the affordable housing in the Rivers district. This is not worth the cost. Lets skip all the soft costs and select meaningful facility development.
- New major arena-not in the BID, new ski hill or renew fortress mountain-not in the BID, major investment to COP ski hill capacity and skiable terrain-Not in the BID, new transit links to airport or even COP-not in the BID...come on BIDCO why did we even pay you, this is a bid produced like teenagers homework submitted past it's deadline. It feels like we tried to cut costs and corners with the proposal, so the BID program is a lukewarm, mediocre attempt to put lipstick on a pig. Come give us something instead a bunch of transient costs for police, administrators, politicians (yes I mean you Wooley and Nenshi) and the IOC to line their pockets with inflated overtime, gratuities, spending accounts and kickbacks."

- Completely irrelevant. The only remaining benefit from the 1988 games is the Oval at U. of C.. Even the training facility at WinSport, which is world class, came after the 1988 games. The preamble to this survey lists the bobsled/luge/skeleton track as a usable facility, but it is not up to international standards now. Nakiske is a disgrace compared to the planned Spray Lakes venue used to win the bid for the 1988 games. We know McMahon stadium and Saddledome need upgrades/replacing. COP was Paskapoo before 1988, and the upgrades over the past 30 years were driven by the users, not as a lingering benefit from the 1988 games. We do not need Olympics to get those addressed.
- Build a new arena and an enclosed football field with a field house. Would definitely help! Anything less would hinder. If any events go to Edmonton or Whistler. This bid is a complete failure!!!
- We can't even maintain the facilities we have right now properly, if they need to be upgraded then spend money on that, but the fact that we can't afford to do either says volumes
- If we can't afford to upgrade and maintain our venues right now, they obviously aren't that important. Pass.
- NO need to upgrade anything. I can't afford any event tickets after paying my mortgage, utility and taxes.
- Hinder. We already have top notch facilities. The facilities that would be constructed would not be accessible to everyday people so why should we pay for it?
- We still have a bunch of under-used facilities from 1988. I can't see how doubling up on those is going to help the city.
- The city should have already spent the money it has wasted on the bid process on facilities and infrastructure, and should not spend any more money on an Olympic bid that could have gone to the city's unfulfilled municipal needs. Stop now.
- I don't think they're useful after the games
- Hinder. We need a new arena to keep the Flames and attract big concerts that go to Edmonton right now. We don't need a medium sized field house before a new arena. I don't want my taxpayer dollars to go towards giving outdated facilities a facelift.
- As above. The City fought against creating a new home for the Flames at the taxpayers expense so let's hope it sees sense on this attempt
- Hinder. If you can't fund a project as is (with prov/fed backing), why should it be acceptable to do so for this event? Council needs to start listening to its constituents.
- Hinder, due to cost over runs plus Winsport runs on taxpayers dollars and is a burden outside of operations. Winsport has received \$10's of millions of dollars over the years to stay relevant. All paid by taxpayers.
- No plans for a new arena, so NO noticeable economic feedback.
- It will have no bearing except we will be paying for it for years.
- Hinder
- What new venues? A 5000 seat arena, for only \$5.3 BILLION! In regards to public housing, Calgary can't maintain the affordable housing it has now, and they actively DESTROY non-tax funded affordable houses of private citizens.
- Depends on costs.
- It will hurt Calgary if the taxpayer has to pay for them. Let the end users of these facilities pay for them (eg the Calgary Flames).
- "Build it and they will come? The facilities are 40 years old, is the intent to extend the life for another 20 years? Who pays the ongoing operating costs?"
- The proposed field house can be built, but again this is not a break even operation. Who pays, taxpayers? Probably."
- Hinder. Taxes don't need to be any higher. If this continues our family of 5 will be leaving the city.
- More wasted money
- You could upgrade the facilities without hosting the Olympics and save on costs.
- Hinder. The proposed venues are not in the interest of the majority of calgarians and will only benefit small groups of individuals after the games.
- I believe new buildings would be a good thing especially if a new stadium is built for the Flames. Upgrading existing facilities like the Saddledome or McMahon are a total waste of money.
- Hinder - It would prevent upgrades and funding of other facilities that are more highly used. Calgary wants to increase density but does not have the basic infrastructure to do it. Buildings are required to be built with cisterns or hold 4-6"

of water on their roofs because our storm water system can't handle the density. An upgrade luge facility is NOT more important than basic water and storm water systems. The water line in my neighbourhood has breaks every year . They patched the same areas 5x now. I am 100% OPPOSED to spending billions on the Olympics when we don't have BASIC proper infrastructure.

- Help. But do we need the games to get into a deficit to fund these anyway? No games, lower risk.
- Help but spend all that \$ to get upgrades when you could direct investment in facilities instead of hosting games. No nhl arena in plan is disappointing
- Not enough benefit.
- The new facilities would be nice, but not particularly necessary at this point in time.
- They are only a benefit to a few... It would hinder our economy.
- "Upgrading/extending life of existing facilities--yes BUT the plan is woefully inadequate in terms of NEEDED new facilities to help YYC's future and demonstrate a reasonable legacy from such a Games. It occurs to me that \$300 mill for Fieldhouse + \$100 mill for new 5,000 seat arena (most of those seats will never be used after a Games) + \$75 mill for lipstick on McMahon +\$500 mill of free money from CSEC = Calgary Next. With Calgary Next YYC would get new arena, new stadium/fieldhouse (which could be used year round) and all of which would create long-term economic development by attracting new events that YYC can't attract with its horribly out of date facilities now. It reflects poorly on YYCCC that it can't find a way to make a deal with CSEC and capture/take advantage of \$500 mill in private \$ to support not only the Games but YYC's long-term future. This single issues could cause me to vote no.
- Also, ski jumping at Whistler is a no-go for me unless YYC Games get robust \$\$\$ contributions from BC government. Doubtful given their stance on FIFA 2026. Also ski jump at Whistler is bad idea. Better for ski jumping sport development if in YYC close to high schools and post secondary institution. Whistler is at least 2.5 hours from YVR (on a good weather day). Silly to put and maintain jump at Whistler--fool's errand to try to sustain it there!"
- WE NEED A HOCKEY ARENA.
- hinder, cost overrun, and up keep
- We aren't willing to spend money on taxpayers for citizens of Calgary so why are we all of the sudden so eager to spend money to show off to the world.
- It think any upgrade could help as long as all of these are fully accessible after the games.
- Hinder. Way too expensive
- Hinder. Too costly for something that would never see sustainability or long term use.
- "....."
- Is this a serious question? STOP RAISING TAXES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"
- A new shiny speed skating track would be neat but of modest impact.
- Hinder! These so-called improvements would only benefit a small minority of people.
- Absolutley hinder calgary. Why waste this money "updating" some of the venues when you will be spending double again to tear them down and build brand new ones in a few years anyways. many people would like to see complete new venues and bid again in the future when we can host everything. As a lot of these things will not be in CALGARY. We already have to try and use every penny with saving our houses, supporting our kids etc... and with this cost in taxes to update old facilities i think its pointless. and if you do this it will NOT bring calgary together because everyone is already made. Yes we are a sports town but we need it to be the right venues and actually re built... Think alot more harder before presenting this to us again.
- Quit spending my tax money on specialized upgrades that won't benefit the majority of Calgarians.
- "No new NHL arena.
- No deal."
- The effects of IOC corruption and dirty dealings will haunt this city for years to come.
- I think that an increase in low-cost housing, seniors housing, is of huge value. But the way I read the information here, those are mere suggestions at this point.
- These should be paid by private parties, as they are the main users and beneficiary
- I don't want the games don't nother upgrading for it. Focus on helping lower living costs and education costs.

- I do not believe the proposed facilities will help the people who truly need support in this city. There will continue to be problems with access. I have not seen enough to trust that these facilities will be sustainable and that there will be enough support for upkeep after the Games are over.
- Publicly finding facilities that end up in private hands is not in the interest of any taxpayer. Why isn't the private sector organizing a bid?
- Help, our existing venues and degrading, time for upgrades.
- Hinder because it would cost so much.
- I believe it would definitely hinder Calgary's future. Too much money would be sunk into facilities that wouldn't get enough use in the future. The only facility that could benefit would be a world-class stadium that could host hockey games and concerts. Everything else would fall to ruin; we have plenty of gyms, pools, and existing facilities that already meet the needs of Calgarians. Investing in more would be wasted funds.
- Why are we spending so much money on upgrading facilities for sports that don't have the population participating. The fringe sports like luge, bobsled, skeleton, ski jumping are not popular to begin with with youth and spending billions to upgrade the facilities for two weeks is insane. We can't even maintain our current well used recreation spaces and may be seeing cuts to those in this budget cycle, why then would we spend any money on these other less used facilities.
- The planning and disclosure process to date is pathetic, deliberately so. Wishful thinking should not displace due diligence. The costs risks are understated, the revenue projections are without substance. Contingency and collateral costs do not appear in any proposed budgets. Nakiska was a problematic alpine venue in 1988, 38 more years of global warming and the risks thereof are without analysis, deliberately so. Head in the sand, pie in the sky analysis demeans any meaningful process.
- Neither, it only helps the flames get a field house.
- Are you kidding? Help! Of course! Infrastructure legacy from '88 is incredible but the reality is that most facilities are coming to the end of their natural lifecycle. We need to bring them up to standard so they can service the community for 40 more years. 100% want to ensure a new arena is part of the mix too. Need it to be a world class city.
- The city does not need to host a massively expensive Olympic games in order to upgrade sports facilities and venues. I would rather see infrastructure money spent on more pressing needs like acquiring much more snow removal equipment and extending the C-Train line to the airport just to name a few.
- Sports infrastructure only benefits a minority of Calgarians. The potential for low-cost housing can be better addressed by City zoning and PPP projects.
- Venues will only benefit a very small portion of the population. If people truly believe we need them we would support it without the unnecessary cost of an Olympic event. Updated or new venues are a risk to all tax payers.
- What new venues????? This is a joke right???? Compared to the 88 Olympics this one will not provide even a tenth of what it did. 2 venues outside of Calgary not including can more is ridiculous!!!!
- Help, free money from provincial and federal government let's get some money back from them
- I don't think a lot of it is needed. Calgary doesn't need more high performance facilities. We need more grass root, community level facilities with low cost physical activity programming to get adults, seniors and kids playing having fun and gaining the physical and mental health benefits of being active
- The planned is not bold enough. we need facilities that will allow for future use and the expansion of Calgary's already vibrant sports culture.
- Help. The structures are there and upgrading would be good but not at the expense of other taxpayer funded operations within the city budget.
- Hinder, all the City of Calgary's taxpayers are NOT millionaires. It has already cost us too much, don't saddle current and future citizens with the tax burdens it would cause.
- Hinder as the city does not have the tax rev to cover it.
- Not all the venues or facilities would be useful after the games.
- Hinder, too much cost
- Any new facilities will help with the future. It's just who pays for them? How much? Overruns ALWAYS occur, don't whitewash this important factor. Calgary needs a new arena, why have talks with the Flames organization not materialized?

- Unless a new NHL stadium or ski jump is built, there is zero value.
- Definitely, upgrading facilities will make Calgary better will bring more investment and more visitors to our city.
- Definitely help. Stadium wise, as far as I know we are losing millions of dollars due to the lack of concerts. I often see my friends who are willing to travel to Edmonton or Vancouver just to go see concerts that Calgary isn't able to host. Or like women's FIFA back in 2015. We are missing out a lot of opportunities that could be prevented. As well as, it is important that the venues and facilities that you propose need to consider if we can reuse it. For e.g. WInSport
- This is a non factor as these proposed upgrades or new builds should be things that are done regardless of whether we host or not. The city should be continually pushing sport as a way to build community rather than waiting ever 40 years for the Olympics
- to big and sit unused for too long between events and the cost to use it for the general public would be too high.
- It would hinder the future of Calgary, as it would cost too much to upgrade or build new venues, when there is a lot of other things in the infrastructure that need fixing, eg: roads, housing for the homeless, better facilities for long term care
- Calgary has done an amazing job in planning this city, our parks and pathways are fantastic. Congratulations we have a beautiful green, active living city. But our city is falling behind other municipalities by not having a stadium, a field house, an arena for hockey and concerts. It's now time to put some money into our sports venues and associations. We need to upgrade and build new sport facilities. Spending large capital dollars without hosting the Olympics means we spend the money but don't realize any of the cultural, tourism, economic benefits. We lose the opportunity for federal funding and Olympic revenues. Let's not make this mistake.
- "Given many of them are private hosting the events in these facilities would be rather beneficial for them. The Olympic Oval was hit hard by the recession due to extremely poor financial management so presenting them with a bailout that would improve services for the future seems to help relatively few people. The people who will stay have to pay exorbitant fees to utilize these facilities (to attend events, host, etc) rather than direct that energy to improving elements within the city.
- Replacing the Corral is a great idea, but do we need another new separate venue? Why not create more community spaces that include ice rinks akin to developments from the 70s? If the cost tied to this public style had created the modern push to privatization then you can see why refurbishing doesn't benefit Calgary as much as you would hope."
- The facilities are being proposed are embarrassing. A 5000 seat arena??? What good is that?? Come on...
- The experience we had with 1988 makes a good case that this may be a benefit, however that is far from certain.
- Hinder absolutely. The city NEEDS new venues. A new football stadium and a new hockey arena. It is utterly ridiculous to think we can host the largest sporting event in the world without these upgrades.
- "Calgary needs to spend money on many things including infrastructure and health care.
- An Olympic bid should be on the bottom of the list, if at all."
- Hinder. If a facility cannot support itself without community funding, it should not exist.
- I think it will cost too much for the average citizens of Calgary. I can not afford to pay for the Olympics through my property taxes. I will not be able to afford to live in my home.
- Hinder. Those aren't currently funded and will bump out those higher on the priority list
- We can't afford to update them all or build new ones! Yes new and upgraded facilities would be great for the city but not at the cost of breaking the economy or the taxpayer's backs.
- No. Up-grading existing facilities would have a marginal benefit at best. We do need a field house but NOT for a winter Olympics. The mid-sized arena has questionable benefit as well. I think that including the field house and arena were done just so the committee could claim to be actually making an infrastructure benefit. Basically - there is none with this proposal.
- Hinder. Less money could be spent to update facilities as needed.
- Better, newer facilities would be great - but at what cost? There is nice to have and need to have. Sure we'd all love a brand new Ferrari but most have a Corolla because of the cost. Governments need to act responsibly with taxpayers money.
- The upgrades will certainly help the future. However if the facilities need upgrading, they should be upgraded without committing to such an enormous economic burden as hosting another Olympic games. The facilities should just be upgraded as needed.

- Financial considerations MUST come first.
- I know we still use many of the facilities that came to us via the 1988 Winter Olympics, but I don't think the many new venues will get the same use, therefore become a burden on future taxpayers to maintain.
- hinder! the cost should not be borne by taxpayers, get funding from enterprises who will benefit.
- Part solution to a much bigger problem. Focus on pro sport facilities.
- I don't believe that new or upgraded facilities will impact Calgary's future. I live in Northwest Calgary, how about some money being used to build a multipurpose sports facility like the Northeast Genesis Center. Even with the proposed price tag we aren't getting a new arena that could host concerts that Edmonton gets.
- HELP. I know it is expensive, but Calgary is lagging behind other municipalities in so many things. Infrastructure being one of them. It is beginning to be embarrassing to see the LACK of infrastructure in this city. The long term costs will outweigh the short term ones.
- Definitely help
- Help. Existing facilities are outdated and need work. Tying the work to Olympics will ensure they are completed on time
- I see little advantage to the currently proposed venues in terms of future impact; the average person will have no use for these facilities.
- A huge waste of money. All taxpayer money.
- They would help. Without additional investments, the existing venues risk becoming obsolete and unusable, and new venues and facilities will continue to benefit the community for many years.
- Question priorities on sports infrastructure over other infrastructure more used. Also wonder about conflict between upgrades to Saddledome and Big Four when the Rivers District and Centre City plans have both of those buildings being torn down. Dome for a new arena & Big Four to open Stampede Grounds up to 17th Avenue. Renos for a 2 week event are waste of money.
- I think it would help, but should be done anyway, not BECAUSE of the Olympics.
- An indoor Football stadium would be useful
- I think the money that would be spent on the entirety of the Games (not just including on venues/facilities) could be better spent more efficiently and effectively to upgrade sporting facilities across the city, not to mention other essential city services.
- The venues proposed do not include a major event arena for sport and entertainment events (Flames, concerts). There is no venue for curling and ski jumping. Nakiska is not adequate for downhill skiing. The total costs do not deliver the desired results in venues.
- "Hinder. Waste of money. Will not get used in the future to the extent it should.
- Also, upkeep and maintenance will be too high. I don't want extra taxes for my kids."
- Hinder Not needed
- Costs are beyond everything else
- There will be ongoing costs to taxpayers. That money is better spent on existing infrastructure.
- Hinder - under used or unused infrastructure following the games, as well as cost to maintain the infrastructure
- This would help our future for sure. Some of the existing venues (Oval, McMahon) are really needing upgrades for our city's athletics in the future. This is a good opportunity to make those upgrades sooner than later. I only wish that having the Olympics would somehow motivate the Flames organization to consider funding a better arena. However I agree with the olympic committee's decision to make upgrades to the Saddledome instead of creating a costly new arena for the Flames. The multipurpose space proposed will help future athletes for many years to come and would be a welcome addition to our city.
- Few regular citizens use those facilities
- Hinder as the costs would be passed on to citizens
- Facilities would be abandoned just like every Olympic city before
- Hinder. Costs too high.
- Hinder. We will spend too much money on them. Debt is not good.
- It could go either way

- I think the proposed existing or new venues and the upgrades would be a help to this city in the future as it would continue to bring more high calibre events to the city thereby increasing the economic benefits to The city.
- It will make Calgary the place to train for elite athletes more so than it already is. Also hopefully by then a new arena will be built and the new facilities would compliment it as some of the best in the world.
- Without a new NHL class arena there is no point. The fieldhouse is fine. I don't see we need another midsized arena. Where's the curling, it can't be a leftover. Ridiculous to not plan this.
- Hinder - because the new venues and facilities are not aligned with the interests of Calgarians.
- Help
- Hinder. It would be great to have new venues and facilities but I don't want to pay for something that I very rarely use. I don't think we can afford it.
- Help. All the venues need some upgrades, but reusing what we have is brilliant! So many athletes, local, international, high performers and recreational have used the 88 facilities and will continue to.
- Help - we need them to remain a world class city and it is part of attracting business and jobs. It will be a benefit of living here!
- Hinder. We pay enough in taxes
- Some might help, but I feel like the city already suffers from some poor development planning that will hurt long term. Look at the abandoned mall up near crossiron.
- Hinder. We need a new arena which is not in this and we need a new stadium which is also not in this.
- Would be good for athletes I guess, and some minor economic upside. But not beneficial to the majority.
- Well look at 88 Olympics. We have some legacy facilities which were worthwhile (e.g oval) and some that were garbage (e.g ski jumps). Regardless the big issue for me is that the public is expected to financially support the games on the basis that there will be all these new venues and facilities when in reality past experience shows many of these things are preferentially available to elite athletes and have limited availability to the general public or they are turned into economic ventures which someone makes a profit from but the general public needs to pay to use. How is it good for me as "joe public" to pay taxes which go to a venue which I either can't use or which I then have to pay even more to use.
- the proposed venues will hinder because I don't think the plan has been laid out in enough detail to understand what is being built and where as well as upgrading old facilities is a waste of capital there are too many unknowns and no plan on paper to see all the costs.
- Upgraded venues and facilities are needed, but this approach to getting them built brings in lots of extra costs compared with building them for their own sake without the security expenses and circus that is the Olympics.
- Not sure
- The legacy of the venues will be an asset to Calgarians in the future. As a new Calgarian that uses local facilities, I would be happy to have access to upgraded facilities such as Nakiska ski resort, and winsport.
- Upgraded and new venues spread all over the province and into BC How will that help Calgary and Calgary only?? 5000 seat venue for what?? So poorly thought out, where are the outdated ski jumps going This presentation makes no sense
- I think it would help it. With a bigger stadium more events could be held in Calgary. Right now many artists choose to tour in Edmonton because of their facility. If we had a bigger stadium more people would travel here
- Why do we need the Games to upgrade the venues? It can be done with less risk out side of the Games
- Hinder, absolutely. The cost to upgrade the facilities to handle the increase in media coverage and larger groups (more countries, more people are able to travel to the games) would do damage to Calgary's economy and budgets that could last for decades.
- Hinder, state of the art facilities that benefit a few elite athletes.
- Hinder. Absolutely pointless
- Hinder
- It could help, but it could be much much better if it included more facilities with an eye on long-term sport development for all Olympic sports.
- Hinder, city council is not open and honest about cost so when something sounds too good to be true .....

- Sure, makes Calgary inviting for sporting events. All well and dandy for sure. I'm personally more interested in expanding our transit system and getting the green-line north route going, which can also be done if we didn't offer a bid and be a direct benefit to Calgarians.
- Again, I feel too uniformed. What is the truth? Ex. The Victoria Bus Barns.
- Hinder, <https://youtu.be/U-rBxNHd2fI>
- Help. Our venues are outdated and need to be upgraded.
- Hinder, see above.
- Hinder: too expensive and many venues would only be used by a small proportion of the population.
- See below
- The olympics shouldn't factor in if we build these venues. Olympics are for 2 weeks. These venues need to be useful for 30 years.
- Hinder. Both major facilities an international embarrassment.
- I don't think it will serve any purpose, other than making the Flames happy maybe.
- Hinder Calgary's Future. The taxpayers will be left on the hook for the balance of the costs. Tax increases are out pacing wage increases already.
- Should lead to a new arena
- If we can't find the money or patronage to support the use of an arena or building as-is, why should taxpayers fund it, plus all the costs and baggage that the Olympics would bring as part of it? We can barely keep our busses on the roads, maybe that should come first instead of some ski jumps and a nice rink for Mr. Edwards and his friends
- "Hinder because the committee missed the mark.
- Now is the time to build a new arena and complex! The timing is perfect and it would be an Olympic legacy.
- Expand ctrain to airport to improve mass transit! Push the green line!
- Don't upgrade the Saddledome...that's just a short time fix which is a waste of money.
- The Olympic oval is a good option to upgrade because it's already used and could benefit from extra funds to upgrade."
- We need to bring our infrastructure into the next era. Nothing lasts forever. Refurbished facilities will let Calgarians stay active, and athletes continue to win medals, inspiring our community.
- If the upgrades are at the expense of new taxes to citizens then the future is irrelevant. The Mayor needs to learn how to manage with the taxes the city already gets, the same way families need to manage their fixed incomes. Then mayor seems not to care.
- Oh it will for sure help the rich, the poor will not be able to enjoy the over priced new or upgraded facilities
- The Nordic Centre in Canmore demonstrates how the Olympic legacy can benefit future generations. If new or refurbished venues for sport are what's needed, let's spend the money without hosting the Olympics. It will be much cheaper.
- No arena is nonsense
- Again, it's all financial driven and the risk of financial issues in this economy is high. The future is not known and to commit taxpayer money for this is ridiculous
- This will hinder Calgary's future. The costs to upgrade the facilities/build new ones would be better spent on public infrastructure and upgrades that ALL calgarians need and can utilize. To spend so much money on facilities that will only be used by a small athletics oriented part of the population, or by overpaid professional athletes is a gross misuse of public funding. We have roads that need upgrades, public buildings that need work, a mediocre snow plow system that desperately needs upgrading etc. If we have this money available there are much more beneficial ways to use it than upgrading venues meant for games.
- Hinder. I do not think that years after the Olympics are complete the venues will be put to enough use to warrant their cost
- These are great legacy projects, but only a part of the cost.
- We have everything we need as a city. The upgrade should come from within and the citizen needs, not from an external factor like the games
- Hinder
- Better to spend the money elsewhere.

- Hinder. If you want affordable housing build affordable housing, don't hide it in the games.
- "2026 would be a positive in regards to new and existing venues and facilities. Calgary is already a winter hub and this would only be strengthened and advanced with hosting. If this was done correctly, Calgary and area could become the eminent winter training area for Western North America, at the very least.
- A field house and additional sheets of ice are desperately needed in this city. Canmore and K Country would both benefit massively with the upgrades to their infrastructure (housing included)"
- I think this is a case of spending money on things we don't really need. Aging Olympic infrastructure will be an ongoing cost burden and/or it will soon be obsolete (e.g. ski jumps from '88). Do we really need more crumbling venues to maintain when we can't even manage the ones we have now? Also, the proposed venues/infrastructure are of marginal usefulness at best once the olympics are over.
- Without a new hockey arena to ensure the Flames stay in Calgary long-term this bid is not believable. It's a wolf in a pig's clothing! If the deal had a new arena included at a reasonable cost, great. But it doesn't and if the deal were approved there would then be a push from the Flames owners and wealthy developers for a new arena to be "added on." The cost would rise and taxpayers would be on the hook from just one level of Govt: Calgary.
- Hinder - facilities are expensive to maintain, the current Olympic facilities barely make profit
- Help. However, we could benefit from a new arena.
- I do hope that a new arena can be a part of the plan. Smaller venues will not benefit us as much in the long run than a world class facility that can keep us competitive with sports & entertainment options. It is embarrassing that every major city in Canada has built modern venues while we pretend that the Saddledome or McMahon Stadium is sufficient. Meanwhile, we miss out on numerous touring acts because we are viewed as inferior and inadequate!
- I think the upgrading of Old buildings that NEED replacing is a waste of money. We do not need a mid sized arena.
- Improved venues would be good for the city, but the costs associated with them are better distributed over a longer period. Even with upgrades, the Saddledome will be inadequate for properly hosting hockey events. As for facilities, if athlete housing aligns with a pre-existing desire to build additional low and moderate cost housing, it would equally make sense to just build low and moderate cost housing without using the Olympics as justification.
- The new and upgraded existing facilities will benefit Calgarians in the long run. Offering greater accessibility to proper sporting venues and allowing for increased sport specialization to improve Canada's elite athletes.
- Hinder. No new arena or stadium would be a wasted opportunity. Proposed venues not enough for spend.
- I believe new venues would help and hinder the city. There is certain venues that we don't need or the older ones work perfectly as they are now but then it comes to the Saddledome and it needs to be replaced. It's an old building and we are losing out on concerts because of the design as well as the age.
- The venues we have are already great. I don't see the need to spend all that money.
- Without a new arena it would hinder Calgary's future.
- Cost is covered by taxpayers
- When taxes are eroding our ability to feed our families who cares about some paint on an arena. Hinder.
- N/A
- Help. See above.
- Neutral
- These are extremely expensive legacy venues. Money would be better spent at community levels.
- Long term gain, but difficult to justify given current lack of need.
- Hinder. Cost too much.
- Updating the right venues, The Saddle Dome for example, would help Calgary in the long run if done right. It could help with NHL games and possibly bring big music names to the city.
- "Show me?"
- In Canmore? Whistler? Edmonton?
- Fuck you!"
- I'm all for making facilities fancy just to be barely used in the future after their original purpose has long since passed.
- I think it's insane that you would consider renovating the Saddledome when we badly need a new arena. Total waste of money. At the very least a new arena should be part of the plan.
- No, a refresh of McMahon is a joke. That building is old with no heritage to it. We deserve amazing NEW facilities

- Hinder. They would cost too much.
- The fieldhouse and the McMahon upgrades would help the future. The proposed new arenas and upgrading Nakiska are a waste of money.
- calgary population is growing and additional and new venues and facilities are required for next generation
- The main people to benefit from new facilities would be the Flames organization, and they make enough money that they can build a new stadium without this level of taxpayer contribution.
- They would help athletes and community members by providing facilities for training and enjoyment.
- Well instead of spending money on games why not improve road, transit, or how about snow cleaning
- We can build new venues, facilities, roads, infrastructure WITHOUT the olympics. Just stop paying for garbage "art"!
- Hinder. An upgraded saddledome is still a outdated arena that should be replaced.
- Of course it would help to have new facilities but the cost will be high
- Hinder. The estimates shown in the bid resulting from hosting the Olympics will not cover the costs We will be paying for these facilities long after everyone has gone home.
- A lot of the new venues are actually unnecessary for anything but the Olympic Games
- It would help, by providing more community spaces for people to use and interact with, as well as provide long term potential for hosting future events and bringing people to Calgary.
- Hinder. More civic debt. More unaffordable taxes
- Neither
- Venues and Facilities can be upgraded without the games.
- It will help for the future, but is not worth the cost
- Help. New facilities would also be put to use after the games.
- We do need some new venues just for Calgarians to use when it is over but am concerned about the costs.
- Post-Games, the facilities will be used by some athletes and some community members; not all. The many paying for the pleasure of the few.
- Considering the main venues that need upgrading in our city AREN'T included in this bid (Saddledome & McMahon Stadium), the new venues for these games would not benefit Calgary's future whatsoever.
- The infrastructure from the Olympics would be great and what we need, but how much money is going into failed proposals, council meetings/votes? when we don't actually need the Olympics to build some of this infrastructure.
- I believe these venues would definitely help Calgary's future...but at what cost are we willing to pay to have this.
- As we learned from the 88 Olympics, facilities have a shelf life and you are left with obsolete facilities that require money to upgrade and/or maintain. The costs far outweigh the benefits. We have 2 ski jumps that no one uses
- Hinder. By compromising on the new venues/facilities the bid proposal does not address the needs of the city. Why no new NHL size arena? McMahon needs to be demolished - not dressed up.
- Help who? Those who can afford the fees charged by the city?
- New facilities will help the city and its economy. Council could make it a priority without the games. it is all about political will. Any venues and Facilities built will be built for the benefit of the private business sector as they are the ones that will rent the facility after the olympics.
- Help. And attract future athletes to train and live here.
- Hinder, as the costs would be far too high
- Its a backdoor way of getting things built that we already said no to, because of the costs involved
- Too expensive. Will not be properly used. Look at the un-used facilities from 1988. Saddling tax payers with this massive expense is prohibitive.
- Not enough being done, new arena should be number 1 for venues.
- One 10 day event will not radically change Calgary's future. Do not spend on an event which is has been shown to cause massive debt.
- Help
- They can only help. Better and additional facilities in a major city are necessities.
- Hinder. Legacy of 1988 Winter Games was primarily the Saddledome

- Relying on taxpayers to upgrade outdated facilities a joke. Flames/Stamps ownership should be digging into their own deep pockets to fund these projects. Stop placing the burden on cash strapped families that don't use the facilities or make a penny off of the revenue they generate.
- Hinder without a new NHL arena
- Help. Don't care to support the Flames .org.
- Hinder! McMahon stadium is not worth upgrades. It is old and out of date and needs to be torn down. Saddle dome is outdated also.
- A new arena is a must to proceed!
- When it comes to infrastructure, we need to be very careful on cost and future use.
- If the venues are so important, revitalize them. It wouldn't cost in excess of \$5 billion to do that.
- The facilities will be great. But bear in mind the new facilities can get outdated pretty quick. We are talking about rebuilding Saddledome, a structure about 35 years old. Ski jump is no longer international standard. I don't see blowing a lot of cash in new venues can really help Calgary.
- As above
- Hinder because we would be spending billions in excess coverage to have what the city should have without such excess.
- We having the games will give calgary's Sports teams the club house and venues that they want. Social impact tax payers that don't go to games get to pay for the few to watch their games.
- "Hinder - it's throwing good money after bad when we have so many deficiencies with the legacy facilities already. Ski jumps that haven't seen use in 15 years, a bobsled track that is out of date. The Oval seems to be the exception and see regular use by a wide variety of user groups. Spending substantial money on infrastructure for such a minority of athletes is not sensible.
- Furthermore this City & Province & country is struggling to find money to complete things we need and would be universally helpful to it's inhabitants. Both the Provincial and Federal Governments are running massive deficits with no plan for the future.
- In Calgary, things like finishing the SWCRR, Green Line, and Crowchild Tr. bottlenecks. There are endless examples like this outside of transportation infrastructure but those are obvious big-ticket items that serve everyone equally."
- I like the idea of having top class venues to train our people looking to become world class athletes, I have always felt a lot of pride as a Canadian when they do well, I fear that this is just to much expense that will be passed down to the citizenry who are already over taxed!
- Help....if we use them. Please don't let these facilities go into decay like previous host cities. Do your research to see where the most beneficial locations would be and make it accessible by both vehicle and PUBLIC TRANSIT!
- Facilities and venues could use an update but again, responsibly. There is a reason the people don't want to pay for it right now. We are over taxed and under paid. Small business can't survive, families can not make ends meat. Now is not the time.
- It would appear that any upgrades or new builds would be constructed on borrowed dollars and promises from higher levels of government to assist with more borrowed money. Note those promises have NOT been confirmed as yet either.
- "I WOULD BE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IF PART OF OUR GAMES HAD TO BE HELD IN ANOTHER LOCALE. IT IS OUR GAMES AND WE NEED TO HOST AND BENEFIT FROM IT HERE. CANMORE COULD BE UPGRADED QUITE EASILY, AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATIONS HAS BEEN ON THE BOOKS AND THEY ARE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE SO THE GUESTS AND ATHLETES COULD STAY THERE. CALGARY NEEDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS WELL AND I THINK IT WOULD BE A WIN, WIN TO BUILD IT TO BE USED AFTER. THE OVAL UPGRADES AND COP FACILITIES ARE DEFINITELY FEASIBLE AND ARE ALREADY PART OF THE LEGACY LEFT BEHIND IN 88. THEY WILL ALWAYS BE A BONUS TO SPORT IN OUR CITY AND CONTINUE TO ATTRACT WORLD CLASS EVENTS ANNUALLY. NEW CURLING RINKS WOULD ALSO BE A BONUS FOR OUR WINTER SPORT RECREATION ENTHUSIASTS. ONCE THE STAMPEDE CORRAL IS DEMOLISHED, ANOTHER ARENA IS GONE THAT ACTS AS A 'PRACTICE' AREA FOR CURLERS, HOCKEY AND SKATERS FOR

COMPETITIONS AND GAMES IN THE SADDLEDOME. AN LRT EXTENSION TO THE AIRPORT IS ALREADY SLATED TO BE BUILT - ANOTHER BONUS TO VISITORS.

- OF COURSE THE BIG ONE - AN INDOOR STADIUM. I WOULD BE MOST DISAPPOINTED AND EMBARRASSED IF WE TRIED TO USE OUR LITTLE AGING SADDLEDOME OR OUR OUTDATED AND EMBARRASSINGLY ANCIENT MCMAHON STADIUM.
- SO MANY OF THE 88 OLYMPIC TICKETS FOR THE SADDLEDOME WERE FREE TO ATHLETES, DIGNITARIES, SPONSORS AND MEDIA THAT ONLY A HANDFUL WERE ACTUALLY SOLD AND AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. HOCKEY & SKATING WERE THE BIG TICKET EVENTS AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE DISAPPOINTMENTS THAT WAS IN THE NEWS FOR MONTHS. NO AVAILABLE TICKETS FOR THE AVERAGE SPECTATOR BECAUSE OF THE SMALL SEATING CAPACITY AND FREEBIES GIVEN AWAY. AND WE WERE LESS THAN HALF THE SIZE THAT CALGARY IS NOW.
- WE DESPERATELY NEED A NEW FACILITY AND I AM NOT A HOCKEY FAN AT ALL. I JUST WENT TO MY FIRST CONCERT IN EDMONTON AT ROGERS PLACE. WHAT AN AMAZING FACILITY WITH PRIME LOCATION, ACCESS TO THE LRT AND DOWNTOWN. I WAS IMPRESSED. IS THERE ANY REASON THAT CALGARY CANNOT 'BUY' THE DESIGN FOR ROGERS PLACE TO SAVE A LOT OF COSTS AND JUST TWEAK IT TO FIT OUR CITY? SO WHAT IF IT IS A CARBON COPY? THIS IS ONE OF THE ONLY TIMES THAT WE COULD GET MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING COSTS. IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO PASS UP THE CHANCE TO BUILD ONE NOW. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT 8 YEARS IN THE FUTURE AND WE SADLY NEED A PLACE NOW. WE ARE A WORLD CLASS, CHART TOPPING CITY TO LIVE IN. LET'S HAVE A FACILITY TO BE PROUD OF, HOST WORLD EVENTS, CONCERTS AND TO ALSO HAVE AS A LEGACY."
- Obviously new facilities would help the city. But, again, we would be shouldered with crippling debt as a result of them.
- Hinder
- "It will HINDER the future, unless the IOC is responsible for costs. The benefits of having new facilities and not strictly reusing previous facilities is stupid. What is the long term economic benefit of having multiple facilities and/or how long will it take to pay the cost down on the restoration/modernization of older facilities. We aren't living in the 80s anymore, and our economy isn't strong right now and our people are already divided.
- I think this investment is short-sighted and our people will not reap any long term benefits from this exorbitantly expensive & elitist games."
- Looking back to the facilities that were put in place for the 1988 games it would appear that they are of limited use to most of the population of Calgary. I don't see the need to spend more money on upgrading these facilities by the taxpayer. Perhaps the corporate world can get involved with sponsoring these athletes and their venues.
- I think that unless a new arena is built, the Flames will leave the city. That is much more important to the future of Calgary than the Olympics
- Venues and facilities can be built without olympic games
- We should not bid for the Same
- Hinder unless there is a new arena
- See above
- Why do we need the games to upgrade our facilities? If they're not worth it to upgrade them on their own then we shouldn't have them.
- I don't think they will help nearly as much as the proponents think.
- Hinder. McManon is a dump and should be rebuilt not renovated. The field house is giving into the Flames demands.
- The training of our Olympic athletes has brought some great people to Calgary that would have otherwise gone elsewhere. That said, the growth of the city has been unchecked for quite some time. While some may think that a good thing, I see the strain on our infrastructure, the overcrowding of our roadways and the huge increase in costs as a result of the needed upgrades to provide for the population growth. The legacy sites are not responsible for all that but they do contribute and frankly, these sites are, for the most part, underutilized by the people of this city who will be saddled with the cost. I have visited the Oval less than 10 times since 88, The Dome may have been a profitable addition to the city but is not a suitable venue for many things and is situated in an area that is not easily accessible by 18000 people that are required to make this profit a reality. Frankly traffic is the single biggest reason that I prefer to watch the Flames on TV at home or a bar rather than attend at the Saddledome. The reality is that this will likely not

provide an overall benefit, ore likely anet loss to the taxpayers. If we cant afford the proposed arena/fieldhouse that Ken Kings group proposed, which would have been an environmental plus also, then we certainly should not be frivolous and host the Olympics again. Mayor Nenshi is no Ralph Kline no matter how much he would like to think he is. His track record to date does not inspire confidence in his decision making and frankly he seems to place his values above those of the electorate.

- They will of course hinder the taxpayer's ability to hold on to their homes and the facilities only benefit the wealthy benefactors.
- its good to have venues, but 5 billion?
- A new arena is essential at this point in Calgary and most of the facilities that were left here after the '88 Olympics have gone to rot.
- We should schedule the upgrading and building of those facilities into our future plans and rank them with everything else that needs doing in our city. If they are considered a high priority, they will get built. We can not have it all despite what we are being told.
- Hinder - No new Flames rink.
- It would be great to have some new, updated venues for Calgary but we don't need the Olympics to be an excuse to get new ones!
- Hinder Calgary. Many of the sites for Olympic games are under-utilized after the venue has left. Brazil is an example, Vancouver another. We have better places to deploy existing tax pool. This is just an easy excuse to raise taxes and keep politicians in power. Diapers and you Evan. Need to be changed.
- Whistler? Really? Calgary taxpayers will pay to have the OLYmpics in BC? Ridiculously stupid. It's just too expensive. NO OLYMPICS. NOT NOW. NOT EVER. The IOC are a crooks and why fall into that trap?
- Hinder. Unnecessarily ruins environment, costly.
- Yes they would help future generations
- not enough legacy facilities for the costs
- We need better transit, access (for everyone) to affordable renewable energy, regional food security, integration of newcomers / migrants into prosperous lives in Calgary. We need to build wider long term opportunities for different types of work, and different ways of working - the energy and capital spent on the olympics would be better directed to creating innovation, or even providing basic income to all Albertans.
- Don't see an Arena, I haven't been to a hockey game in years but I still believe that we should have a new arena. You know, close to what an Edmonton would have.
- There is little guarantee that the veunes needed for the Olympics will be in fact be used at or near capacity after the event. I do not see any urgent need to upgrade existing facilities or create new ones.
- New facilities can only help future generations succeed in their chosen activities
- Of course it helps but what facilities and how much will it cost. An arena district similar to rogers place in edmonton makes sense.
- Hinder
- There is just not enough usage from all calgarians to justify the cost it would take for use to build and maintain in the future
- Limited use. Why did Nenshi become outraged and want a witch hunt when they should never have been behind closed doors...it's our money and that is an arrogant response from the Mayor ...why Can't the public hear the truths?
- build a world class arena that we can use for the flames and other word class acts
- Definitely help and bring more athletes to our city
- What venue's?? We need an arena. Nenshi has already overbuild libraries, art community on worthless object. we are the laughing stock of western Canada already
- Definitely help.
- Upgrades would help but could be addressed through usual budget process
- Hinder because the venues will outdate and need increased maintenance as they did in 1988.
- It will hinder as it does not replace the venues that need replacing and does nothing to alleviate our true needs,
- "Help! The University of Calgary will benefit from upgraded facilities that will benefit the entire city.
- Upgraded facilities will refresh our reputation as a location for athletes training"

- Upgrade OK. New costs not.
- We will upgrade the existing facilities whether we host the games or not. No new important facilities will be built.
- Calgary needs new venues and facilities including an arena. Federal and Provincial funding will enable facilities that Calgary could not build over the same time frame
- Hinder.
- These facilities are 30 years old, and in need of retrofits. The new facilities will help this still growing city.
- See comment below - most olympic infrastructure and buildings are poorly constructed, rushed, money poorly spent and get very little use after the fact.
- Oh, I am sure the venues would be nice for the games and some would be used past them, but the costs are too high. From all games, many venues are under utilised afterwards. Again, the taxpayers foot the bill while the corrupt politicians get the bribes and glory.
- I think they will benefit but since the city couldn't work out a deal without the olympics hanging over their head, why should the olympics push it into must do. Also...if the proposed field house is still located in west downtown, how does that affect traffic into the area when an event is happening?
- Again the upgraded venues and facilities may be a benefit but do the benefits outweigh the costs
- Hinder. Hinder. Hinder. On both sides of the fence, people are passionate, so I'm hoping you'll read this with a bit of a sense of humour but also in total seriousness. Why have basically all of the other Cities on the 'short' list for 2026 backed out? They can use a calculator and tell that the cost of one particular aspect of hosting the Olympics, isn't worth it. First oversight; need a new bus barn because of the housing proposal...oops!? Ski jump from '88 isn't good enough for 2026...what else? And, then Calgarians are left with the bill for maintenance (disposal?), of some low-use facilities. The arena debate should be over by now. (Sure, Calgary Flames, we'd love to foot the bill for your 'new office'...sounds nice to me to have tax payers pay for my new swanky office, instead of footing my own bills of upkeep on the current one I'm in... let corporations pay for their own facilities. NOT City business.) People will spend their 'entertainment' dollars on other entertainment if we don't have a hockey team (gasp!! First World Problems!?) and if concerts choose other Cities over Calgary. (They'll buy WestJet tickets, or buy oil and gasoline for their cars to drive to go to concerts if they're really obsessed! Economic boost, check!) :) It is coming down to cost; to build for it AND then to hover maintaining for eons after..... Venues and Facilities is only a 'hinder'.
- These would probably benefit training athletes in the future. However, they will definitely hinder Calgary's future as we will be paying for them for years and I think it will be a tax burden on many people. We need to spend this money on people in Calgary that need it for everyday living.
- Hinder. Too much money
- Infrastructure development should only happen from a long-term planning perspective. All new venues/facilities need to be built with a future use in mind, and turned into infrastructure that benefits the local community both financially and recreationally. Planners need to avoid cost over-runs and "white elephant" infrastructure at all costs, or it will create incredible divisiveness.
- This will most likely be a hindrance. The Saddledome that is in desperate need of either a very expensive upgrade, or more likely a new building all together, has not been accounted for in the projected cost. I personally have never used any of the the 88' Olympic venues, and I most likely would never use the modern Olympic venues. I would find it a hard pill to swallow payment for something that I have no intention to use, or to pay exorbitant amounts of extra money to pay for extra upgraded facilities.
- Calgary risks wasted infrastructure. Look at the Bird's Nest in Beijing. Rio's finances are crippled. New and renovated facilities need to be built with consideration as to the city's needs 50 years from now. Could parts be handed over, for example, to a college that is seeking a major sports presence and would have been expanding regardless of the Olympics? This way, the facilities will be built with multiple purposes, possibly even saving on future infrastructure costs.
- Maybe they would help but perhaps we could just invest in that - much cheaper than hosting the games.
- hinder- why would we upgrade facilities which have not been in Calgary's plan until the Olympics proposal was constructed? No monies- can be better spent elsewhere
- Upgraded facilities will be available
- There is limited upgrades in the proposal for any upgrades to facilities.

- I see only marginal benefit from the venues and facilities.
- I hope they can help. They are needed here as long as we can do it cost effectively.
- Hinder, because there's no real use for many of the venues after the games.
- How would it help? We already have facilities from the last Olympics that have sat unused for years. Look at the eye sore ski jumps!!
- Help. The upgraded facilities would be available for all.
- We need new facilities like a new arena and stadium. The saddledome will be 38 years old in 2026 and McMahon stadium must be over 50 years old by then. Makes no sense to refurbish these facilities. If we cant afford to replace them then we should not do the games.
- The idea that we can even upgrade the saddeldom and macmahon stadium instead of having new facilities and not look low rent to the world is embarrassing
- Help
- Both. The upgrades to already outdated facilities is a HUGE waste of money! The two new facilities are much needed but at the cost it is just not a wise investment for the tax paying residents
- Upgrades is ridiculous we need new facilities regardless of the Olympics
- Hinder, actually look at what the city needs. It is not refurbish it is take down and replace. Stadiums are worst in canada, transportation is lowsey
- The facilities chosen for upgrades are all close to their life expectancy, so throwing money to refurbish them is a waste
- While it's true the new facilities and venues would be nice ... may even get us a new hockey arena ... I wonder how long they will be useful for? We have had to shut down some of the ones from the 88' Olympics as they couldn't be maintained ... what makes us think now would be any different?
- Hinder - New venues and facilities are only helping elitists - not ordinary citizens.
- I think this will give Calgary the opportunity to build that new arena and possibly a new stadium. Let's upgrade Winsport.
- They will have no significant impact on Calgary's future. Sports facilities are a luxury and Calgary already has them. Sure, more is always nice but let's be realistic, 2 more sheets of ice and a field house isn't going to add squat to Calgarys future.
- hinder, facilities for the elite?
- The proposed plan doesn't take into account the need for a truly good arena
- If it is felt that these facilities are required then they should be provided without resorting to the debt that the Games would incur. The Games are not a need and would definitely be a hindrance.
- See above
- The size of venue for an Olympic event is way costlier than a normal one (consider the security level, for example). It will hinder the future of sports in the city as we run the risk of having oversized, underused venues that require upkeep that the local sports groups will not be able to support... It is a way of getting a bunch of white elephants that will look delerict in a few years.
- Hinder due to the wasteful spending.
- Hinder because there's no sign of a new hockey arena.
- "We should use the games to help get new arena and stadium/field house.
- Building a new 5000 seat arena is ridiculous"
- Every venue built needs to have an obvious use after the games. Athletes Village should be used for affordable housing afterwards, a new hockey arena should be well thought out (no stupid plans like having C-Train access but little to no parking lot, despite knowing that the LRT line has not been built in the SE yet).
- Hinder because of cost.
- Hinder. Long term infrastructure costs that have not been worked into the budget.
- They would help, but my concern is that there is no new arena. I am no hockey fan; rather I fear spending on these Olympic facilities and then more spending for the arena. I would prefer the bid took advantage of the availability of a Federal funds to aid in the arena costs. And please drag those Flame idiots back to the table.
- Any new venues will probably have a shelf life, just like COP. Will the return on investment be worth it?

- With no new arena in the plan, it will not help.
- Hinder! NOT WORTH THE MONEY. WE'RE IN ENOUGH DEBT AS IT IS!!!!!!!
- We can upgrade the venues and facilities without the risk of the olympics, nothing is stopping us from doing so. Why mix it with the risk of hosting a "game" that has become both dubious for its ethics, and corrupt in regards to its finances.
- Hinder. If we want to upgrade venues and facilities, do so, don't use the Olympics as an excuse. Also, try to avoid using public money for these upgrades (so no to a new arena for the Flames)
- No info
- Hinder - There will be no long lasting economic value in upgrading or building new facilities.
- It would help future Canadian athletes.
- I am sure it would help, but can we truly afford the costs? Is this the right time to be engaging is something like this?
- Calgary will still be left without a major event centre This is just the Mayor's solution to negotiating with the Flames. All the major Olympic events will have to be held outside of Calgary anyway like the medal hockey games.
- We should spend our money on infrastructure that is needed by all citizens of Calgary, not just a few elites. The black hole that the Olympics Games debt will create
- We are not getting a new arena, i dont think the other venues will help calgar, we need transit and road systems
- HINDER. the cost is too high
- I think a venue that concert artists could come to in Calgary, as well as an arena that suited yhe Flames would have some benefits in the long run, but again costs are an important consideration. What good is an Olympics where everything is split up location wise?
- More important issues right now! Stop the insanity
- The way this was laid out it looks a band-aid approach - the city would get much from this event after the dust settles.
- I think it would help bring the community together by creating more opportunities
- Help
- Show us the costs and then we can assess the benefits of each venue. Another misleading question.
- The cost of upgrading and constructing facilities would be a hindrance on Calgary's future. Many of the facilities are used by very few people, and the cost of maintaining the facilities can be much greater than the benefits they might provide.
- Not important to me.
- No, it stops short of what the city REALLY needs. An NHL arena and fieldhouse/stadium. McMahon is a dump. I'm sorry. No amount of lipstick will make that pig look good.
- "We need a new Stadium and a hockey arena. To spend money to upgrade facilities is spending good money after bad.
- Council rejected the Flames arena development. This would have a positive long term impact instead we want to spend billions of dollars on a 2 week party.
- Makes no sense at all."
- Our existing venues are world class we don't need new anything built for games. It will only be another expensive eyesore
- The new/updated facilities will have a high cost that has a negative impact on Calgary as a city, particularly when a new arena is not even part of the conversation.
- Private sector should pay for upgrades or various venues. Sick of the tax payer paying the bill and then sports teams or the stampede taking them over for their personal gain. If the flames want avnew area. They can figure out a way to build one without tax dollars or move somewhere else. So goes for any other venues. Quit wasting our money.
- Hinder. We are upgrading old facilities when we need to replace them.
- Venues and facilities that are not even located in the City are of no value or benefit to Calgarians. Council need to focus on a new hockey arena and football stadium, that would benefit the City more than the Olympics.
- Calgary needs a new arena. But it doesn't need a \$15B arena. We don't need the games to prioritize that. Otherwise, new Olympic facilities only benefit the tiniest subset of the population, many of whom don't even live here. The environmental impact of this level of development and influx of people is frightening. We should be capping human use in our mountain parks, not recklessly endangering them.

- Our facilities aren't appropriate. Upgrading existing doesn't appear to be beneficial in long run.
- New facilities would help bring in world-class events for a time, until they become obsolete - just like some of our current ones.
- It would help. The fieldhouse and the new mid sized-arena will enrich our city's capacity to provide excellent opportunities related to sports and activities.
- What's the point? The Calgary Olympic bid is proposing venues in Edmonton, Whistler. Sports facilities don't get used year round, every single day to their maximum capacity and cost maintenance doesn't generate substantive revenues. ie. ski jump used by a tiny minority at Olympic Park.
- This is the time to build a new arena, focus on getting a legacy building. Upgrading existing facilities is great but if we want to be a world class city we have to have world class facilities
- Hinder, most items I have seen is a facelift, that could hinder the actual replacement of aging facilities
- The plan is like putting lipstick on a pig. No priority on a new venue for major concerts is in the plan. Two thumbs down and major failure in The Plan.
- The currently proposed upgrades and new venues will help Calgary's future to a certain degree - they are targeted at a specific group of people - again no new arena for NHL/entertainment (Calgary being overlooked at times - big name entertainers going to Edm and elsewhere)
- it will not hinder the growth in any way, but dont think so much money is required for upgrades.
- We need a replacement for the Saddledome now. The economic and social cost of not doing something is too great for a city of our size and stature. If the Olympic bid proposal doesn't include this, this seals the deal for me and I'll vote NO.
- We couldn't afford to build a \$555 million dollar arena, what makes us think that all of the sudden we can upgrade multiple venues and build new facilities. Finish the green line with that money!
- Hinder - we can't afford them, and the proposed facilities are a low priority compared to roads and transit and not raising taxes
- Help. Good venues promote health and entertainment.
- Hinder - Calgary is in too much debt already
- Why don't we invest in the venues - repairs and new builds - as needed, not put it on the back of some pie in the sky decision. The current message is that these things don't matter to City Council unless the rest of the world is watching. It would be nice if Council actually cared about Calgarians.
- Hinder...
- Hinder
- Help, much of the money will need to be spent anyway, at least this way we have the other 2 levels of Government funding the majority.
- New or upgraded facilities draw athletes long after the games are over. It could only help our future.
- Help - the legacy of 88 was the reason the last 30 years of history in sport and tourism in this city has prospered. Prior to that Calgary wasn't on the map - we need to re-create that 30 year legacy, we certainly can't rely on the vagaries of the economic outlook - hope isn't an action plan
- The proposed upgrades to some of the existing facilities seem in order, however, it would appear to the voters in our family that the proposed expenditures for a new Fieldhouse (approx \$300 million) + new 5,000 seat arena (approx. \$100 million) and upgrades/improvements to McMahon stadium (approx \$75 million for a total of \$475 million) could be better leveraged by YYC in terms of the Calgary Next or similar project. Our family understand CSEC was willing to contribute as much as \$500 million to such a project. Our family is unaware of any other private group willing to provide \$500 million to facilities which YYC desperately needs and could leverage for long-term community benefit. Why does YYCCC seem to be so closed minded on this and apparently unwilling to leverage such an incredible amount of funding?
- Saddle us with debt
- Entertainment and sport are a great part of our city but are they the most important parts to focus on right now?
- I can't really answer that since we do not have all the information on that. The whole arena question is being avoided like it will be looked after separately making a hidden cost..

- Help, look at the use from the venues from the 89 games. Our city has demonstrated that we will use the venues built for use to come.
- PROBABLY HELP BUT WILL WE BE GETTING THE FACILITIES WE NEED THE MOST OR SOME NEW FACILITIES THAT ARE A BIG BENEFIT FOR A FEW PEOPLE?
- Hinder. The facilities would fall into disuse and disrepair. Calgary cant even maintain its current facilities, let alone millions of dollars of annual costs for facilities that cannot produce income.
- This has no added value to Calgary's economic future
- The games will hinder our progress and abilities to care for our city and citizens by cutting into tax payers hard earned dollars. Money that should have more important priorities than games. It's childish to waste so much money on games not even 1/3rd of our citizens want. How do these upgrades help our citizens suffering with pain and illness? How do these facilities help our mentally ill? How do they help our homeless? How do they help our veterans? How do they help the refugees? How do they help the crippled? How do they help the poor and homeless? Do these facilities feed the starving, clothe the poor, teach and keep our children safe? Do these facilities fix our roads? Do these facilities cure the ill and broken? Do these facilities make dental care more affordable? No they do not benefit our cities people in any real positive way whatsoever. Please think, please use that money for helping the poor and suffering and impoverished not the games. Can't you see how twisted it is to waste so much money on games that do not help the majority of the citizens or our infrastructure. It is an irresponsible and counterproductive, unnecessary excessive expense. These games will not help anyone, it is basic math to know that will not see any profits from hosting games instead of helping improve the quality of life of our people and our infrastructure...
- Facility upgrades unfortunately would not happen at the facilities that most Calgarians have access to. So it would not help.
- Hinder need Calgary Next
- A 5000 seat new venue..useless!
- The only benefit I see with new venues,specifically the new ice sheets being proposed is if they were open to minor sports associations for use. This would alleviate some of the burden on existing facilities but this is ONLY if these ice surfaces are put into rotation for minor sports leagues to use.
- We absolutely DO NOT need to spend taxpayer money on upgrading these facilities for a one times use. They will not help at all in the future.
- Upgrades of new facilities would be good but building a 5000 seat arena is laughable and a total waste of money. The new proposed venues would be a waste of my (the tax payers) money. You forget that you work for us and some of us care about the costs.
- Some would help but others such as another medium sized arena are not needed. Without the games, each upgrade and new facility would be assessed on its own merits and cost implications.
- We need a new hockey arena. I believe that year over year the flames have a bigger impact in bringing this city together and building long term cultural benefits
- Hinder. Although there would be some infrastructure investment, it would be inadequate, and would stunt future growth.
- Any new venues and facilities could be created without the additional burden of the Olympics. We could update existing facilities, and create new ones, for a fraction of the cost and still have money left to put towards Transit, infrastructure, assisting small businesses, updating our Elections and Census processes, support for Community Associations and non-profits, and so much more.
- They would help, but why not save money and build the venues without the Olympics as we need them and can afford them?
- No mention of upgrades to the Saddledome and expect to present that venue on a world stage, what a laugh.
- Upgraded facilities would help Calgary remain a the highest level to train and compete for athletes.
- Hinder. Future facilities may not be bud due to the high cost of the Olympics.
- Most of olympic sports are not popular - most of venues just not needed to the public
- Having new or upgraded facilities would be a nice to have. We have more pressing needs in this city and a city council unable to tell the difference between need and nice to have

- I would like a very clear vision from the Bid committee. Shortly after their presentation, people started talking about adding a new hockey arena. Is it in or is it out or is it only out until the vote is taken and then it will be snuck in as a "discussion" point. As you can imagine, I do not trust the proposal as stated. I have not spoken to ANYONE who thinks that \$5.2 B is the true total.
- Hinder, because we will be using money that could otherwise be spent on other public infrastructure such as roads, schools, public transit etc. on upgrading or creating new venues that after the olympic games do not hold a sustainable purpose.
- Hinder. We NEED more and better transit. We need to focus on things that impact Calgary's everyday lives. Sports centres and etc. are unnecessary at this time, we have enough of those for Calgarians.
- Hinder. Look at the old ones. E.g. Ski jumps. Relics of past glory, not being used.
- Investment in venues and facilities is clearly needed, and I fully support investment in these areas with or without an Olympics. Calgary's future can only be brighter with careful and well planned investments.
- Hinder. There is no facility we couldn't build ourselves for far less than this olympic boon doggle
- The cost of these improvements far outweighs any benefits in the long term.
- I think upgrading to host the olympics is putting money in the wrong places. Funding to upgrade smaller venues in Calgary's communities would be money better spent.
- "Hinder.
- Will require tax increases."
- A recent poll said it right and the answer is NO!
- Hinder. Only provides winter sports facilities
- It is only positive if we get a new arena
- This is a hypothetical question as long as we do not know what are the costs to maintain them for instance.
- We have to live within our means. Why don't we save money first and then have the games when they are such a benefit?
- It is a total waste of money to upgrade the venues we have now for sports that very few people participate in. The ski jumps built for the 88 games were never used again not even for World Cups because they were built in the wrong place and the winds were too strong. They were supposed to be built in Bragg Creek. Somebody made a lot of money by having them built where they are now. In fact we've actually closed the jumps because it costs too much to maintain them. Millions of dollars pissed away into the wind and you want us to upgrade them???
- A field house and a 5,000 seat arena will do little to serve Calgary in the future.
- Well done! Upgrades are needed to all the locations suggested!
- It would help so much. Let's support our current and future athletes with the infrastructure needed.
- Irrelevant, I am against any public money for the Flames arena or any corporate interests.
- Hinder - real long term costs to taxpayers for generations will outweigh short term benefits
- Hinder. Costing too much money
- As stated above I think it will help. In a lot of different ways. A lot of our venues are aging and this would push them to be repaired quicker so there aren't anymore roof collapses. Plus it could push to finish or upgrade transit lines that need to be built to put us in line with the top cities for public transit
- It's a ridiculous idea from square one. we are BROKE!!!!
- Hinder, too expensive
- It would hinder Calgary's future by diverting money to "perhaps nice to have" at the expense of "badly needed." The existing Olympic facilities are badly underutilized e.g. ski jumps.
- What will we use them for after the games? What happened to our last athletes village I vote no
- Help. These facilities help athletes and tourism. Which is why it should ALL stay in Alberta. BC shouldn't get any funding for new infrastructure. If it needs new infrastructure build it here. DONT GIVE BC ANYTHING
- Tax payer money could be better spent on other things
- We simply do not need so much build up of venues for Olympics. This will be a burden for the budget and will require lots of maintenance after the games.

- It will help people who use them, which although doesn't impact myself directly, can provide opportunities to other people to learn new sports or have appropriate facilities for elite training. It is also an opportunity to create venues where we could be home to additional teams, such as basketball, or improve venues for existing teams (flames and hitmen)
- If they aren't already in the budget and important, than arguably they are excessive to our needs. So - Hinder.
- Upgraded facilities would be great, but the cost must be considered as part of this package.
- The back and forth on a new arena was ridiculous. How will it be any different in an Olympic bid?
- The upgrades and new venues would be nice if we were running a surplus with no sign of slowing. We're not. Focus on maintaining and upgrading the facilities the average calgarian will actually use and benefit from long term. We don't need a 10 billion dollar party and decades of unnecessary debt to do that.
- Facilities new and old could be upgraded or built for less than the cost of the Olympics.
- Definitely help. What a great way to justifiably upgrade our world class venues
- They will be useless to the majority of the public when it's over. We've seen how this has worked out in other countries in recent years.. delapidated buildings and wasted land. We should build facilities, but focused on a demographic of people that are more likely to use it, and not for a one time event that costs us an incredible amount.
- Yes upgrades are important but information provided does not discuss how we could achieve same goals without cost component of Games that have no lasting value after the 2 week event is over. There is no solid business case other than "Trust Us". If you presented such a poor business plan to a bank they would refuse funding. The fact that you have been unable to present a solid business case after working on it for so long tells me that a solid business case cannot be made.
- These venues will be there for all current and future generations.
- It would be less expensive to build than to retrofit, which means we're no further ahead. None of our facilities will accommodate athletes and spectators.
- City should have managed the legacy facilities and kept them upgraded as training facilities.
- I could see them helping as future athletes could be training here, but still don't believe that outweighs the cost.
- For the average citizen, zero benefit. Build a new school or recreation facility in my neighbourhood, THAT would be a benefit
- I believe the proposed venues and facilities are of a moderate help to the future of the city, a fieldhouse is desperately needed. While I believe a mid sized arena would be of small benefit to the city's future I feel the real help lies within a new large scale arena/events centre if a deal can be brokered with CSEC. While I understand it would not be necessarily tied to the games I did read it would replace the mid sized facility if it came about and think that would be beneficial both for the games and in the long term.
- I think the expense alone will hinder us going forward
- Help. Better facilities for all of us.
- If we really need new venues and facilities, why wait until 2026? Let's borrow the \$\$ and get on with it. Do we really think homeless and low-income people want to wait 8 more years to apply for a spot in the vacant Olympic housing.
- Without a new NHL arena as part of the plan there will be no lasting benefit from the planned infrastructure. Even if an arena deal is reached, proposing low income housing in Victoria Park next to a brand new entertainment district is terribly short sighted. Putting the athletes village in that area will destroy the area post Olympics.
- new venues IF a hockey arena was included would be the only beneficial venue from my perspective
- Facility upgrades would help the City. Again - not worth the cost.
- Hinder. We need an arena, and this isn't going to get us one. We need LRT, and it's not happening. We already have facilities that athletes can train at. Upgrades won't bring in more revenue
- This is the biggest disappointment to me. Replacing the aging Dome has been discussed for years. Even with hosting the Olympics we get no new main arena. The aged MacMahon stadium requires rebuilding - again, it will get a bit of a face lift. And no c-train out to the airport - huge opportunity missed once again to provide a lasting infrastructure legacy for all Calgarians and to address environmental concerns. What about the Stampede corral? Also desperately in need of replacing.
- Hinder
- The proposed facilities are not worth the expense and don't provide what we need

- No it becomes obsolete too soon
- As i understand it the main events alpine being one of then would be farmed out. So how does that help Calgary
- No benefit whatsoever. Doesn't even include an arena.
- of course they would help, but not important at this current time
- Benefits dont out weigh risk here either. Sport may benefit but at other sectors wont.
- Definitely help with the long term health of Calgarians. Also continue to benefit athlete development as proven with the legacy of WinSport. I believe it was over 50% of the athletes that won medals at the last Winter Olympics trained at WinSport.
- Don't need the games to upgrade our facilities - you already have our tax \$ which you are being extremely irresponsible with! Especially with the number of overpaid, bonus-driven management people there are per every worker. Bureaucracy has reared it's ugly head!
- I am doubtful that suitable event space for something this large can be created and then used to their maximum potential on a regular basis thereafter.
- They would help Calgary's future in a big way. We have successfully run some of the best, world class venues since 88 but they are in dire need of upgrades. This is a perfect opportunity to keep these venues running and bring athletes from around the world coming to Calgary.
- Using the proposed new ice rink for the Calgary Hitmen is a joke. Its capacity is slightly over 5,000. The Hitmen draw more people to their games, so this argument is a non-starter. It's almost like these new items were thrown in as last-minute add-ons. Venue upgrades are fine; but how about all the money the City gave to Winsport to build an addition at COP?
- Waste of money
- HINDER. I think the benefit will be to the large corporations who will make even more money from those sites after the Games and there will be little benefit to the average person who can't afford the ticket prices which line commercial pockets.
- Hinder. We don't need to upgrade facilities that are already used by thousands of world class athletes to train and perform. If we want a new arena this isn't the way to go about getting one.
- I don't believe that the minor amount of help is worth the cost of hosting the games.
- Again cost. How much is this worth to Calgarians who will have to pay for this for many years after with the benefit again only to the elites and not the average joe. How many of these athletes come from underprivileged families? Why are we asking the indigenous groups for their opinion when they don't even pay taxes? We have done this once in 88. We don't have anything to show the World. This is just a swan song for Nenshi and at what cost. For example, Going back to replacing the Saddledome with a new arena. Again is this for the benefit of all? Not really. Only a small percentage of the general public will actually reap the benefit of this venue, factoring in ticket cost and general accessibility. I believe that the proposed new facilities will only benefit a very limited few. What cost makes this acceptable.
- I do not believe that these will help Calgary's future and result in more government debt.
- The proposed upgraded and new venues and facilities from the games will almost certainly hinder Calgary's future. Why? Because the costs to construct and maintain them will be so massive that ANY positive future impacts far outweigh the benefits
- New hockey and football venues would be nice but not go \$10 Billion.
- The facilities will be for the elite athletes. We have an obesity problem and we need recreational centres for everyday citizens. The city has opted out of development of rec facilities for Calgarians. The current facilities are overcrowded and we need more rec centres. When I can't afford to eat or pay bills I'm not going to have any money to watch the elite athletes who are subsidized by the government. I can't afford a gym membership why would I want my tax dollars wasted on a bunch of selfish entitled athletes.
- No games, no need for venues.
- From what I've heard so far the biggest venue - Saddledome- that we need replacing- was deemed ok by the IOC when they visited. Seriously? And... the games are 8 years away still- Hogwash!

- The lasting benefits are for the few who use the new or upgraded facilities. Paying for Olympic "Cadillac" level facilities that we will be paying off over decades that few will use and in an economy with no turnaround in sight is not what Calgary needs right now.
- Yes it will hinder calgary. The funds to update facilities and venues to the standards of the olympics depends on how the facilities are built for 2026 and the future. Look at the existing facilities left from 1988 and how they have been used from then till now. They just sit there, costing more money than revivals brought in.
- hinder... the plan is to only upgrade a facility that has poor capacity and is unsuitable for most high revenue generating concerts due to its low roof
- Won't help. They are falling apart and barely used as is and had to be repurposed for anything to make money.
- Help, but I don't think it would help enough. Money could be put to better use elsewhere in our city. We already have some great sports facilities. I would much rather see us invest in transportation, housing, etc.
- I think the wealthy Flames organization, not taxpayers should pay for the dome.
- New facilities will probably be of some benefit to the young athletes, but little or none to the balance of the population who are paying for them through taxation.
- Didn't we just have a huge fight with the flames about this?
- Probably help but that's not the question. Money is limited - which is more important a new ski jump or housing for the homeless?
- I can understand that facilities need upgrades or replacement. I would just as soon have tax hikes to fix or replace aging structures. At least we should have a pretty good idea what all of this would cost. I think that is much better than investing in something that we don't know the costs.
- Calgarians can not afford these costs. Taxes are already too high in Calgary.
- Will be done without the games
- No great upgrades or benefits that we can see.
- The cost for a few proposed upgrades and few meaningful new facilities is of great concern to the many: once again a hindrance to calgary's future.
- Any new facilities and upgrading of existing venues will require long term operational maintenance programs which the taxpayer will be responsible for. Due diligence has not been carried out to justify the benefits of new venues over the long term.
- New venues and upgrades would definitely be a big plus for Calgary but only when and if we can afford to host the Games.
- Again, on surface, they would help.
- No I think tax payers will pay for this and it is a bad idea
- We can upgrade when we can afford it. irrelevant.
- Nakiska is a failure of a ski area; investing further money on it would be a grotesque waste. The Games without a new alpine venue is not worth it. We badly need a new alpine resort on the East Slope of the Rockies to meet the demand from Calgary skiers.
- Again, it would help but isn't worth the high overall cost associated with hosting.
- Hinder. Something should be built such as an arena that would be more meaningful other than a skate house. Why re-use old assets when newer facilities can be used.
- There is no question that they will help Calgary's future. The 2 new proposed venues are needed - and must be built with or without the games, especially the field house. And the renewal of the existing facilities is not only needed by Calgary - but gives Calgary a great advantage over other bids as the cost to renew these facilities is a small fraction of what would be required to build them new.
- Hinder. Facilities that need upgrading are Arts Commons Glenbow Old recreation centres and older parks in inner city.
- Renovating an aging Saddle dome that seems like a waste of money as last year the city was talking about demolishing it
- These facilities would get built eventually. Pushing them through in this accelerated manner just places undue costs on taxpayers.

- All of the proposed new venues would be massive wastes of city money and space that could be better used for transit upgrades, public housing, or community services. I don't want our money going towards some sport multiplex that will just get destroyed in the next flood.
- They have limited impact - no infrastructure wins
- I would like to know precisely where the fieldhouse and arena will be located. Will real estate need to be acquired and buildings removed?
- So, I bet the Flame Support the Hell out of this? This is how they'll get that free professional sports stadium they've been trying to con us into paying for, because billionaires don't have the money for things like that, oh no. Nice scam if you can get in on it.
- Help. We need to maintain and upgrade our current facilities anyway - that cost does not disappear. New facilities will help to maintain Calgary's status as a major urban area and will continue our status as a major training centre and event host.
- Hinder Calgary's future. council is so superficial, going after the shiny new instead of maintaining and investing in what our City has.
- Neither
- Need new hockey arena and this bid fails. Fixing old McMahon is to late, need new stadium. Nakiska is a very poor hill for downhill, Lake Louise is only choice. If can't fix our ski jumps then drop bid, going to Whistler is tooo far away and inconvenient. Find a venue close to Calgary or in Calgary for curling, Edmonton is too far away and bad idea.
- No. The venues and facilities would cost a lot to either renovate or build, then we'd have to pay additional drop in fees to use them after the Olympics are done. Double charging. Not cool.
- Hinder. Too expensive.
- Hinder, we don't need world class facilities for elite athletes we need recreational centres for everyone. Our door seniors parks etc.
- there is little value in the project for the amount of tax payer money (city, province & federal) and for the money proposed to be spent deliver far less than what could be attained without the IOC. Better yet dont spend any money on this frivolous party .
- Assuming there are staff and funds to maintain them then it would help.
- No difference
- hinder
- Hinder. 1988 ski jumps are a case in point.
- Help! COP and the university need upgrades to attract the best and brightest to the city.
- Hinder. \$\$\$\$\$\$
- Help in all categories. However, getting financially informed and talented community members to contribute is a definite priority to be sure the costs do not get out of control.
- HINDER
- It can only help most just need upgrades and no extra monies for brand new which would simply out price our ability
- Definitely help. Many US athletes already come here, pay taxes and rent to train here. We have famous coaches that are here that people come to train with already. Definitely help
- Help. Upgrade those that exist plus new ones.
- It would hinder Calgary's future. We'll be paying for years. Spend the money on something useful. Not finding a leaker.
- It will not help. If you put makeup on a pig, it is still a pig. Upgrading is a lost cause
- They could possibly help Calgary's future. I'm not sure.
- Of course but again at what cost?
- Long term economic benefits seem to be a priority and the tourism side of things will be felt for a long time to come.
- Of course, it is inarguable that ANY improvements or aggrandisement of any Calgary sporting facilities is a good things, but this by far must take a back seat to necessities - proper public transportation (that's from this millennium, not the last...), and such - these are our priorities. Not sporting facilities that benefit so few or benefit commercial interests.
- Not interested in hosting the games at all.

- More venues that could be used that are not listed new multiplex venue completely unnecessary and will only result unreasonable usage fees for lower middle class
- Hinder costs too high!! Council not being transparent with citizens. Don't trust council.
- I don't have enough information on possible venue costs/improvements! Maybe these events/buildings would develop anyway?
- The new facility of the field house will help Calgary because the city has been trying to build it for two decades and we have no facilities like it so it is a crucially needed facility. The community arena will replace the Corral which is a plus. Calgary has been, is, and will always be short of ice surfaces so a new community arena will have strong legacy implications. This new smaller arena also fits into plans for Foothills park revitalization, we know in Calgary that any ice surface/event centre will be used every single day for hockey clubs/elite athletes because Calgary is a winter sports city and there will always be hockey games to play and there will always be athletes coming here to train. The upgraded facilities are also important, the day lodge at Canada Olympic Park has barely been touched since 1988 and very much needs a full renovation or re build. The hill itself is very important to Calgary and needs to remain a top notch facility so whatever upgrades need to be done should be. The sliding track also needs to be maintained as it is used by both the public and training athletes. All of the other facilities need to be upgraded in order to remain options for both the public and athletes. Renovating the Saddledome does not make much sense as the new Flames arena will be built eventually so what's the point? The oval is still a world class facility so it will help Calgary's future by remaining a strong community facility. In terms of a Flames arena, why not build it for the olympics? Agenda 2020 states that new permanent venues should only be built if: there is strong legacy benefits (a nine month hockey season, concerts/shows, community events, and part of revitalized Victoria Park), legacy operator (City of Calgary and the Flames organization) and finally legacy funding (this would also be taken care of). Since the new Flames arena meets all of these requirements, how can the Bidco not justify having it part of the olympic proposal? The new Flames arena would we a tangible benefit that Calgarians can point to and say, "the Olympics did that!" What is the point of hosting the Olympics if the city does not get new facilities and infrastructure out of it (such as a Flames arena and LRT to airport). Who wants a bunch of temporary facilities, once games are over, you won't even be able to tell that they happened? A Flames arena should be included in the bid even if it does not include olympic money as it is a facility which is needed and has a strong business case which the IOC said was necessary for new buildings. I do not understand why a curling facility was not included, this is a reason why people are confused about the bid. I would like to see what they did in Vancouver happen in Calgary: for 2010 they built a curling building and after the olympics it converted into a community centre (legacy implications). Do that, pick an area of the city that needs a new community centre, there are lots. Build it and convert it post games.
- Help - attracting future sporting and entertainment events
- We can't afford to upgrade on this large scale
- Hinder
- Hinder. We will be so indebted we won't be able to afford anything.
- Hinder. Too expensive for facilities that are not important. We have more important priorities.
- Hinder as the events will require facilities to host, once the games are over. Other uses will need to be found.
- Hinder as not all discussions/opportunities have been explored.
- I have heard that if the City builds a facility on the site of the current Victoria Park transit garage, then the City and taxpayers will have to pay to relocate it and perform any environmental remediation. I have heard that these costs are not estimated and not included in the current Hosting Plan
- Hinder. The traffic needed to keep these places open will ONLY be here for the Olympic events. Afterward, they'll be abandoned and will essentially throw us further into a deeper rabbit hole than we already area.
- Help, but this is not something that we, Calgary, Alberta, or Canada can afford right now
- Hinder. Our legacy venues from 1988 have been updated and supported over the years. We don't need another Olympics to continue the legacy.
- No new major events centre?
- I think a new arena would be good for calgary but aside from that everything else would have a negative impact because the other facilities would need to be kept up and manned after the games and potentially never used like c.o.p it's there and has to have staff and be kept up and it is not used very much.

- New venues? I thought the idea was to recycle existing facilities as much as possible. What we don't have, use the Vancouver facilities. AVOID Duplication.
- it is only beneficial to those who can afford to participate. there is no real benefit to the 'people' of the city, 73% of calgarians with have nothing to do with the games. it is a huge expense for all of us for a select few that will actually benefit (i.e. restaurants, car rentals, hotels)
- Hinder. TAXPAYERS will be on the hook for many years to cover the cost.
- Hinder: It seems silly really to rebuild sporting infrastructure.
- Calgary already has a number of great facilities in the city. Maybe put money into building more rather than hosting a two week party.
- Hinder. Venues from the old Calgary Olympics are already not up to snuff. Other host cities have venues sitting empty and unused. It is a huge waste of money for a few weeks of sport.
- No effect. We have a lot of excellent sports facilities already available
- Hinder, given the economy in Calgary, we would be left with more empty buildings to try and fill up after the games.
- The games will help. New venues and facilities will add jobs to Calgary, providing greater accessibility to community activities and sport.
- With the money spent on surveys and bids we could build affordable housing. We are using Edmonton's venue because we aren't replacing the Saddledome.
- Wrong Question. It should be. Do you think the proposed upgrades/etc. which will be used by private, for profit companies to improve their bottom line should be paid for with tax dollars?
- Mayor Nenshi has focused a lot of effort in his time to clean up Calgary's downtown with the removal of aged run-down buildings and improved the optics of our city. With a slow economy labour and materials were & are a better rate than when the Oil Patch is booming. Now is the time to continue to build venues & facilities (including a new arena) to host these games well.
- If the stamps and flames get better venues then yes, maybe even a MLS team
- Venues are never a bad thing however let's build them for us not the Olympics. Spread it out
- Help. Calgary is already a world-class city for hosting sporting events, and the Olympics could make it even more desirable. That being said, I've heard from other sources that certain events would have to be hosted in cities barely mentioned - or not mentioned at all - on this site. Would Calgary end up paying for facilities in Whistler (ski jumping) or Edmonton (curling)?
- Hinder
- The proposed facilities would hinder our future. We desperately need a new arena and stadium. If we have the games, then we can't afford either.
- Help! Economic impact of hosting, human impact of volunteers able to support the legacy of these venues.
- It appears there will be a small field house and nothing more. Don't need the Olympics to build a small fieldhouse
- Calgary is in desperate need of new facilities, and this is also an opportunity to renovate existing facilities, to ensure future use.
- Who would own the venues? The City of Calgary or the other provinces, towns, cities that would host? Would the Flames owners own the arena? Seems Calgary is paying but not getting what they pay for.
- Will not help
- If they don't focus on a new hockey arena soon, no other venue should go forward
- Hinder in the long run. A fresh coat of paint on venues won't justify the cost, especially when the flames will still want a new stadium and the stamps could use a covered field. If the federal and provincial government will subsidies, then make the most of it with new venues.
- I believe that the Olympics would definitely result in better and more venues which in turn would lead to better and more athletes using these venues. Absolutely a positive for Calgary. The last Olympics have proven that.
- Why not just spend a little bit of money, to upgrade those buildings instead of bnb over billions we'll never get back for years to come?
- If you want to upgrade the facilities just do so. It would be a lot cheaper without the added costs involved in hosting

- Help, because our city is far behind other large Canadian cities as far as number of venues per capita. My own children participate in sport and accessible space has been a challenge for many years now. The citizens of Calgary and area will use the venues long after the games.
- Getting venues upgraded using tax dollars that normally go to eastern equalization payments. Creating jobs.
- I think that the plan calls for upgrades to facilities that, by 8 years from now, will actually need replacement or at least more work than anticipated, increasing costs and reducing the likelihood there will be a legacy benefit.
- A lot of money has already gone in to the proposed venues, and meanwhile ones that really need upgrading for long term use are being ignored in this proposal, like the Saddledome, how does this make sense?
- Hinder
- I have heard no new venues, so no. We need a good new venue, but there are far less expensive ways to make that happen.
- "The economic cases for new venues should stand on their own merits.
- People always want something when someone else pays for it.
- I do NOT trust the supposed economic analysis from the local bid committee or the International Olympic Committee, still an old boy's club with too much corruption hiding behind the Olympic Ideals."
- We may have new venues but the transportation infrastructure will be in such bad shape that we will never be able to travel to them to use them.
- Hinder. You can't just put a band aid on some of these venues. There's no way I'm going to Edmonton to see the curling. We need a new Saddledome before we talk about having the Olympics.
- Hinder. Upgrading venues and facilities are not important. Use the money for other projects, such as snow removal or reducing our property tax
- Hinder, upgrading costs are not fully fleshed out and the burden is once again placed on citizens.
- Help
- hinder...we are burdened enough now with cost for everyday services that we cannot afford.
- Help the future. I am a born and raised Calgarian and now have children of my own. We still ski at COP and Nakiska and skate at the Oval and Olympic plaza. Many of the 1988 venues are still in use today but are outdated and no longer up to modern standards (ski jumps as an example). New state of the art facilities WILL be used in this city as Calgarians are active people. Calgary is a world class city and we should have world class venues.
- Help, it has been too long since our facilities have been upgraded
- These venues or facilities are for a select few that use them and the cost doesn't justify the end use. Example ski jump
- This municipality has needed a field house for more than 25 years. One is long overdue. I do not think though that the skiing events should be held at Whistler. Banff & Canmore areas have fabulous facilities which should be utilized not moved to BC.
- We have benefited for 30 years because of the legacy venues. There is no reason to believe that we will not see similar benefits with these games.
- New infrastructure as long as built with future use in mind can only benefit the city long term.
- They would hinder Calgary simply due to costs and future debts
- Hinder, from what I have read and heard, they would not be much of an upgrade. IE, no net gain seats.
- Help keep costs down.
- Help. Many venues are old and need to be upgraded
- Only if we build McMahon stadium from ground up and put a roof on it
- Absolutely help - Winsport alone brings in \$120 million each year to our economy. The collective impact of upgrading all our facilities will help support economic gain for years to come.
- Hinder. Wasting \$\$ on a new arena that holds
- Pretty much answered this in the last question
- Hinder - taxes too high already. Council needs to focus on getting taxes down. Need to see the taxes drop in this tough times. Focus on cost control!
- To this day some 1988 venues/facilities are still being used, but the cost is too high for Calgarians

- If we want to help a few athletes in our city, we can do it for much less cost, and without the long term debt increasing our taxes. And without the Olympic expenditure, we could help a lot more athletes, not just a few.
- It should help. Some of the venues are old but it would less costly to update them than to build new ones from scratch.
- Help, 30 years is a long time in sport, we need some new infrastructure in Calgary.
- We need infrastructure, not more facilities that people can't afford to use..
- Help. They will be utilized and hopefully profitable.
- Check out how the investment on the venues and centres used in Rio Olympics or Greek Olympics turned out. Go further back and see the current status of those venues.
- Upgrading old facilities like McMahon Stadium would be a waste of money. All you'd get is an old facility with some face painting. New lipstick on old pigs is not going to help Calgary out much in the future.
- The potential is there for upgraded and new venues to help or hinder Calgary depending on how they are built, i.e. are they going to be built within a reasonable budget? Will their construction be mindful of long-term use (20-30 years after the event)? Will the venues be build with their environmental impact in mind? Planning will have to be careful and until draft plans are made and explained it is impossible to decide whether they will help or hinder. It is important to take into consideration the venue of other Olympic host cities which have gone into disuse and disrepair (Sochi is a perfect example).
- Help the future - Calgary is a great outdoor sports community. We desperately need new indoor soccer facilities.
- Hinder because I believe venues and facilities will not pay for themselves in the long term.
- The city has grown, needs a field house which has been on the books for the last 25 years. They are now on the books of BidCo. Saving taxpayers tax money. Our 1988 Olympic facilities are close to 40 years old in 2026, they need an upgrade regardless of hosting the Olympics.
- They would help our future Canadian altheles.
- These facilities can be paid for without the Olympics.
- Would help but at what cost?
- The venues/facilities are just band aids and renovations and do not address the real issue of building and paying for world class venues. We should not have to host the Olympics just to get a new arena or football stadium - that is ridiculous. Edmonton did not need to host the games to get it's new arena, even Hamilton has better facilities than Calgary. This is the fault of City Council and its secretive ways.
- Yes if development is done within a strong and accountable 3P framework
- Definitely will help in the future. Calgary needs to redevelop the facilities remaining from 1988.
- "Juan Antonio Samaranch stated in a speech last week that Calgary would be able to host the games in existing venues, without having to spend to build facilities.
- Can we be told the truth ? These contradictions elevate the risks, in my opinion.
- And the venues, like a new arena (or whatever), will benefit a few organizations (hockey teams, concert promoters) to make huge profits with no investment of their own.
- It is not clear how the \_majority\_ of Calgarians will benefit."
- Hinder
- Spending will be not controlled and then the cost will be put on the tax payers .
- Hinder, look at previous games, facilities no longer used
- "Hinder - How many people bobsled? Let's be real. There is empirical data. Millions will be poured into this infrastructure to be left to rot when everything is said and done. It happens all over the world. Every time. If we have these resources we should be applying them to combating Climate Change. This event would only make our issue worse.
- Knowing what we know and knowing the consequences of our over indulgences, how can we look our children in the face and say, ""Yeah, enjoy the games, we could have spent those resources on adapting to this existential threat but, nah, bobsled.""?

- We need a war time effort, yesterday, to adapt our communities to climate change. There is no stopping it. That window of opportunity closed decades ago. We do nothing. Business as usual or ineffective policy that does nothing but placate people. Scientists are screaming from the roof tops and our communities ignore it. CoC can say all they want about a strong plan. Show me the results. I don't see anything. Just placating ineffective drivel. At this point, continuing to behave in the manner we do is nothing short of criminal negligence.
- You think reconciliation with the indigenous population is hard? We are committing a crime that makes the destruction of our indigenous people look like a misdemeanor. We consume and waste so much at the expense of people's lives. But, we don't see them and they reside on the other side of our tiny planet. So, screw them. Let's just play games and ship in another 50,000 fidget spinners to sell to the mobs. Put an Olympic symbol on them and I bet we could get an extra 5 bucks for them! Forget the environmental impact such idiocy results in. Yee haw!
- I don't know what I am going to tell my children. I look at my parents and shake my head. What a negligent, selfish and shortsighted bunch. It's a disgrace."
- You haven't been honest on what events will be held in Calgary. We hear that the Hockey and Figure Skating will all be in Edmonton and all of the downhill skiing in Whistler. You need to clearly explain what events are going to be where. Why would the City of Calgary participate if all of the marquee events are going to be in other places. We take all the risk, absorb all the costs and get NO benefits. Bad idea. This HAS not been clearly explained by the committee. Are you hiding something?
- hidden costs that are not being accounted for as well lying about security that is going to be needed because of all the ISIS fighters that were acquired from the Edmonton and Calgary Area.
- "No but it will be more taxes!
- More taxes for the taxpayer to pay. Someone has to continue to operate them once they are completed. so you have operating cost after the games."
- I think that some of Calgary's venues and facilities could benefit from upgrades and that these updates would benefit the city, but I don't think that these upgrades need to be tied to an Olympic bid. If venues like McMahon Stadium and the Olympic Oval need upgrades - or new venues like the fieldhouse are needed - I would prefer to see those infrastructure needs reviewed, costed, and proposed independently from the Games.
- I'm sure the venues and facilities are needed, and they would be helpful, but could be funded much more efficiently by doing it directly instead of as part of an Olympic bid.
- All of these expenses will benefit a small number of competitive athletes.
- Hinder - humongous financial burden to pay for facilities that will go un-used after the Olympics
- New venues and facilities generate maintenance and upkeep for years going forward - many of which the average Calgarian doesn't or cannot use. If Calgary facilities need improvement, fine - improve them. But not all at once (which strains resources and results in cost inflation as they'll all be upgraded at the same time) and only facilities that benefit Calgary as a whole (what percentage of Calgarians have ever used the ski jump??? I mean, really?)
- Other than the Flames desire for a new arena (which they should principally pay for, and not the Calgary taxpayer), the upgraded venues and facilities are largely unnecessary considering the present condition of the economy.
- At what cost?
- We do not need the games to build a new facility. They do not have to be synonymous
- Important to leverage the facilities that exist and keep those in good conditions to ensure we can continue to use them for years to come
- Instead of building sports venues we need to put Albertans to work building a pipeline.
- Hinder. We already have ski jumps that are in disrepair. We don't need more relics.
- Hinder. Why would new ski jumps help our future at all or more short term condos.
- I'm sure it would help once they are paid off. I feel the IOC is pressuring Calgary to host and one side effect is that the flames would probably end up with a taxpayer subsidized arena. Not cool.
- I don't see any new large proposed facilities without incurring more costs. Putting a few maintenance dollars on older facilities is not acceptable.
- Hinder!! Misplaced priorities and unneeded costs at this time.

- Since 1988 we have barely used the ski jumps and Nakiska does not get regular enough snow. Weather patterns not reliable in Calgary area. Do not want expensive building projects for limited use
- Definitely help! We lose out on so many opportunities because we lack the infrastructure that a city of our size should have had for years. The Olympics provides us an opportunity to build these much needed facilities on a quick time frame, benefiting all Calgarians. Our existing venues provide the training for our Olympic (and other) athletes year round already. If Canada wants to continue to excel in these sports we have to continue to enhance these facilities. Being a hub for these athletes brings value to our city, not just in terms of continued funding and subsequent spending but also ensures we are considered for future events hosting that boosts tourism and awareness about our city.
- Help. We need a refresh
- It would hinder Calgary going forward with the debt that should be carried by the private companies that own these facilities (ie Winsport, Flames and so on).
- help, Calgary benefits everyday from so much of the 88 legacy, next 30 years is critical to continue making Calgary the best city in Canada.
- Hinder. There is no proven need for additional facilities outside of the games, so building them is an unnecessary expense.
- Hinder. Why are we not redeveloping our ski jumps. Why reward BC after that pipeline drama?
- Hinder
- It depends on how the upgrades and new facilities were carried out. I am skeptical that they will be useful for the long term.
- If we can't get to them without a car, it won't matter.
- Being in debt is not good for anyone's future, no matter how swanky the venues and upgrades are. Most people won't be able to afford attending events in these facilities. The money is better spent on affordable housing, parks, paving roads; things that benefit the majority of Calgary's citizens.
- Help of course. Our current venues need upgrading. If that happens we can enjoy them for another 30 years.
- Hinder as there will be debt and taxes to businesses and people will rise
- I really don't see the benefit.
- It would help - however the main facility issue in Calgary right now is the Saddledome - and it is not even being considered in the Olympic bid - does not make a lot of sense to me.
- Again, I don't think that it matters. The venue and facilities can be built out of taxpayers money anyway if the people think they are necessary and that would still cost less than hosting the Olympics.
- I don't see how so much money could add so little improvement.
- You are only doing a few minor improvements to nearly forty year old buildings. You are proposing to put some lipstick on some old tired structures.
- It would help! We have been hosting professional events at these venues ever since the 88 Olympics. These facilities are in dire need of upgrades. Through the Olympics we can get these venues upgraded while sharing the cost with the Provincial and Federal governments as well as the IOC. These venues can then continue to bring revenue for decades to come.
- This is the same question we face regarding the new NHL arena. Are we building venues and facilities that only a certain segment of the population will use? If you are not a winter sport enthusiast then you will never use the venues and facilities but you are still expected to pay for them. At least with an NHL arena we will be able to host concerts and if it is a multi use arena then more than one sports team will use the facility.
- Hinder, will take forever to recoup the cost of these buildings and facilities.
- hinder because the city is not focusing on important venues such as an events facility and arena that could attract world class events such as Edmonton has
- Calgary must build a new NHL hockey event centre
- As far as new venues and facilities that would definitely benefit a large and growing city like Calgary, the one large project missing from the bigger picture in this matter is that of a world first class stadium or venue that could accommodate large size venues in order for Calgary to be able to compete with large cities like Vancouver or Toronto

which so far is missing from any hope of ever being built as these games could have been used to further this endeavour that is so much needed for a growing city the size of Calgary. If not now.....then when....?

- Hinder. Target specific facilities for Calgary communities used by many rather than venues used by very few.
- no spend the \$ on specific facilities which can be justified
- "Hinder! Cost! Cost! Cost!"
- We can't be clearer!!"
- Help
- Hinder
- Need more new venues as op[posed to lipstick on the pig theory currently in play.
- I do think new facilities (for example a replacement to the Saddledome, whose current construction hinders many performers from bringing their concert tours here) could be beneficial in the long run, however beyond expansion and changes to existing structures like the Stampede Park and CPO I don't see facilities and venues specifically in regards to sports activities benefitting the city. They'd have to be on one end of town, out of reasonable reach for many Calgarians given travel time and the current state of our roads. In the long run these facilities would not return to citizens what was used in tax payer money to build them.
- The low-budget version of the games being proposed does not deliver enough new venues or facilities to make the expenditure worth while. If airport transit, completing the Green Line, rail link to Banff/Lake Louise, new arena, reconstruction of Olympic Plaza and Stephen Ave as well as pedestrian realm and cycling improvements were all included in the bid I would be far more likely to support the bid even though costs would be dramatically increased. The Olympics should help transform the host city and none of the proposed upgrades or new venues will come close to doing that
- It will help.
- New venues are always nice but we should build what we need s independent projects that are justified on a stand alone basis.
- There is money available to fix these facilities already. No need for these games.
- The city should be spending money on upgrading existing venues and facilities anyway. This should not be a separate and special budget item.
- Not worth it without a new arena.
- Help. Let's just make our own facilities without a \$3 billion price tag.
- Effective planning to reuse facilities.
- hinder.
- "I think that Calgary can build the venues it needs without the Games. The city owns the Saddledome, what's to stop us from building a replacement arena, and capturing all the economic rewards that flow from it to benefit all our residents?"
- Also, when speaking of new venues, we have to ask who benefits. Some of the facilities to receive upgrades outside of the city are in private hands. Promises to create affordable housing are almost always broken by the end of the games, as housing units get turned into upscale condos and sold for a profit.
- If a facility is worth building, why do we need the Games as an excuse? I'm super sceptical that anything we build solely because we host the Games would be a worthwhile investment."
- The vast majority of venues from prior Olympics are not maintained and crumble into disrepair. Look at our Ski Jumping facilities.
- It could hinder Calgary's future. Because if you were to put these facilities up for bid to a general contractor you would have a set dollar figure already. Which you have to do anyway for the Olympic bid but your proposed cost is only speculated. Therefor the chance for cost to skyrocket has a high chance to be well over budget.
- No new 20k rink for the Flames is a BIG no.
- Very negligible impact, either way.
- Help, so many athletes train her already which will bring even more here to do so

- This might be one of the only good things about it but I think 6 billion to get it is ludicrous when taxpayers could get this for a 500 million investment
- I think the logistics of having some of the games in Whistler or Edmonton will cause issues with ticket selling. The competitors of those sports may feel singled out and miss the comradery of being with all other hopefuls. I wonder, how it will be the Calgary 2026 games if some of it has to be done in another province.
- Too Damn Expensive
- Help
- HINDER!!!! THIS PLAN DOESN'T EVEN INCLUDE A NEW ARENA. COME ON!!!!!!
- No
- I believe that as long as the replacement of the Saddledome is on the books, it will be worth it. All the other facilities require minimal upgrades and would create jobs.
- Hinder, we have little to gain. No new arena.
- I think they would help build Calgary's future, but not nearly as much as other spending priorities. Expanding the LRT, building a new arena for concerts and the Flames and investing in new schools, hospitals, parks, etc, would have a far greater impact on making Calgary greater.
- There needs to be a new hockey arena in the proposal or I'm voting against the bid. All the sports need to either be held in Calgary or Canmore. If we end up sharing with Vancouver or Edmonton I will definitely vote no.
- Upgrading 30 year old infrastructure will not leave a lasting legacy. Upgrades will only extend the life of already inadequate facilities. We need a new arena. We don't need an updated old inadequate facility. It will still be inadequate. New arena. More money.
- With money going to this and not a new NHL arena, we will probably lose the Flames and all the charity and jobs that go with it. Communities and charities receive more from the Flames than they will the Olympics. Also, two new arenas after the games isn't enough to justify the extra debt when people don't have jobs.
- Again, this is all about taxpayers paying for a new arena for the Calgary Flames. Against.
- Trying to renovate the Saddledome for the various ice competitions is a bad choice all round. It is the oldest rink in the NHL and the security that would be needed would be ridiculous. Try going to a Flames game!
- They serve very few people in the long run, it's not a good use of public money. Better to invest in transportation, job creation or education.
- It's been stated that the current bid estimate does NOT include any new venues so this question doesn't seem appropriate or important
- Although various facilities do need upgrading and new ones are needed using the Olympics as a quick injection of money to move these needs/wants forward sooner is not forward thinking or proper budgeting practice. Address main need(s), budget accordingly and build with truly known costs. If we have to depend upon the government to help out to the extent outlined we have far bigger issues in the country than funding the Olympics.
- waste of money for a select few
- would definitely help
- Hinder. I mean they aren't even building a new arena! There are already new facilities in Vancouver do we really need better ones here? I don't think so.
- Biggest help and asset would be a new arena
- A 6,000 seat arena? Wow, absolute joke.
- "Hinder.
- We hardly use the facilities or at least profit off the facilities from '88.
- Nakiska is a joke, our bobsled track is hardly used, the LRT was so poorly thrown together and being on ground interferes with traffic, kills more people a year than all other infrastructure in Calgary combined and doesn't even go to the airport. The bidco and Nemshi should be jailed over the waste of money currently invested in the bid. Such poor fiscal management/responsibility."
- Help, if they are in Calgary and not Whistler.
- as long as these facilities are accessible to mainstream population - but you know that is not the case. When does mainstream population use the ski jumps?
- I think they would help, but again at enormous expense.

- This is fiscally irresponsible - the upgrading of venues or facilities would just add more debt to the City.
- Hinder, will be tough to reuse those facilities
- They should be upgraded any way. Is the Olympics, with its additional non-infrastructure costs, the right way to do it?
- No need. We are not having these games
- No new Arena is stupid
- Hinder. We do not need to increase city taxes in order to fuel Nenshi's ego. For a moment please consider the families that this decision would impact. I cannot afford to pay more than \$3.30 to take the train, let alone any increases.
- Need venues in the city. Our tax money should not be spent in other cities
- There is currently no new hockey arena or LRT line in the bid. This oversight is a hindrance to Calgary's future.
- Definitely help keep our NHL team from moving ...( Seattle)
- "Let's focus on the sports the citizens of Calgary support year after year. We need what the next project offered. I don't care if it's as that was presented just the answer it provided to McMahon and the Saddledome.
- McMahon stadium is a complete rotting dump. Being completely residential it has a sound level limit so can't host much. Not that anyone would want to go there. Really speaks to how loyal stamp fans are. Imagine how that would grow with a proper facility.
- The saddle dome is a dump that can't support the equipment big concerts use. We watch stars perform in Vancouver then Edmonton then east they go. Calgary gets skipped constantly!
- Like it or not events that attract people from across the city to celebrate common interests build Calgary community and culture.
- The city budgeted 3 million. That's 197 million short of what the olympics need. Calgary can't afford this."
- hinder. We cant even get a hockey stadium now.
- I don't know. We were told that after the 1988 olympics we would have all these great facilities with a wonderful legacy. Now just 30 years years later we are told that the facilities are no good and at the very least require upgrades. Why can't we just use the existing facilities?
- Is it better to be even more broke than we are now????
- Upgrades to present facilities should already be a part of city capital maintenance budgets. Spending additional money on venues which may or may not be needed after the Games is fiscally irresponsible. New venues require ongoing operating/maintenance - has this cost been included in the Games estimate or will city taxes increase to cover these costs?
- Not good enough and stupid to give events to BC
- Help...especially if we get a new stadium for the flames. Better building, better concerts
- We can accomplish these improvements without the olympics, for lower cost.
- It would help, but at an unacceptably high cost.
- Hinder due to high costs
- Some upgrades will help but others like extra seating may not.
- Hinder... No matter how much you think you will have budgets under control, you will not... Costs will be way more than you expect.
- I think the current plan should be called the Austerity Olympics.
- Likely help with some future event hosting, but I would much rather see that money go to something for the citizens of our fine city. The Green line, upgrades to infrastructure used on a daily basis. And tbh, we do need a new hockey arena. But again, Ken King's expectations that we the people should pay for so much of it is insane.
- help - low cost housing, and facilities that can attract athletes for training and other world-class events - ie world cup. Quebec just built a new Oval and I understand we are losing speed skating to them now as our facilities are not as new.
- Hinder. We have to pay for them
- Investment in upgraded and new venues is not going to see a long term benefit. I can't see that we will get enough international events to see the venues get use.
- we need to live within our means. You spend when you have the money to

- We have no need for new venues or facilities. The COP ski jumps are collecting dust. This is a red herring to take the taxpayers eye off the boondoggle.
- While it would be nice to upgrade some facilities, we need a new NHL arena more than any of these upgrades or new venues.
- These new venues would cost more to maintain
- Based on usage of venues created by previous Olympic hosts. It's unlikely we will use the venues to the peak like these games again and will be left to spoil.
- It was promised to fix and improve McMahon stadium for the 1988 games and yet it is the same today - false development promise - lack of funding and vision again.
- None of the proposed new venues are needed. Look at the out dated ski jumps at Cda Olympic Park. They are decrepit and unsafe.
- It would amplify our places for connection And gathering.
- Calgary is one of the few Olympic cities in the world where we still use Our Facilities each and every day. It had created a sport legacy unparalleled in the world. The opportunity to host the games again would modernize our existing facilities and continue a sport legacy for the next 30 years .
- No...a 4000 seat arena & field house of no great value to city
- Help, obviously, but then they must be maintained
- waste of money for a mini hockey arena..old stadium,old arena,split sites..cost overruns.
- I'm all for upgrading and extending the life of existing facilities, and building new ones. I just don't understand why we need the olympics to do so. Calgary is facing unprecedented hardship and the downturn is not over, why now, why the olympics? We can't even get the flames a new stadium, why do you think this is going to end any better than that fiasco?
- Venue upgrades are sorely needed with or without the games. Housing can multiply number of affordable housing units available.
- Some venues will undoubtedly help but we seem to be missing the one that would help the most average calgarians - new arena/concert venue.
- we shouldn't be paying for repairs/upgrades to privately owned properties.
- Hard to say, some venues will likely become white elephants (i.e. the ski jumps in Calgary from the 1988 Olympics).
- I do not have enough information to make an informed decision regarding this matter. My gut tells me that this City has enough facilities and constructing more mid sized venues is just going to cost money we do not have and is not going to put us on the map.
- Will not help Calgary's future. Some of the events won't even be in Calgary!
- I'm sure it would help some, like the people that can afford sports or probably this will get a new arena !
- Renovating buildings is a waste of money.
- Hinder. There has been little promise of new facilities that weren't already planned like the field house.
- They would help - having world class venues attracts world class athletes, and can inspire our youth to stay active for live
- Hinder
- Hinder due to cost.
- Help. We need a field house and the facilities need to be upgraded. That's in the plan and we can do it with the Olympics for less, leveraging gov partner money.
- Why not spend a fraction USD 0,3 million on McMohan stadium that will only be used for the ceremonies. Add mobile artificial ice 100x60 meter and include two bandy events. This will better serve Canada's huge ice hockey, lacrosse and ball-sport community
- The old facilities willl "magically " appear to have to be rebuilt if we get the games.
- help, but not as much as a new Dome and Stadium. We continue to lose events due to our facilities. These are far more reaching for economical benefit that the proposed Olympic spending on facilities
- How about focus on other things that need to be upgraded that people use daily? Like the roads and public transit? You can't even afford new winter tires for buses, but you want to spend billions on a 2 week party because it will make

YOU look better? Get real, there are so many other things to focus on. Get your head out of your asses and walk a day in a Calgarians shoes, then you will see real problems.

- Look at the white elephants left over from 1988 and decide. As Homer Simpson would say.....dddooooouuuhhh !!!
- We can upgrade these facilities without spending twice as much on security. If you want to improve facilities do that without the extra costs of the games.
- Asking the people to pay more in taxes to upgrade, or build new venues will hinder the people in the Province and City of Calgary
- Well targeted facilities can be produced with less risk.
- Help. How could it not help? We need these venues updated and new venues built.
- who's going to pay for these venues? Taxpayers?
- help, we need to upgrade them sooner or later, why not use games proceeds to accomplish this and profile the bow valley at the same time
- Of course but only the rich will be able to use the facilities
- It may help certain groups but not the seniors who are struggling
- Yes. New venues and facilities upgrade is definitely benefit Calgarian life.
- "improved facilities are always welcome. but only if we can afford them.
- do any of the proposed facility upgrades have the approval of the sport governing bodies? they do not always agree with the Olympic committee."
- Do not need upgrades
- For future use yes, just for the Olympics not worth it.
- Any potential benefits are minuscule compared to the cost. Because of the outrageous costs the games will be a hindrance to Calgary's future.
- Help!
- Finally upgrading facilities should benefit the city.
- I believe we need upgraded venues for amateur soccer, field houses for track and field before we need enhanced ski jumping venues. As well, we don't need to host an olympics to get more affordable housing - fund affordable housing, not the IOC.
- It will help Calgary's future by breathing new life into existing olympic venues. I do not agree with upgrading McMahon stadium, building a 5,000 seat arena, building a field house. Calgary Flames Calgary Next project would have resolved all of these. The City should put their money into Calgary Next. McMahon Stadium is a dump.
- Help for a short time again
- The new facilities will help secure our NHL team (assuming we get a new rink), and a new field house will help us attract future events too.
- Will it be a new Arena for the Flames/Hitmen and Stadium for Stampeders/Dinos? Flames bring in countless millions in charitable donations every year. Thousands of people rely on CSEC for Full and part time jobs. Why is the city so eager for a two week spectacle that'll have us swimming in debt for years yet don't seem to care if they lose our NHL franchise?
- Hinder. Because we cannot afford it.
- Upgrading sports facilities is always beneficial as long as it is happening during the regular building life cycle. Again, this needs to be done but the additional COSTS associated to hosting the games are not worth it. We should be saving money for and upkeeping our sports facilities like responsible asset owners.
- Look to 1988's facilities. The ski jumping facility deemed unacceptable by the FIS. A family ski hill that continues to have to make it's own snow out in K-country. The x-country ski facilities in Canmore seem to have survived, but they didn't need an Olympic games to support their development - that could have easily been done at any time. For a time the Olympic Oval retained value; now that Salt Lake and Vancouver have hosted winter Olympics this facility is not much more than a public skating/hockey facility. And oversized/overpriced for that use. Olympic Plaza downtown is the same as the Canmore skiing facility - could have been put in place without the Olympics. And the housing up on Broadcast Hill? Any developer could have been encourage to build this type of housing. No thanks to venues and facilities.
- Hinder. We should be wisely building / upgrading for the city on a priority basis.

- It will significantly help. I propose that the IOC is looking for a handful of permanent Winter Olympic cities around the world. Calgary should be one of them.
- It depends on what facilities are upgraded or built. I'm undecided on the need for the field house for the Games, as it appears most subsequent uses are not related to the Winter Games. As such, it appears the Games are being used as a reason to build a facility only loosely related to the Games (i.e. is the field house really needed for the Games)? On the other hand, notably absent are new or upgraded ski jumping facilities. Are we really considering having ski jumping in BC after the damage the BC government has done to our main industry, and they would presumably have zero financial risk? Also, a new arena (that could host all kinds of entertainment events currently bypassing Calgary) would seem to help Calgary's future.
- Hinder, again... simply the costs for the upgrades associated with hosting the games. City of Calgary does not need these level of facilities for the general population. The city does not have budget to operate the "re-vitalized" facilities into the future and that alone is another cost that is not being considered in the costs...
- I don't care. I don't want it!
- It will hinder Calgary's future ! The reason being Calgary is always has had topsy turvy future with the oil costs going a roller coaster ride in few years . since the gold rush / railways / so on and so forth . nothing has being stable in this city . we need to focus on our fellow beings and not just host games that will take toll of generations to come ?
- does not help the future, how much revenue would the CITY bring in long term from these facilities? is it enough to fund school, roads, etc? no. A new hockey rink only benefits the owners.
- Refreshing and upgrading world class winter sports facilities would be a benefit to, and a continuation of, the 1988 Olympics that made Calgary a centre for winter sport training.
- Stop wasting money on unnecessary special interest groups like sport venues and now these Games. That means arenas, event centres, entertainment districts, etc. Let the special interest groups pay for (or choose a less expensive option like an open field somewhere instead of millions of dollars worth of buildings (to build then maintain them); they are not something taxpayers want to fund and there is a disconnect with Council who continue to put money towards their 'vision' of the city (in short, their vision how to waste taxpayers' money). Residents and businesses have had enough are if the message is not received soon expect fewer people to stay here or be attracted here.
- Facilities would benefit calgarians however the costs will be an excessive burden.
- More than enough money is spent on sports, athletes, and sport venues! How about putting some money towards helping the homeless, the unemployed, and the SENIORS! Maybe put the money towards Medical benefits. I don't care how pretty our sports venues are if I'm a low income senior with health issues, unemployed, or homeless.
- Venues for sport and cultural events will always need upgrading/expanding and rebuilding. People are attracted and corporations are attracted to Cities that are vibrant and forward thinking.
- If you upgrade McMahon stadium and the Saddledome you still have old facilities with a bit of a facelift. It is better to work out an agreement with the Flames to get a brand new arena and spend the money on the Victoria Park entertainment centre. Plan on building a new Field house, money that is wasted on a two week event could be used for these new facilities.
- We already have facilities in place that are unused for decades. Upgraded/new venues or facilities have little benefit to average Calgarians. Besides what has a new fieldhouse have to do with winter games. We are getting conned by council, elites and the media.
- Seems like many of the venues will be OUTSIDE Calgary so it's hard to see how they would have any impact on Calgary 's future
- If there is an economically sound reason to upgrade the facilities, the. Find the money now without the olympics clouding the issue. If we need the hype of the olympics to get everyone in a tizzy to open the coffers, should we think twice about the idea in the first place?
- help, but I think that what has been proposed as new and upgraded venues in what I've heard are things that the city should have put in place decades ago.
- No - where is the Hockey Rink
- Hinder - We already have great venues and facilities. We can do better with our money by working in partnership with organizations that need bigger and better facilities (flames/stampeders).
- I DO NOT SUPPORT A BID FOR THE OLYMPICS! They would create an ongoing tax liability to Calgary taxpayers

- It will help. There is a lot of non-monetary benefit. No doubt. I just wish there was a better understanding of "how much we'd be in the hole after the games" so I can compare that cost to these non-monetary ones and make an informed decision
- Facility renewal and development is needed - if we don't invest in the facilities Calgary will need to reinvest to maintain or loss status as a major hub for training for winter sport - as an example I hear that WinSport provides more than \$110M per year of economic benefit to Calgary through jobs etc. They host more than 7 national sport organization head offices. some may leave if we don't refresh; Winsport is hoisting 7 world cups this year alone - each must generate about \$500k in economic activity - that alone is \$3.5million. The Oval , Nakiska and Lake Louise and Canmore also host major event. The fieldhouse is desperately needed for the city - we could get the facility as part of the legacy benefits from the games.
- The maintenance costs will increase taxes. Just booo
- Hinder. Calgary taxpayers will have to foot the bill for the debt of these venues and ongoing operating costs.
- Hinder. I would rather see fit for purpose upgrades to amateur sport and to facilities to support Flames and Stampeders.
- We would end up with facilities that under current North American standards will be viewed as replaceable in about 30 years. The first talk that the Saddledome being outdated and should be replaced was years ago. It is only 30 years old now. We'd be paying for the facilities beyond how long they are useful.
- What upgrades? What costs? Sharing venues with Edmonton, Canmore, Calgary and Whistler? Nothing is confirmed. It is all too expensive. Forget it.
- Again, a bullshit question. Of course new facilities will help Calgary. It's the COST. WHY CANT YOU JUST ASK STRAIGHT FORWARD QUESTIONS, instead of trying to put words in people's mouths.
- Calgary desperately needs new facilities. Ask our soccer youth, our hockey youth, and please help me understand why I have to drive to Edmonton to see my favourite bands play....because we have no facilities that work for all of these groups. So its about community and bringing Calgary families together at sporting events and concerts...and that is an amazing legacy that the Olympics can provide by bringing investment into Calgary that we otherwise have to spend on our own, or we will lose the provincial and federal and sponsors funding to build our City.
- I realize that certain facilities are needed in Calgary. We are a large city now and we do need to attract events to bring money into the city. However, I believe some of these things could be brought about without a huge outpouring of public money. Spreading the cost of these upgrades and potential new facilities would be more manageable and less of a risk since costs could be more accurately estimated. I myself do not attend many sporting events but I do know the Calgary Flames are a very important part of Calgary and a venue for the team would be incentive for them to stay and also we would be able to host larger concert events. We seem to be passed over for Edmonton simply because of the Saddledome's size and functionality. I just feel we need to take time to do these things carefully because of Calgary's current economic situation (and Alberta in general). The risk of going ahead with the extreme expense and obscure actual benefits of the Olympics is not worth it.
- Unless it comes with a new arena and the completion of the green line then no.
- Hinder. It's easy to build and hard to maintain. It's does not make sense to have "legacy" venues that require a massive sporting event every 30 years to remain useful. I would prefer building smaller venues that are of more use to the general public.
- Help- The venues have been successfully maintained and used for athletes and public citizens over the last 30 years. I believe this will continue with upgraded/new facilities.
- I don't feel there is a need for new facilities at this time. It would hinder our economy.
- Calgary is a medium size city. Calgary will not get a basketball team, a baseball team so expenditures on facilities is not warranted
- The proposed upgrades and new buildings were disappointing and seems like we do get much for the amount proposed
- The proposed upgrades will help Calgary,s future. The current venues will be improved and the plan for converting athlete accommodation to affordable housing will address a current need.
- Hinder. New and upgraded facilities will only be in some parts of town and less accessible to most Calgarians.
- Hinder. Big money on venues that don't get used enough or kept up

- help
- If as a city we decide that we want upgrade some facilities, do so, we do not need to host the Olympics to put money towards facilities.
- Like really????
- The upgrades will extend the life of valuable, iconic, Calgary and area landmarks; the new facilities will be important as our city continues to grow.
- I think it would help our future! Calgary is already home to alot of great venues like COP, the Oval, and the Canmore Nordec Center. I feel like giving these facilities the upgrades they need means that the legacy can continue and Calgary can continue to be home to alot of amazing athletes and venues!!
- help
- The fieldhouse is desperately needed, and having the Olympics as a catalyst in getting in built is a good thing for Calgary's future. McMahon Stadium need a significant upgrade, and the proposed changes will give renewal to that venue for several decades. A new NHL sized arena in Victoria Park is more needed than the proposed mid-sized arena, for both the Flames and big name concert purposes. This is what citizens in the city want most. So a mid-sized arena in the foothills shouldn't be built for the Olympics, although a new, or improved arena upon the current Father David Bauer Arena is needed in that area, along with a new competition aquatic facility, since the university is overcapacity for both public, and athletic usage.
- Comes down to cost and what will the longevity be in usefulness to Calgarians. Empty shells...or conversion to affordable housing for example, or community centres etc.
- Hinder, too costly!
- "Hinder, the saddledome and mcman stadium need huge revamps. We don't need to be concerning ourselves with building facilities for the Olympics when we need new stadiums. We miss many large acts due to our small arena. Lets focus on hosting things for our own city let alone the world right now.
- Our infrastructure also needs to be resolved before we bring thousands of tourists to this city."
- Loaded question. It would hinder because of the costs born by the taxpayer without any return.
- This is a loaded question by trying to draw people's attention away from the fact this will cost taxpayers money and therefore increase taxes with no guarantee there will be continued and consistent use of the facilities afterwards. Also, why would we need a Fifa regulation soccer field. These facilities will only benefit the athletes using them at the games and become obsolete after they leave and be no use to anyone else.
- Their construction will likely be rushed and not specifically helpful to future community uses.
- they would help.. but the cost is prohibitive
- Private investment would be a benefit here.
- I think it would help, a lot of them are due for overhaul and it would be nice to get money for this.
- These facilities are used by a very small number of people. The facilities will not make any difference to Calgarians as a whole. The facilities will not make any difference to Calgary's future except we will be paying for it for years
- No impact. You don't need an Olympics to build necessary venues. How much does the bobsleigh or jumps now get used? We won't be hosting alpine events either.
- Hinder. McMahon stadium needs to be replaced, not upgraded, that's a waste of money. The Saddledome is also nearing the end of its life and the city needs to factor in a strategy for replacing it as well. Hosting events in other cities is also a terrible idea. If we are going to host the games then include all the facilities necessary and be up front about the actual costs to Calgarians, or don't bother at all.
- This city is already running into problems that need correction. I would much rather see money dumped into all the emergency services, creating a job program for all who can get out and work particularly those on assistance whom are capable of work. Would prefer to see better breakfast lunch and snack programs for all children as well as those on lower incomes. Prefer money went to upgrading infrastructure water plants etc. There also needs to be workshops enticing students from Calgary and area to continue their education.
- Yes
- The proposed venues leave little after-Games benefits for Calgarians. Our money is better spent elsewhere.
- HINDER. They are white elephants in Montreal and Calgary.
- Help

- Help as we are desperately in need of upgrades now. Calgarians / Albertans will benefit for years to come.
- There are other infrastructures that are more important to this city than Olympic sports venues. Revisiting the Flames/stampeders venues will bring in far more money to this city.
- Hinder. Not all the facilities needed have been identified and costed for inclusion into the proposal. I guarantee that once the games are awarded to Calgary, there will be a call to replace the Saddle Dome and McMahon Stadium at significant additional cost. This will add to an already unacceptable debt load and impoverish the citizens for generations to come.
- "If a venue for the Flames and big concerts can be worked out with ZERO of my dollars, then fantastic! Otherwise Flames buy their own arena and we think outside the box for big concerts like Garth Brooks.
- Of course venues are a benefit. We already maintain our facilities without paying IOC too!"
- Hinder because we'll be paying for them for years to come.
- Hinder. Can't afford to build what we really need
- Hinder, why would we want to use a 70 year old Stadium and have venues in Whistler.
- Any impacts to community facilities will be limited, and if anything, it will divert money from more important long term projects.
- Already having a very public dispute over a hockey arena didn't help
- Hinder - because with our Economy the way it is, we cannot afford to spend the money on these extras.
- It would help in the long run, but it's all about money.
- Help, dependent on accessibility. The city does not need more facilities that only a fraction of the most wealthy citizens can afford to use. An example being the Olympic Oval; a pass used to be cheap, now costs hundreds of dollars. Location also impacts accessibility. Building outside of city limits will lower accessibility unless a transit route is formed.
- No
- If it can be used and have a purpose in the future after the Games are over then absolutely. Though there's a risk that if new facilities and venues built that they end up sitting there with no purpose wasting space and money. We have seen it here before (with the ski jumps) and in other countries that have hosted the games. I don't 100% support that idea.
- Help, for many of the same reasons as above. One thing money can't buy is the altitude Calgary sits at. This makes our venues very attractive for not only Canadian athletes, but for international athletes as well. Brand new facilities would be the best in the world.
- Upgrades to facilities would help Calgary's reputation as a high level sports training facility only until another city builds better facilities.
- Hinder
- Of course upgraded venues are a good thing, and will help with future events. But I do not agree the Olympics are the way to procure them. I do not have faith in the city to control cost overruns so these upgrades will in fact cost much more than they are worth. I would rather see professional sports team take on more of the costs, I do support some public funding also. If other venues need upgrades for training and competitions seek provincial and federal assistance first.
- I fully agree with the upgrades and new facilities but I do NOT agree with using Whistler instead of updating the existing ski jumping facilities in Calgary (or building temporary ones at Nakiska). The environmental impact of having part of the games in another province is huge.
- new venues are wonderful but they have to be paid for, and it will be our grand kids that foot that bill.
- We need the new facilities, but let's just invest in a new replacement for the dome and field houses, and not host the games
- Depends on cost and what they are. Partner with the users and cost share. Private/Public Partnerships to leverage.
- Neutral
- They weren't used since 88, why put all the money into them again? It's such a waste of money.
- New or refurbished ski jump tower? Pointless in the long term. When was the tower last used for a competition?
- Hinder cause the ones that are already here from the last Olympics are too expensive to use for average people anyway

- No. There is no benefit to us in what you propose. No new arena the games fractured over 2 provinces and 3 venues. Shake your heads.
- Don't know. I wonder what percentage of the City's populace actually gets any sustained benefit from them.
- Hinder. Debt burden to citizens. We'll move out of Calgary.
- Hinder. Just look at the 1988 ski jump towers standing obsolete - do we need to spend more money on facilities that will stand idle?
- Hinder. Too costly to upgrade or build new.
- Neutral, don't believe the proposed upgrades are that impactful. A new "small" hockey venue is not that helpful to long term sports needs
- Not enough information provided.
- What venues, the moved bus barns replaced with subsidized housing? What's the tax base for that? Those venues? The non existent hockey arena, or the non existent field house? Or a city without a NHL or CFL team? But hey a really nice \$23million bridge or a wonderful blue ring, or I don't know how about a overpriced scrap heap that greets visitors to our once fine city. Those types of facilities? WHERE IS THE COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS.....???????
- 5000 seat of arena is a waste of seats. Two sheets of ice would be nice for hockey Calgary, but seats would be empty most of the time WindSport, MaxBell and Father david Bauer are more than enough. Field house would be nice, only because we have been waiting for untold years to get one
- A 5000 seat arena will not help any of our professional teams. I feel we could well afford to build these facilities with the money it would cost to hold the Olympics. Building for the Olympics means a continued expense for the upkeep of the facility, even if it is not really a necessity for our city.
- A 5000 seat arena has little value in a city this size. Hitman games are over 8000.
- A fieldhouse would be a welcome addition, but its funding is needed either way and approval should be unrelated to the Olympics.
- A loaded question. Sure the new and upgraded facilities would have a positive impact on future of Calgary. But the cost is not worth it. That's the point that governments and idealist just never seem to get. It's like asking if providing dental care for everyone for a two week period would benefit our health. Yes it would. But the cost of providing this would be huge. And our governments at all levels had better start understanding the concept of living within your means.
- A lot of money to put lipstick on some pigs!! Meaningless to most Calgarians. There's been no life-cycle costing that I can see. What are the cost implication of operating the facilities over their expected life??
- A new Field House will be highly used but no new large arena means continued use of the Saddle Dome for concert and Hockey, already proven unviable.
- A new large arena is needed in Calgary to replace the ancient Saddledome for future use such as concerts and sports teams. Spending millions to upgrade the ancient McMahon and the Dome is a complete waste of money and time.
- A new venue is required, but like the Flames arena, the entire taxpayer base should not be footing the bill for a private corporation that will subsequently charge us to use it. If the public funds a new venue, the revenue generated should be going back to serve the public instead of lining the pockets of private executives. At the very least, the City should be gaining a commensurate portion of the revenue generated from attendance.
- A new world class venue and facilities will help Calgary's future.
- A very leading question. Of course improvements are positive. But are they really needed or are there other ways to achieve the goals? I believe there are.
- Absolutely help - as did the 1988. HOWEVER, the cost of such venues & facilities may end up with a huge debt Calgarians cannot afford at this time.
- Absolutely help!! A trip to the Oval during the evening hours when many athletes of many ages are running, skating, riding on their trainers (in the back areas) will inspire anyone and allow a reflection on the impact of the '88 games. Let's re-invest in our city and athletic and recreational opportunities. We don't need more malls and movie theaters for our youth... we need more venues like the Olympic Oval! One of our favorite places to mountain bike in the summer is the Canmore Nordic Center... and this is where our children learnt to cross country ski. Does it get much better than that?!

- Absolutely help!! New and improved facilities will benefit Calgary for future decades. Having local and international athletes train here opens up opportunities businesses, housing, coaching, sports medicine not to mention the intangible benefits learned through sport.
- additional ongoing costs for maintenance, higher increases in taxes
- Additional venues are welcome, but when the actual cost to host are known at the end of the day, I suspect a multiple of new venues could have been outright funded but the cost overruns.
- Additional world class facilities help Calgary's future, they are an economic benefit in their own right if run properly, increasing local employment, bringing in external revenue from teams training and competing here and enticing high calibre students and potential workers from abroad
- Again hinder Calgary's future, maybe reduce the fees on the existing facilities and do the normal maintenance better than spend money on expensive upgrades which will increase the entry fees and end up with no one using them
- Again, I don't think the return on investment would be worth the cost. If certain groups want new sports venues, let them and those who will use and benefit from them pay for them. Taxpayers shouldn't have to carry this.
- Again, irrelevant question. If you cannot afford something, you should not buy it.
- Again, likely be neutral. If the interest is there for the facilities then they would get built anyway
- Again, only the elite with benefit. We need to put our resources into infrastructure, housing, transit, another hospital and education/access for those at risk. Shunting homeless persons and those in poverty out of sight as has happened previously is just not acceptable. Fix our problems first, then perhaps I'd feel like celebrating.
- Again, this is just rearranging the deck chairs while the ship sinks. Let Billionaires pay for their own stadiums.
- All of the sporting types seem to want to tear down arenas and build new ones every thirty years so the draw of facilities is low. Money would be better spent on swimming pools, upgraded fields, indoor soccer centres etc.
- "All venues and facilities must have a long term plan and mandate to taxpayers to be held in public trust and for the benefit (through public usage access) to those facilities both for the purposes of education, training , research and public use. Facilities should be built for extended long term use. Too many times weve seen badly built facilities that are either in constant need of repair or 20 yrs down the road down fit expansion or growth plans of the facility.
- Calgary is in need of some new and upgraded facilities so the benefit is obvious, these structures needs be built anyway, but does it make sense to only build them according to specific use.
- IE the Speed skating oval is a great facility that was planned for multiple sporting events to use.
- All facilities need to have that balance of multi purpose usage in mind."
- Amateur venues will provide no benefit and result in a legacy of infrastructure liabilities for the tax payers.
- An Olympics is not worth supporting if it does not result in transportation (especially LRT) expansion and improvement, and construction of a new arena. The current plan does not address these key needs.
- Another non question.
- Another white elephant we cant afford
- Any gains are not worth the costs
- Any potential benefits would not be worth the cost.
- Anything new or upgraded can only help Calgary as a winter destination and training ground.
- Aren't guaranteed, and we will probably still have to pay for them ourselves.
- "As a former track and field athlete, I am still shocked and mad that Calgary does not have a Field House. Edmonton had one back in the 1970's.
- Why is it only now being considered?
- McMahon stadium is past renovating and would be replaced with an indoor stadium.
- A replacement for the Saddle Dome is also long overdue in this city.
- Headliner concerts are bypassing Calgary for Edmonton because our venue does not work for concerts.
- Our city council spent \$500 million dollars on a new library downtown that I will never use, yet other facilities (sports) are ignored by council unless the come with a big expensive party."
- As above.
- As an avid recreational athlete, there minor benifit to some very specific and niche venues will not have a net positive effect on Calgary.

- As I said, I'm sure they'll be nice but who has the time or money to enjoy them once we're all back to the grind when the fun is over!
- As I've stated above I am completely against the building of new venues and facilities as I am opposed to a bid for the Games due to the costs involved.
- As long as the facilities are useful in purpose & location afterwards & at what cost.
- As long as these things impact our city and economy year round, yes. If only for winter sport consideration? No
- As previously stated, The three biggest infrastructure proposals, namely a new arena, field house and community housing are all future spends anyways. Having federal and IOC funds to support them is a once in a generation opportunity. Except for the ski jump facilities, all of the previous Olympic's infrastructure has payed huge dividends to sport and tourism.
- As stated cost to taxpayers unexceptable.
- As the games are a relic of events that are not consistently supported at the community level. The legacy of facilities has a limited horizon and may only be sustainable for a shorter period of 6-9 years.
- Aside from two weeks of celebration I don't see any long term benefits or legacy in the proposal. Building a small two ice surface arena isn't it. Incorporating a new arena for Flames, concerts, etc. will not only leave a legacy for the city but would help many people rationalize the bid. Most people I talk to do want to spend the money on the games but if we at least get a new arena, I and many others could at least justify it to some degree.
- Average Calgarian would see very little benefit or use of new or upgraded facilities. If facilities can't generate enough of their own revue to pay for upgrades then its obvious that they are not being utilized sufficiently.
- Bad, not enough legacy for the cost! Give us a new hockey plus football stadium! Use them for Olympic events & we would have lasting facilities. No events for Edmonton & Whistler
- band aid solution as NEW arenas and facilities are needed. Not renovations.
- Bankrupt we can't afford it
- Barely any positive impact so it's not worth the cost
- Before the bid the council said some of the venues were obsolete now they want to spend money on them its crazy
- Both help and hinder. A new field house would be great but we need to do something to keep the flames in Calgary ie. a new arena. I don't think a coat of paint on the old Saddledome will suffice. I am concerned that much of the investment will be piece meal and have limited use after the games. I'd rather see us spend money on a development plan for he Victoria Park /East village area for after the games for the benefit of future generations of Calgarians.
- Build a decent place for hockey and entertaining. We miss some very good entertainment because the places are not suitable for popular entertainment.
- Build hospitals and senior housing first. Way too many seniors taking up acute care beds as we have no place else for them. We need dementia care beds ASAP
- Build the necessary venues without the games! It would cost our city much less!
- Build the Venues (New arena and Entertainment facility) in an equal partnership with private investment out of the money saved from not having the 2026 games in Calgary.
- Build venues if you want but not for the olympics but to make Calgary better
- Building a new stadium would be a benefit. Based on the current state of the 1988 Olympic venues (ie ski jump) we didn't look after them... why go down that road again?
- Building facilities we can't afford
- By not including a full-sized arena, will hinder our future. And if Calgary does build one, it is an extra cost "out-side of the bid report". So the reported costs are low and grossly fake to misled Calgarians and taxpayers.
- Calgary already attracts major sporting events using the current facilities. I dont see how new or upgraded facilities will help better the community. The offset costs used to temporarily upgrade Olympic venues will certainly take away from the development of new or upgrading of existing sporting facilities.
- Calgary Carrys all the costs, other cities or town that hold events will benefit from our debt, charge other cities to hold events
- Calgary does not need new venues the old ones are perfectly fine to be reused but the city insists that we need new ones for no reason.

- Calgary needs a new facility for the Flames, the proposed 5,000 person new arena in the bid serves no purpose to Calgarians long term. Calgary needs to focus on facilities and infrastructure that serve a purpose long term, rather than just for the games.
- Calgary needs exactly one piece of expensive public infrastructure - an NHL caliber rink. And it's not in the plan. Only an arrogant ego maniac like Nenshi could possibly think that's a good idea. STOP THIS MADNESS!!
- Calgary needs more and better cultural infrastructure, not a bigger arena.
- Calgary needs these upgrades and the new facilities. The Olympics will make that happen. But I do not want to have to pay for them all through my property taxes when there are shortfalls post Olympics.
- Calgary needs to take a more serious look at next-generation facilities for the Flames and Stampeders, something the current bid plan does not adequately address.
- Calgary screws Race City yet wants me to support the bloated fat cats of the NHL???? Go pound sand! if businesses want to invest in business, then fine but I don't want a penny of my taxes going to the NHL owners (directly or INDIRECTLY thru corp welfare and the like). P.S. Why don't we PAY the STAMPEDE Volunteers???
- Calgary will eventually get the venues & facilities anyway but with perhaps a longer time frame, this would only expedite the process, at our Tax Dollar Cost. This is not acceptable.
- Can't afford to maintain existing facilities, so why would we want more?
- Certain city officials who opposed a viable long-term win-win proposal from the Flames ownership are now in favour of hosting a short one-time tournament. Unbelievable. Stop trying to rip off Calgarians with this games idea.
- Certainly hinder it when taxes are unaffordable.
- Certainly not help given what I've read. Then you move curling to Edmonton and skiing to Whistler - what the heck is that about?????
- Certainly, every city, town, etc needs new infrastructure. We need it regardless of the Games. Why provide an opportunity for builders to bid up a particular project because they know there will be a deadline (ie 2026). Negotiate with all of the power, don't introduce an unnecessary obstacle. Costs are the real answer if these will help/hinder in the future. I could build the largest swimming pool, arena, stadium, etc in the world with potential seating for 1 million people. Sounds great but if the cost is two trillion dollars then there will be questions just like the majority of Calgarians should be asking about costs.
- Choosing to prioritize upgrading and building more facilities and venues for the privileged in Calgary rather than serving our city's homeless and poor and sick can only hinder the city in a long term way. It is an either or debate, there is only so much money to go around.
- City is fighting against proponents to build an updated coliseum and stadium and at the same time insisting we need massive debt to party?
- City not coming out with the full truth
- Costs will be too high in the long run and it's not something Calgarians want to foot the bill for.
- Costs would hinder cities future. Just ask Detroit what happens when City goes too much in debt
- Could help if Calgary wants to build a culture around sports
- current proposal mostly just refurbishes aging infrastructure
- Dear Lord please no. We just settled the arena dispute. Please no.
- Depends on who is paying for it. If the City has to pay for it, it will hinder Calgary's future as finances are already constrained and the Mayor indicated today that it will be difficult to keep property tax increases below 5%, which is very concerning to me.
- Diverts capital into areas not needed
- DO NOT USE THIS AS AN EXCUSE/REASON TO FUND A NEW ARENA FOR THE FLAMES. Billionaires do not get my taxes under the guise of 'economic development' that really only benefits THEM. If a new arena was a viable business plan, they would do it themselves. If it's only viable through some shady backroom deal with the IOC/CoC, then my answer is NO.
- Don't care. Just another way for the saddledome to make us pay for a new one
- Don't need anymore facilities for millionaires to play games pretending it's for the taxpayers benefit when the majority cannot afford to attend any games

- Don't care about that. Those venues only benefit a minority of our population. Why should we subsidize corrupt, competitive sport?
- Don't care about this
- Don't know the financial impact and burden it may bring to many.
- Don't know, too much secrecy to answer with any opinion.
- Don't think it makes a difference
- Don't want to sit of talking about it
- Even though the last time we held the olympics was 30 years ago, we still have those facilities in use today. When looking at the fate of other olympic venues around the world (brazil, greece, russia) they often go unused and fall into disrepair after the games are over. Calgary already has a proven track record of maintaining the use of venues after the games are over. As long as they are designed with future use in mind, I dont see an issue.
- Extremely poor return for the \$3B public investment: a 5,000-seat two-ice facility, and some refurbishments of existing facilities? This is definitely not a legacy investment.
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- Facilities are important but costs must be justified when other priorities exist and demand taxpayer funding.
- Facilities such as luge and ski jumps are used by only a tiny proportion of City's population and deface the City's skyline. The ski jump at the COP is a really ugly structure.
- Facilities that make no economic sense and do not generate a financial return and are financial burden on the cities tax base will significantly hinder Calgary's future. If there was a financially justifiable reason to build the facilities, individual business will have built them already.
- Facilities with help calgary but can be upgraded without the Olympics
- Facilities would help future athletes however they quickly fall below olympic standards without expensive on going costs.
- Facility upgrades would be great and should be done without the expense of the Olympics.
- Field house is needed. But for the WINTER Olympics????
- fix roads and lower taxes.
- Focus is not appropriate for sustained venues.
- For me cost is the most important factor. Of course upgraded and new venues and facilities would help Calgary's future but AT WHAT COST!
- "For obvious reasons any new infrastructure, Arenas, ski hills Etc will certainly be welcome, but at what cost? The cost to not only the building but the security will be astronomical.
- Calgary simply doesn't have the population to justify the cost or use after the games."
- For things we are not already willing to invest in, clearly we've already made that judgement.
- For your money you are not getting enough
- From what has been said so far the big ticket venues for hockey and alpine sports will be held in other cities so there will be no benefit to Calgary. Upgrades to existing venues will have minor benefit at a huge cost.
- From what I understand there are no real facilities with these game other than a 5000 seat arena
- Future athletes will definitely get an advantage with these new facilities
- Future operating costs are not included for future generations to consider.
- Get the rich private sect to fund most of the new arena. Then we got a new facility & venue. IOC has been proven historically to put hosting cities in debt. Rio games ring a bell?
- Good to have low income and seniors housing
- Greatest concern is the cost and later 'ghost town' facilities. Would like to see the Flames come table and get a new arena built but keep its current location. Definitely against relocation of rink .
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- Help - as long as the cost of running and maintaining them fits in Calgary's long term budget
- "Help - but it is not going far enough
- We could use a new larger arena that could be used for hockey and figure skating and its legacy would facilitate many different types of future events.
- Keep the Saddledome for Olympic curling events and its continued legacy could be for Stampede use
- Drop ski jumping from this Olympics. Many sports have come and gone over the decades.
- These suggestions would keep it a Calgary/ Bow valley corridor event which is what I believe a CALGARY bid should be"
- Help - high-performance athletes need world-class venues to train. YYC, being next to the mountains, is an OBVIOUS home for winter athletes. This could be a larger business stream for the city if we had better facilities now and for future generations. It will also increase sport tourism to YYC
- Help - it can only help. If we are to combat this increasing sedentary lifestyle, we need a commitment to building more sport and recreation facilities in all parts of the city.
- Help - our sports facilities need upgrading and we need better access to these facilities to lower costs to families.
- "Help the facilities will need upgrading in the future to maintain function of hosting international events. So not all identified costs are incremental for hosting games
- We have not been able to attract funding for Field house and upgrade of current facilities in a timely manner so this may be only way to get funding in a timely manner Same with social low cost housing"
- Help - we have the facilities, all we need to do is refurbish them
- Help - we need a field house. This remains a high priority project, for years, that hasn't been able to progress. Upgrading facilities means Calgarians have access to sustainable venues, for a longer period. I don't believe an arena is a necessity, though it would be nice to see the OCOG, City and Flames organization work together. It's a shame some folks use that as their only rationale to host. We are more than a hockey city, though that is an important piece of our identity.
- Help - we should also reprofile the ski jumps which are iconic in Calgary - keep ski jumping alive and well in OUR city...
- Help a limited demographic not general tax payers
- Help and we really need to include a bigger builder which could be used later to bring big concerts to Calgary and keep our hockey team, then you have my vote !
- Help as it would lead to further events being able to be hosted in Calgary
- Help as new and upgraded facilities will be available for public use in the future thereby supporting culture, social and community involvement
- help as they are needed new or need upgrading to provide training and host local, regional and other events
- Help but if we believed these upgrades and new venues were critical we should prioritize them and find them locally.
- help but upgrading venues should be an ongoing priority regardless of the olympics
- Help but we also need a new arena/concert area. Fieldhouse and some more community spaces

- Help but why not spend 800 million and have everything and with no risky games
- Help by keeping our facilities in tip condition and by creating needed facilities.
- Help Calgary but please make access to it affordable since we want to use facility with little money as we can, being physically active will help reduce healthcare cost and long-term impact on healthcare system and the general well-being of Calgarians
- Help -Calgary can use some newly updated facilities but not at the cost proposed in the bid. Also seriously we can't build a new arena to support our hockey team that would bring revenue to the city for many years but we can spend billions to host the Olympics for a few weeks.
- help Calgary's future
- help if we got a stadium and arena out of it, but apparently that's only for cities like Regina and Winnipeg.
- Help in the long run. Many of our current facilities need upgrading.
- Help- new facilities that can be used by Calgarians after the games
- Help of cause... we have to do it anyways why not build it with government money and win some gold medals in them
- Help or Hinder dependant on revenues from current venues. To my understanding, current venues are not producing sufficient revenues (for the City) to cover it's operating costs. It makes not reasonable sense to invest in upgrading venues if they do not currently produce enough revenues to cover their costs to run and maintain. A review and overhaul of the current business model of these venues must be done before determining if upgrades would be help or hinder Calgary's future. If anything this bid should be a catalyst to review the current state business model of these venues. Tax payers dollars should not be subsidizing failing city run operations. These venues that "require" upgrades, suggests that they currently cannot be maintained/upgraded on their own revenues, and if so, should probably be closed or re-looked and analyzed to be done differently. Otherwise The City should treat all businesses fairly and subsidize all failing businesses within the City.
- Help or hinder is a poor way to frame a question. Getting infrastructure is presumably good, but at what cost and is there a better way to achieve the same end?
- Help- our facilities are so outdated and if other sports organizations are willing to engage in a partnership or have some kind of sharing agreement why wouldn't we do this. It's so sad that when you go to other cities and they have less population but have better sports facilities than us. We have nothing to say to other's hey come and play in our city we have lots to offer for a exceptional experience.
- Help our future, as they are long over due.
- Help the privately owned Calgary Flames organization
- Help to host new events in the future. I would like to see the business case for investing in these facilities without an Olympic games whose footprint I feel is too high.
- Help to improve the infrastructure for future use, improve the aesthetics
- "Help
- New hockey arena
- Winsport upgrades are needed and committed anyway from provincial government"
- Help! Our legacy venues need capital improvement to remain competitive and for athletes to continue to train at a world-class facility.
- Help! We need a field house. Our aging legacy facilities need upgrades. These things have to happen anyway. The funding received through hosting the games may not come if we don't host the games.
- "Help! Calgary doesn't to much time focusing on office buildings let's get some culture and sports venues built that will benefit our youth in the years to come.
- Professional athletes desperately need the new facilities to practice."
- Help! Most venues need updating asap, this will help move that forwards.
- Help! The user groups in these facilities would benefit for years post games.
- help, always good to see more local athletes
- Help, but at what cost? Straight investment would seem more cost effective than having to play out this charade.
- Help, but even more new should be built as they are in the planning either way.
- Help, but it doesn't sound like it's currently going to be in the right places. Does Calgary need new sports venues and facilities? Yes. Should it be dependent on having the Olympics here several years from now? No. A new arena/sports

complex isn't even in the planning for the Olympic bid, so one is left wondering how that make sense. Nor is a curling venue currently planned should there be an Olympic bid. Then there's the outsourcing of certain Olympic events to other locations/cities - how does that benefit Calgary?

- Help, but only a small minority who will directly utilize
- Help, but we do not need the games to invest in venues and facilities.
- Help, calgary is in dire need of some new facilities. Look how far ahead cities like edmonton and vancouver are. We need to catch up to our Canadian counterparts.
- Help, create and train high calibre athletes but think there should be a way to upgrade arena.
- Help, draw training into Calgary, but is it worth the cost?
- Help, for future recreation and sport.
- Help, in terms of disabled access
- Help, more training and hosting chances in future
- Help, our facilities are aging and need a cash injection. Council has proven that is not a priority for them without the games as a catalyst
- Help, self inherent
- Help, the city could use upgraded venues now
- Help, though I would prefer a more aggressive approach that included building some new venues in Calgary.
- Help, we already don't have enough venues to service the size of this city.
- Help, we need new stadium/arena
- Help, world class facilities are always a good thing but not to the detriment of massive debt.
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- HELP. Aprox 3B in infrastructure and upgrades... legacy facilities for current and future athletes. Canadian and foreign - athletes from other countries already use current facilities for training... I've seen them, wearing their team jackets, at the local shops.
- Help. The 2 new facilities have been promised for years if not decades with no funding in sight. Excellent opportunity to get these done. Plus refurbishment of existing facilities could essentially be free. Very much in line with IOC Vision 2020.
- Help. These facilities are nearing 40 years old. They will require refurbishment or replacement regardless of the Olympics.
- Help. We need many upgrades already. This will help drive and accelerate that.
- Help. A certain level of public facilities is desirable assuming they can be maintained.
- Help. Again, a nice leading question. Clearly upgraded and new venues would help Calgary's future but once again if these are important address them individually. Wrapping all this stuff together is a sham. We need facilities for our youth and general community but to wrap them in the Olympic blanket and hope that Provincial and Federal dollars will get us something we don't want to address as one-offs is deceitful.
- Help. Also build an arena, now.
- Help. Bring more activities to Calgary. And provide much needed facilities and facilities upgrades
- Help. BUT why spend extra for security, opening ceremonies etc. this route involves unnecessary costs.
- Help. Calgary's infrastructure is super old. Especially that hockey arena.
- Help. Facilities that need renovating aren't going to get it done any other way.
- Help. I can't see anyone coming up with a good argument to say building new/larger/better event ventures would hurt the city. But it should come from natural economic growth and planning. Not some rushed upgrades to satisfy an event we might not be able to afford.
- Help. I snowboard and have spent a large part of my life outdoors because of COP and the 88 Olympics.
- Help. Improved infrastructure.

- Help. It can improve Calgary's status as a world class sports city and training grounds for future olympians. New venues would help encourage kids to get into sports and keep them out of trouble.
- Help. It's a great opportunity to upgrade existing venues and facilities.
- Help. Leave training spaces for training young athletes.
- Help. Look what they gained from the last only pics. World class facilities used by athletes from all over the world. This will upgrade and maintain and where nessessary replace aging facilities to see them through the next decades.
- Help. Many facilities citywide need updating, and the tax revenue due bit generate enough cash to do so. Bringing our current faculties up to a world class grade will ensure Calgary is known, worldwide, for world class facilities, jobs, culture and economy.
- Help. Many of the old venues from the last games are still in great shape, adding more to the community would be beneficial.
- HELP. most infrastructures (sport, transit, culture...) need a serious upgrade; the games would bring in contribution from the province and the federal government that we would not see otherwise.
- Help. Need transportation route to airport regardless whether we have games or not.
- Help. New better facilities are always beneficial.
- Help. New facilities especially affordable housing.
- Help. Our facilities are aging and need upgrading or replacement to maintain Calgary as a training centre for winter sports which is an important economic driver in our city and key component in developing winter sport athletes. A field house is a must have if we are to attract additional sporting competitions to our city.
- Help. Oval is a great facility, but needs an upgrade. Fieldhouse is required. Not sure why Max Bell and Winsport aren't being used more (why another small arena instead?). The training infrastructure would be a boon. Appreciate the housing plan.
- Help. Same reasons as previous answer
- Help. Simply because in comparison to other cities, Calgary lacks some updates facilities and infrastructure that draws events to the city and contributes to the economy
- Help. Sport and culture for our citizens. Attracts events and revenue to our city. Economic activity centered around professional and olympic training
- Help. This will promote tourism and use by the community, hopefully sparking more interest in sport.
- Help. Upgraded venues needed without the Olympics anyway.
- Help. Venues are key in world class cities
- Help. We are in desperate need of sport facilities in this city. Current facilities need massive upgrades.
- Help. We are still benefiting from the 88 games facilities.
- Help. We are very privileged to be living in Calgary (top 5 cities in the world) and I think it is reasonable to believe our population will continue to grow, and having the facilities to support our youth and others in sport is a good way to spend tax money
- Help. We desperately need some new facilities
- Help. We have talked about improving our facilities, but in reality that has only been talk (except when it's CalgaryNext). These facilities will help more that just an elite few.
- Help. We need new facilities and new/more roads
- Help; bring more athletes into Calgary in th the long term to train and leave a legacy in sports
- Helpi, it would create jobs
- Helps - all good steps forward.
- Hidden goal is to get a new nhl arena using tax payer dollars as flames owners want a free ride. Be honest with us!
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- Hinder - \$ spent on facilities we don't need. What about the competing offering from the
- Hinder - a "world class" arena is much more important than building another undersized one.
- HINDER - a financial disaster would have far reaching effects.
- Hinder - burden the future of Calgary with debt. As an earlier comment said - invest in facilities that the average Calgarian can use, not a select few
- Hinder - City will be bankrupt. Taxpayers will flee to surrounding communities to avoid taxes in Calgary
- Hinder - from the massive tax burden
- Hinder - Huge cost and expected overruns would cripple the city and take funding away from more important projects/infrastructure
- Hinder - I don't think we can afford it and we won't recover from going deeper in debt
- HINDER - it's a one shot deal and the few days of the GAMES will put us in DEBT for DECADES
- HINDER - Let's focus on our current needs! We need a new facility for the Calgary Flames (and upgraded/new stadium for Calgary Stampeders) not for the Olympics
- Hinder - look at Seattle's ability to build a new stadium. We know what you're up to, and we're going to eliminate all of you from public office come next election cycle. Thanks for nothing. Your legacy is moot.
- Hinder - many will go unused in the future and will be costly to maintain.
- Hinder - new venues and facilities are nice, but who gets to pay for them? We do! Not the IOC, not the pampered athletes - the taxpayers! Montreal took decades to pay off their Olympic debt - Calgary must say NO to the Olympics!
- Hinder - Ongoing operating costs with no funds available.
- Hinder - something that should be obvious based on other Olympics
- "Hinder - the cost to build such facilities, followed by the complete lifecycle cost to maintain and operate them after the fact is significant. It seems that the majority of former host cities are now categorizing their olympic venues and facilities as burdens rather than benefits or new cornerstones of the community. Soccer stadiums built in the middle of the rain forest, Beijing's Bird Nest stands empty and unused, Montreal's Olympic Stadium took 30 years to pay off and remains a financial burden and has always been underutilized.
- Calgary is not in desperate need of new venues that would be built by the olympics. It's likely most in need of a new football stadium which will not be addressed through this. The Saddledome is not even 40 years old and is considered garbage by the Flames organization; they are expecting taxpayers to foot the bill for a building we will have no ownership in. If taxpayers pay for the infrastructure, taxpayers should own it and receive a share of the profit. On top of that, true world class organizations should be building facilities that have a longer lifespan than 40 years if they are going to cost a billion dollars.
- How many schools in Calgary are 40+ years old and can't get funding for maintenance, upgrade, or operating costs? How many times have we heard in the media that the Calgary Police Service says it's underfunded? It's completely

ridiculous to me that Calgary would ask its taxpayers to fund a multi-billion dollar mega project for sports and entertainment when it can't properly support its education or police systems."

- Hinder - the facilities proposed for the games are not the most cost efficient way of addressing the long term recreational facility needs of Calgarians. Built for purpose, appropriate community facilities across the city are needed, not a couple specialized centers that serve an extremely small number of elite athletes.
- hinder - the saddledome for example is extremely old and outdated (was there last night - horribly tight confined seats and walkways) - in my opinion we would be wasting the money spent on mcmahon or the saddledome to upgrade it so we get maybe another 10 years out of it. If you had some actual tangible facilities (more then the two proposed) left after the games, i think you would see more people on board. Dont even get me started that some of it will be held in Edmonton and Whistler because our facilities arent up to the standard - I noticed that wasnt mentioned anywhere on the site or in the information provided - If its the Calgary games, do it ALL in or in the near proximity (Canmore) to Calgary - the plan shows that really we arent set up for the olympics but its being pushed through to "make it work" - New facilities here, and CALGARY only olympics, otherwise dont even have it, why waste the money
- Hinder - the so-called new venues are not large enough, are not well thought out for the future of Calgary. We do not need a small rink that holds 5000 people, we need a new full arena with sound staging capabilities for today's musical and other acts
- Hinder - this could the delay the replacement of McMahon Stadium by 30 years
- hinder - too much debt
- Hinder - we don't really need them, not for the cost they would require. We can get better facilities for cheaper than the olympics would require
- HINDER - Without replacing McMahon Stadium and the Saddledome, a bid would be an national embarrassment to Calgary, the province and all of Canada. It clearly shows that we do not care about having leading-edge infrastructure. It would be even worse if we had to shuttle participants to Edmonton and Vancouver. Is this a Calgary bid or a Canada-wide bid?
- "Hinder
- Need new stadium"
- Hinder and not all needed infrastructure is not being disclosed or calculated in the total.
- Hinder as the facilities needed do not reflect our needs as a city
- Hinder as the new venues does not include a new NHL arena.
- Hinder as we have no money so the debt would not be worth it
- Hinder as we will be left with a large debt to pay
- Hinder as we would be wasting tax payers money on facilities that would be rarely used after the games have passed. Even if they are used we would never use them to full capacity.
- Hinder as who is paying for this "sports". Cant drive down the road without hitting pot holes or hire more firefighters because of no money, yet we have millions to pay for childhood games?
- Hinder average Calgarian.
- Hinder because expensive too maintain, the high ski jump is done now, and recall talk 15 years ago about selling-off Olympic Plaza to developers.
- Hinder because nothing really there
- Hinder because of the massive amounts of tax payers money it will take for upkeep!
- Hinder because the tax payer will be paying for this.
- Hinder because we can't afford this
- Hinder because we will be paying for venues that are not even in Alberta.
- Hinder Calgary's future as there will be no money left to invest in venues and facilities if something goes wrong since the debt levels will be so high.
- Hinder Calgary's future. Calgary is under economic stress. Facilities will be wasted after game
- Hinder due to high debt levels as a result.
- Hinder due to the costs involved. BTW, this survey feels skewed to highlighting "possible benefits". This survey does not appear to be unbiased.

- Hinder- even if the other levels of government chip in to help pay for venues and infrastructure, those venues will have to be maintained, repaired, and replaced by the City of Calgary and their taxpayers. We don't have the tax base to maintain the infrastructure we have NOW, let alone make the improvements required to help the city run smoothly. It's not going to be any easier to afford maintenance when we have several large venues, that are sparsely used (or used for a very specific purpose), and will also require maintenance and repair.
- Hinder- financial burden. We can build important sports infrastructure without the olympics (or the Flames but that's a another survey).
- Hinder I don't believe sports venues will increase the livability of the city for the average person. Just a handfull of elites.
- Hinder in the plans current incarnation. The heart of this city dies if the Flames dont get a new rink soon and they pack up. A new rink for the Flames is more important than these Olympic games.
- Hinder -it doesn't seem like we are getting anything new or world class. It would be nice if we could have solved arena issue with the flames as part of the Olympic bid
- Hinder no new benefit will come from them
- Hinder not the right size
- Hinder our future as they would not be used. Look at facilities from 2008. They are under used and most cannot be used for 2026.
- Hinder same reason. Will user fees cover costs? Not likely.
- Hinder too expensive don't need these large facilities for rich people
- Hinder- we won't be able to afford them
- Hinder when considering the cost. Building a sportsplex will be much less than holding the Olympics.
- Hinder with debt
- Hinder- would overburden the taxpayers
- Hinder!
- Hinder! How much use do the last venues etc get used. How many people are jumping off those ski jumps at COP
- HINDER!!!! Cheaper to pay for these upgrades to bring athletes here to train without the cost of Olympic security and peripheral costs.
- Hinder, there are many more items this City can spend the taxpayers' money on.
- Hinder, as we don't need a community arena, and we will still need a new arena to replace the 'dome.
- Hinder, because of the cost, it will never be recovered
- Hinder, because to get them we will be saddled with more debt!
- Hinder, cost to taxpayers
- Hinder, costs will be too high and then over budget.
- Hinder, current economic times are unpredictable and Calgary & Alberta is yrs away from recovery..not time to spend on venues when we probably wouldnt...or go through normal process of prject proposals and approvals and not so much because of a must.
- Hinder, especially if they are privately owned and the taxpayers aren't going to benefit despite paying a crazy amount of money.
- Hinder, fixing super old infrastructure does not get calgary any ahead of the game once dine
- Hinder, huge costs for venues that will go unused post olympics
- Hinder, if they have to be built on someone else's timeline for events that will primarily only occur during the Olympics.
- Hinder, it would waste so much money on projects we dont \_need\_. We cannot afford this.
- Hinder, McMahon stadium and Saddledome need replaced, not refurbished
- Hinder, no money for that
- Hinder, per Q2 above
- Hinder, required facilities can be built without the Olympics. Better to have an arena for the flames used over years then a 10 day event.
- Hinder, they are not needed. New arenas and stadiums are needed.

- Hinder, they are trying to spend money we don't have. The economy hasn't recovered enough to even justify this
- Hinder, too expensive
- Hinder, too expensive
- Hinder, too high a cost
- Hinder, using public tax payer dollars to finance private profit is a waste.
- Hinder, we can't even repair or replace existing community facilities which every day working people use.
- Hinder, we don't need the ADDED taxes.
- Hinder, we Need community access to recreation facilities. Building some big useless venue is a waste of money.
- Hinder, when costs inevitably soar.
- Hinder, without a new arena this is a hard no
- Hinder, won't help keep the Flames here
- Hinder, would not be able to afford the upkeep of the facilities.
- Hinder, we'll be paying for them for a long time while only a small part of the population would use them.
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- Hinder. Massive cost overruns will push taxes up, making Calgary even less competitive.
- Hinder. Again, cost.
- Hinder. Benefits will not go to vulnerable populations
- Hinder. Building structures on the back of taxpayers is a ridiculous waste of money. It's the old "Tax and Spend" economic model that has failed time and time again.
- Hinder. Calgary cannot properly fund women shelters but now you have money for a new ski jump?
- Hinder. Cost
- Hinder. Cost too much and adds no value to every day life for the majority of people.
- Hinder. Having blown our budget and gone way over budget on temporary facilities that have marginal use afterwards, we'll be unable to afford any further facilities.
- Hinder. I see huge costs associated with upgrading facilities and building new ones when existing facilities are functioning well.
- Hinder. I'm not convinced that sport facilities make for a better city and this would create a potential over investment in highly specific facilities that may not be adaptable for other uses
- Hinder. it will be too expensive, and not worth it. If we need facilities, we can do it without Olympics. Please remember, I pay city, provincial and federal taxes. There is one tax payer for all three levels. No money. I don't care about fancy facilities, I can't afford to. I am working hard, struggling, I have a job, I can't afford to spend all day skiing or skating, and expect the country to pay for me to "play". The concept of Olympics is old, and needs to be put to rest. Why am I paying so someone can see how fast they can ski? NO One cares! We are tired, we are weary, we are poor. Stop beating the taxpayer down!
- Hinder. Limited/valuable dollars spent on venues or facilities of a lower importance than what is really a priority.
- Hinder. Need a new arena and a new stadium. Putting band aids on these old buildings is a terrible idea and a waste of money.
- Hinder. Other priorities should take precedence such as low income housing
- Hinder. Overruns passed on to tax payers.
- Hinder. Regardless of upgrading the facilities are still 30 years old
- Hinder. The cost is too great for the benefit.
- Hinder. They are joke! Not the kind of facilities we need.

- Hinder. Too expensive with limited future value.
- Hinder. We can't even use the '88 venues anymore. Anything we build will be obsolete overnight.
- Hinder. We do not need a field house. Saddledome needs to go and this has nothing to do with an olympic bid
- Hinder. We simply can't afford more tax increases. The costs of the Olympics will cripple Calgary for decades, forcing many property tax payers to abandon this City.
- Hinder. What use are they? Why do we need to spend \$10 billion on the Olympics rather than just build the venues we want?
- Hinder. Years of expense to pay back
- Hinder. Your spending money for the sake of spending money, not where it is actually needed.
- Hinder. 10 days of a sports event, Then the city taxpayers end of paying for years.
- Hinder. Again budgets are never adhered to and city council/ mayor does not hold people accountable for the excesses. Worst possible decision to do this
- Hinder. Again, too expensive.
- Hinder. Calgary needs a new Dome and facility to host world class concerts etc. This has been missed. Why pay to fix the Oval, when no one goes to watch short and long track. What Calgarians go to see, is being missed.
- Hinder. Can't afford it.
- Hinder. Cost outways benefits
- Hinder. Do a majority of public citizens actually use these facilities?
- Hinder. From what Ive seen they are poorly planned and affect a small percentage of our population
- Hinder. Funding is coming from the taxpayers but we won't benefit from the profits those venues make after the games are over.
- Hinder. History tells us that housing built for Olympic games are poorly built. A huge investment for a housing solutions that likely don't last for the next generation. For facilities, i think you need to focus on housing and improving the lives of your citizens before you refurbish a stadium.
- Hinder. How can one support this huge spend using new/rebuilt venues and facilities as justification when we wont even wind up with a new stadium. We now have the OLDEST building in the NHL - how is this not included as part of the bid???????
- Hinder. Huge costs (now and future) to operate facilities that few Calgarians get to experience.
- Hinder. If this is the "Calgary" Olympics, why are we slipping up to Whistler? If Calgary can't support the event with our available space and facilities, then that's a big warning flag we have no business hosting. We can't even agree on a new hockey arena!
- Hinder. If we ended up going ahead it seems illogical to build a small 5000 seat arena when a larger arena is what would be a bigger benefit in the long run for the city.
- Hinder. If worthwhile, they should not be dependent on a multi billion dollar boondoggle.
- Hinder. Instead of building affordable housing, transit, and cultural venues we need, we would be left with a legacy of largely unnecessary infrastructure that would likely be rushed to completion at the expense of local communities.
- Hinder. Invest in facilities regular folks can use.
- Hinder. Isn't this just a farce to get a new arena?
- Hinder. It is absolutely asinine to bid on the Olympic games and not include facilities like a new arena.
- Hinder. It is always good for a city to have good quality facilities. However in this case McMahon stadium and the saddle dome need to be replaced to work class facilities. Not have Reno money wasted on them, especially the Saddledome with the threat of losing the NHL and all the great concerts that won't come to Calgary anymore. World class cities need to have world class facilities and entertainment.
- Hinder. It is no secret among Calgarians that we believe the City is making a play for a new stadium for the Flames.
- hinder. it is spending money we do not have unnecessarily.
- Hinder. It seems like a lot of outdated venues are simply being reused or having events outsourced to other areas. If we can't get new facilities at a reasonable price tag we shouldn't do it.
- Hinder. Lack of funds to develop local community projects.
- Hinder. Look at the ski jumps now. Useless

- Hinder. Most of these facilities are underutilized. The city can more optimally allocate monies to facilities that will help Calgary's future.
- Hinder. New and upgraded facilities are a must for the games. They shackle Calgary's flexibility to address needs. Long term funding of venues inevitably falls to the public purse.
- Hinder. No Money
- Hinder. No point in renovating 30-60 yr old venues. We need new ones
- Hinder. None of the new facilities would benefit Calgary except for a very small segment of athletes. If they want to train, Vancouver isn't far away.
- Hinder. Not enough new infrastructure proposed and there is only so many retrofits and upgrades to temporarily fix issues.
- Hinder. Not sustainable in the long run.
- Hinder. Not what we need when weighed against, fo example: LRT, improved roads, snow clearing, and...LESS TAXES!!
- Hinder. Not worth spending that much money. Minority of Calgarians would continue to use these venues/facilities and yet all would have to pay for it. There are other more pressing areas requiring funding in this city.
- Hinder. One small arena not required and won't be properly used.
- Hinder. Paying to upgrade private facilities such as COP. Are there kickbacks involved along with secret council meetings and undisclosed information from such. I dont believe all of council are acting in the interests of city taxpayers. Nowhere to put my name on this survey so I guess it will show as anonymous and council can ignore feedback as it was anonymous
- Hinder. Renovating facilities at these costs is out of line.
- Hinder. SE Calgary (Deep South) needs a train line but isn't getting one due to funding shortfalls. All of The City's pools & arenas are in major need of upgrades & repairs. Utility rates & property taxes are constantly increasing. We have a 30 per cent vacancy rate in the downtown core & we're talking about building new Olympic Housing...why? The Alberta government is committing \$700M yet there are no public elementary schools in Calgary's fastest growing communities, school fees are the highest in AB & health programs for fertility and other major issues are being cut. Meanwhile residents of Ontario get IVF treatment paid in full. Quebec residents get post secondary funding. We've lost the Alberta Advantage & the costs of an Olympic bid will only continue to be a burden prohibiting funding for programs & services our communities need.
- "Hinder. See above. All the venues and facilities built will never be used to their full potwntial afterwards and will still cost billions of dollars to build and then maintain. We dont need that cost added to our budget on a municipal or a personal level.
- Maybe do a bit more reseach into past olympic and big sport event venues such as the fifa world cup or something. I know for a fact that the south african fifa stadiums are now just abandoned venues that are still being paid for and still costing money to maintain and still not being used and the south african fifa was years ago! Does anybody remwmbere? Do you think they still get tourists to check it out? Not a chance. Way too much money for something that nobody will remember in 2027."
- Hinder. Should partner with Calgary Flames and do the Calgary NEXT concept. Put the arenas downtown so access is better. The Ctrain can be more useful and area restaurants get more use. That move would spur more interest in the Olympic bid.
- Hinder. Some I'm sure need upgrading but most would not recover the money
- Hinder. Taxes will be outrageous and we cannot afford the new venues or facilities. People who cannot afford to attend said venues/facilities will be forced to pay for them through their taxes. All this will achieve is further tax hikes and further disregard for the tax payers of Calgary.
- Hinder. The city does not need to pay for sports facilities. Those should be paid by private groups.
- Hinder. The city needs a new large arena not another mid sized one. No other venues are needed. Not worth putting money into old facilities.
- Hinder. The cost is something we'll be facing for a long time to come.
- Hinder. The cost is too high.
- Hinder. The cost of subsidizing this for the rich has no benefit to the rest of the city.
- Hinder. The costs are too high for venues we really don't need.

- Hinder. The costs to taxpayers is far too high.
- Hinder. The costs will be excessive.
- Hinder. The debt we will be in for the next foreseeable future and then we have to pay to maintain these places
- Hinder. The fact of the matter is we need to have upgraded facilities that are larger than the Saddledome. We need to attract acts, sports and any events that can draw in larger audiences. This will help us be able to innovate in the future, and allow us to make more amounts of money to equalize the cost of building this infrastructure over the long term.
- Hinder. The future tax burden - federal/provincial/municipal - is more or an economic drag then the benefit provided to the small number of users that will utilize (all) the facilities.
- Hinder. There is no reason to saddle the citizens of Calgary with these costs
- Hinder. These upgrades should be funded by the private companies that own the facilities, not the city taxpayers.
- Hinder. They have limited value after the olympics and will be very expensive if we really needed them we could build what we need without the Olympics
- Hinder. They would benefit a few small minority, with most of the city having no benefit from it whatsoever. Again, think about how money is spent more wisely than this vanity exercise.
- Hinder. This is a backdoor way for the Flames to get a new arena. Most of the funding will go to that and the rest of the facilities will suffer.
- Hinder. This is a clear inferred message to the Calgary Flames to take their franchise out of Calgary.
- HINDER. TOO EXPENSIVE!
- Hinder. Too expensive. Build facilities without the olympics.
- Hinder. Unless they pay for themselves with no help from taxpayers.
- Hinder. Upgrading the Saddledome is a waste of money. We still have to pay for all these facilities when the games are done too.
- Hinder. Waste of a massive amount of money that could help the city in so many other ways.
- Hinder. We already have ski hills and sports centers. Spending more tax payer money on venues that will only be used by a small majority is wasteful. Now is NOT the time to be spending.
- Hinder. We can live without a field house. Comparing city priorities money would be much better spent elsewhere. Why would we consider building an Olympic Village when downtown vacancy is 25%? New or revamped/new venues very low on my list of what we need to do for Calgarians. Olympics are badly tarnished - a con game. If we need to renew some legacy venues (Olympic Oval eg) find the money without the games.
- Hinder. We cannot afford it and taxpayers should not be footing the bill.
- Hinder. We don't need more of the same that we already have. Need facilities for different sports / outdoor facilities.
- Hinder. We don't need a new field house. We need a new entertainment facility that will bring major acts back to Calgary. And Whistler?? How about keeping the money in Alberta and improving our ski hills? BC has done Alberta no favours in recent years. Why are we sending them tourist dollars?
- Hinder. We have many facilities that we really need such as another hospital, better schools, and art gallery. These are far more important to me than sports facilities.
- Hinder. We have no use for a 5000 seat arena. Renovations are just extending life of old infrastructure for short periods of time.
- Hinder. We need a new LARGE stadium to benefit Calgarians in the future, not a "mid-sized" one.
- Hinder. We need other infrastructure projects completed first.
- Hinder. We're spending a bunch of money and still need to spend a bunch more for a new arena and field house in the near future.
- Hinder. What winter Olympic sports will be using a field house? Spoiled rich kids get a spot to train. yay! Who can afford to use city facilities now?
- Hinder. What's proposed is insufficient to benefit Calgary in any way.
- HINDER. White elephants we are already overstretched on.
- Hinder. Why would we spend millions into a building the NHL commissioner says the Flames cannot survive in? The Flames don't want to be there, and if they build a new arena, it probably won't even be ready in time, so the saddledome will get millions in upgrades, only to be torn down when the new arena is built. Upgrading the venue in whistler... well i really don't see how that's going to benefit me here in Calgary. Olympic Villiage in east village, to be

used as low income housing after the Olympics. Isn't that the complete opposite of what the city was trying to do with this area. Revitalizing the area to a go to place. But have tons of low income housing there..... Not to mention, if a new arena is to be built, this is the area that they wanted too isn't it? Proposed new venues: the multisport complex could easily be built for less and without the olympics. Another midsized arena, i really don't see the Corral or Max Bell being utilized to their full potential, i don't see how this is going to change nor adding more midsized arenas going to help.

- Hinder. Would leave us with rarely used and unprofitable venues.
- Hinder. Wrong venues being considered for what the public wants. Spend on new arena for the flames.
- "Hinder.
- We don't need to further subsidize private interests, that only benefit the rich. The IOC is corrupt and morally lost, as is the IOC Bid committee for BLATANTLY LYING TO THE VOTERBASE."
- Hinder....on going costs
- Hinder...again cost to me the tac payer...i do not have the resources to pay for these upgrades.
- Hinder...spending money on a medium sized arena that will have no real use after the games
- Hinder...the new arena won't help but the cost is extreme.
- Hinder.Huge waste of taxpayers money
- Hinder.IF the venues were truly created with the mindset of being a training city for future athletes, yes. If it is a way to try to build a new hockey facility for the owners of the Calgary Flames to manipulate Calgarians, then the answer is hinder. Because of the massive cost involved for the wealthy owners to become wealthier without having to lay out a dime, like their original proposal was.
- Hinder: All the venues that require upgrading should be a part of a long term strategy with the federal government to ensure that athletes have proper facilities. This would be a more efficient and cheaper to do than a rush job. It would be easier to sell the federal government on long term funding than a large short term infusion of cash.
- Hinder: if these facilities were so important to the city's future, why does it take an Olympic bid to highlight their importance? Any supporting public facilities not directly tied to the games (public transit improvements etc) surely don't need the excuse of the Olympics to move them along to construction.
- Hinder; new venues that will barely be used following the games. Upgrading and new development will cost more than what you tell us. When will we find out the actual cost? Who is paying for the new venues and facilities? If not the province and not the city who does this leave?
- Hinder? We need a major sports arena in North West. Saddledome outlived its usefulness.
- Hinders - an athletes village in the proposed area doesn't make sense and who is going to use these in the future. Low income housing in an industrial seems strange for people raising families.
- How are new venues going to benefit all of us
- How can they even think about this question when the plan is to use Whistler for ski jumping and Edmonton for curling?
- How in the world will it help? Everyone wants what they want, and want someone else to pay for it. The City needs to have priorities... and this should not be one of them. If affordable housing (and I am not sure about this) is a real priority now, then how does it help to do it in 8 years?
- how many will be used after?
- Huge costs and will cost us. We will not recoup costs
- Huge help. The facilities from 88 are still used daily by amateur and professional athletes.
- Hurt
- I agree with the new field house proposal but we need a new major NHL concert arena rather than a smaller arena venue. Upgrades to our existing 88 legacy facilities are important to achieve as well. Elite athletes training here in Calgary since 1988 have added to the vibrancy of our city. been important
- I am growing weary of various levels of government constructing facilities but neglecting to consider the cost of maintaining them in the future
- "I am very concerned about taxpayer money going into new or renovated facilities that would be turned over to private companies for profit after the games. I am also concerned about the current references to renovating the saddle dome while the city is wanting to restart negotiations with the flames on a new arena which is not considered

in the hosting plan. Really do not want taxpayers subsidizing millionaire hockey club owner's profits. The problem is a lack of trust and transparency in this area.

- Calgary's '88 legacy has us as an important national sports training centre across many sports. The fact that we have let many of these facilities get to end of life without planned funding to continue supporting our national athletes in training is disappointing. New Olympic money would need to have a better plan for the legacy fund so that we had more confidence that our facilities wouldn't fall into disrepair while governments continue to struggle with deficits."
- I believe it could potentially hinder the development of cultural facilities that are not sports related with less funding available for Arts related institutions and activities.
- I believe it would help Calgary's future. With better facilities and media coverage of our facilities we can bring in more revenue through NHL games, concerts, other sporting events etc.
- I believe it would hinder our future as the plan is to do as little as possible. Repairing outdated facilities does not put as at an advantage or provide any future potential.
- I believe that it would prove more beneficial to invest more into a new arena. Something that the city needs would come from this instead of upgrading a out of date building. Creating building that the city can be proud of and a lasting reminder of the Olympics. The financial help from the government of Canada and Alberta could lessen the cost to the city for needed facilities that have been known to be needed in Calgary and area.
- I believe that refreshing our facilities and venues is positive for Calgary and our collective future. There are some significant facilities that no longer reflect the needs and standards of our City and its citizens. Calgarians are proud and we do not tolerate tired or neglected assets. This is a way to share the burden of that refresh with other orders of government.
- I believe that the venues and facilities will be good for future generations but not so positive for taxpayers.
- I believe the city should be using this money for additional, multifaceted facilities throughout the city to grow all sports, not just a select amount of Olympic level ones via facilities that cater to only high level athletes. A thousand youth playing rec sports is worth far more than one gold medal.
- I believe the plans don't focus on the right venues that will be new. The saddledome should be the venue replaced not 2 new medium sized venues. This is the better long term investment for Calgary community spirit. The multi sport complex as nice as it maybe be has a lot of maintenance attached and less opportunity to generate revenue down the road.
- I believe they are meaningless. They don't approach the facility needs that Calgary has, they're merely a bandaid approach in order to put forth a bid.
- I believe they would help, but I am against hosting any event outside of the Calgary/Canmore/Banff location. Build the ski jumps, and host all the events here. To be a world class training facility it all has to be in one location. Not hosting ski jumping in Calgary area would be the one reason I would vote no on hosting! It is either all or nothing.
- I believe this a thinly disguised attempt to get taxpayers to pay for a new arena for the Flames. I can't afford to attend events at the 'Dome, why should I pay for a new arena that will be even more expensive?
- I believe that having new and upgraded facilities with greatly benefit us long after the Olympics are done with youth and sporting programs for our active city. And for our Olympic athletes to train at.
- I can see the value of a field house. I'm not sure about a mid-size arena.
- I do like the idea of upgrading facilities for the future. I go to a lot of live music events, and our current facilities (namely the Saddledome) are terrible for large events.
- I do not believe new facilities would impact Calgary's future very much. They would probably be largely forgotten like the last arena for Olympic games
- I do not believe that these venues make or break a city
- I do not care, only used by elite athletes and professional teams
- I do not see either arising from venue and facilities construction that could not be accomplished with out spending to host an Olympic Games.
- I do not see new venues and facilities as being significant to Calgary's future. We already attract lots of athletes and maintain good facilities. We could have more catered improvements to a wide range of popular sports without adding un-needed facilities that might not get used.

- I do not support my taxpayer dollars funding a new hockey arena. Why are we even talking about this again when it is private enterprise who would benefit??? A friend of mine thought the fact that housing for the athletes would be turned into low cost housing until I pointed out that they were going where the bus barns are right now. I don't want to fund moving the bus barns to house Olympic athletes.
- "I do not think that most Calgarians will benefit from the proposed upgrades or new venues. If there were such compelling benefits for those facilities, why have those upgrades or new facilities not have been built or funding committed to them? The reason is there are many more higher priority needs for infrastructure that would benefit much larger numbers of Calgarians. One of the proposed upgrades is for the Oval at the University of Calgary. How many Calgarians currently make use of the facility? Is the facility in danger of shutting down? If it is a truly significant part of the national speed skating program, why is the facility not being upgraded by the Canadian Speed Skating Association? Under the current proposal to host the Olympics, Calgarians are in effect subsidizing a program with limited benefits to most Calgarians.
- Refurbished Ski Jumps at Canada Olympic Park would be prohibitively expensive for the small benefit in the future. They should be scrapped.
- A field house is one of the few facilities that has the potential to be a long term benefit for Calgarians. I would far rather see the money being spent on a potential bid and the hosting of the games spent on this kind of facility."
- I don't think they would have any significant impact on Calgary's future.
- I don't believe the proposed venues/upgrades are remotely sufficient to host the games, and I don't believe they would help Calgary in the future.
- I don't see the value of the mid-size complex. There are other ways to use that same money that can be incorporated into our future in a more efficient manner.
- I don't think the benefits outweigh the hassle involved in the construction of new venues and enhanced facilities. Add to that the cost and the city loses
- I don't believe it will do anything for the future of this city. Very few citizen use the indoor facilities at COP only the Ski hill seems to be busy and that is in the winter time.
- I don't believe these facility upgrades would meaningfully help Calgary's future and therefore their cost would hinder Calgary's future.
- I don't believe/trust the estimates, claims and promises so cannot say.
- I don't care we don't want it
- "I don't care.
- I love Nature and the outdoors, so I love our parks.
- I DO NOT love organized sports, they don't affect me."
- I don't think the proposed is enough. I would like it to speak more to bigger partnerships for a new arena and football stadium that are long over due. We are already currently missing out on revenue because of the current state of our facilities.
- I don't think there would be significant help or hinderance.
- I don't want to be forced to pay for EXPENSIVE renovations and upgrades to existing facilities for a 10 day event that will go on, whether Calgary hosts or not. As far as building the Multi-sport complex is concerned, it should be a necessary project moving forward but not when the city is under financial strain and definitely not pushed forward due to an Olympic Bid.
- I feel that if we have enough tax money for a new arena, field house and ice rinks, then we should just build them without hosting the Olympics. I know we do not have ANY excess tax revenue and that the average taxpayer is at their breaking point.
- I have never benefited from the 88 Olympics so it unlikely I will benefit. There is only certain class of society that will get any benefit
- I imagine having newer places to play sports would be nice for the people who care about that.
- "I like the idea of rejuvenating older facilities. I do NOT think

- we need more mega structures, like that monstrosity in Royal Oak. The environment around Calgary is very precious - soon we won't have any wilderness left.
- If the bid included ONLY rejuvenating/enlarging existing facilities (which would be a green alternative anyway!) I'd be all for it."
- I mean of course they would be nice to look at. But ive lived in calgary for 27 years and ive never been to a hockey/football game. Im just not into sports, im into the arts. And while the counter culture of our city may not be the majority, were still contributing members of society. So i believe they will hinder society in the long run, as that kind of money could be used to solve varying crisis around the city
- I never thought I would say it, but I would rather the city pay for a new hockey arena than pay for the games. For two and a half weeks worth of events that most people cannot afford to attend, the costs are simply indefensible. At least with a hockey arena, most people could afford the cheap seats once or twice a year. This is not 1988, we are not going to see the same infrastructure upgrades (that were so desperately needed) this time around.
- I see no benefit . city council has a track record of wasting tax money . affordable living is becoming out of reach and tax from all levels is one of the reasons .
- I think Calgary should reach out to neighbours like Edmonton, to look at sharing the host and costs. Edmonton has many excellent facilities that can be utilized. This co-hosting and cost sharing would be innovative and ensure venues/facilities are put to good use in the future.
- I think i may because the new venues will have more places but maybe too much places.
- I think if the games were to be host of here, that every event should be here or nearby kind, just the same way as 1988. However, as I understand it, it cost too much to upgrade the current facilities that would be used... Edmonton is 3 hours away, Whistler is four times that. We will not have the togetherness and the magic that happened last time, so we should either have everything here, or not have them at all. It seems like the people in charge aren't really concerned with practicality. They just want all the power and the glory that having the games here would apparently bring. You're taking an awful risk with everybody's money, and as I said before, not everyone who pays taxes will see a benefit from having the games here, one way or the other.
- I think it would help, as long as they can be put to good use afterwards. If they're made accessible to everyone for sports or other community events, and the lodgings are turned into affordable housing then I think it will definitely help Calgary's future.
- I think it would help. Again, having access to state of the art venues and facilities will attract people to the city. Having state of the art facilities and world class athletes train in Calgary will help things such as the U of C kinesiology program. Having that culture and reputation for world class sport is a selling point for attracting the top talent of students. Also, for young professionals looking to move to a city I think that having access the sporting facilities is a major selling point.
- I think it would help. We don't need anything new and fancy and we can upgrade a lot of existing things to make it better suited to the 2020s. People complaining about the stadium need to realize that the Olympics are more important than the nhl.
- I think new venues and facilities are always a nice addition to any city and I am sure we would benefit from having them however I do not think the cost is worth the return we will see.
- I think so, to develop housing downtown as there are more and more request to create a more urbanized community. Facilities will help on hosting events and conferences, probably will help on tourism...the city needs better infrastructure to incitate more tourism.
- I think that the cost of the facilities and venues would hinder Calgary's future.
- I think the benefit is neutral. Amateur athletes have benefited somewhat from the legacy facilities of the 1988 Olympics, but given how much taxpayers paid, little benefit for the average citizen.
- I think the cost would hinder Calgary's future. And don't let the NHL owners get a free stadium. That would be idiotic.
- I think the facilities we have are already not used enough so it would hinder.
- I think the field house would benefit Calgary however, the creating of the facility could hinder access to current outdoor track and field facilities. The total cost of the games is way too much for a field house which is desperately needed regardless.

- I think the focus is misdirected and should be more on local facilities, such as the community rinks, gymnasiums, fields, and recreation centres. An Olympic Games would not benefit these facilities, and would hinder the future of our local community sporting organizations. The world class facilities are nice, but they are not very accessible for those that are not high performance athletes.
- I think the only benefit this could create would be a new arena.
- I think the price we pay for these things will do more harm than good
- I think the proposed upgrades and new facilities from the games will help Calgary's future. The facility upgrades being proposed are maintenance requirements. In order to sustain our current infrastructure that is used consistently, we need to make sure it is up to the standards of competition we expect. In this case that means upgrades which will open the door to hosting competitions and training world caliber athletes in the future. The new venues are buildings that Calgary lacks in comparison to most other cities. The new venues are simply allowing us to "keep up" when it comes to hosting events or maintaining professional sport.
- I think the proposed upgrades are great however I think the new facilities are going to fall short in just a few years. We need better buildings that will actually be used and not more arenas that won't be.
- I think the upgrades and new facilities would be very beneficial to Calgary and the areas for the Games. I do think that the committee needs to consider using existing facilities in Edmonton or Red Deer. Also I would prefer if the ski jumping was hosted at a easily accessible facility in Alberta to continue encouraging North American participation in this sport. The WinSport facility's location has proven to be ideal to encourage participation in snowboarding and other skiing related events.
- I think the venues and facilities will likely be under-utilized after the Games.
- I think they will benefit as long as the costs stay down
- I think they will help Calgary's future as long as budgets can be kept.
- I think they will hinder the city as the cost over runs likely to occur and then maintenance and debt coverage for years to come
- I think they'd be very lovely places for people who can afford to use them.
- I think this would help Calgary's future in bringing other sporting events to the city. The field house has been talked about for a long time and it would be great to get some of the events associated with it. This would also be a great training facility for Calgary's athletes.
- I think this would help our city; it is, however, not good value for the dollar when you look at what hosting costs versus what we receive in infrastructure.
- I thought we weren't getting any new venues??? And the facilities we have are too old(Saddledome)
- I understand budgetary constraint, but cutting corners is not the way to properly plan for the future. Upgrading the Saddledome does no one any good. The ski jumps need to be rebuilt here in Calgary. Don't kid yourself that Whistler is the answer. It is not.
- I would love to see the facilities updated. But we don't need to host an Olympics to have venues we can be proud of. We already host several world cup events, we can just improve the facilities for those.
- I'd love a new arena....oh wait that's not in the plans.
- I'm ambiguous, as we do need to upgrade some of our facilities. However, we should do this over a longer period of time rather than all at once for the Olympics. We first need to make our city more dense and urban before anybody can actually enjoy these facilities in the first place. Focus on the important stuff first.
- I'm ok with a new field house and upgrades to existing facilities. I am totally against a new hockey arena and the mere suggestion that a new rink is linked to this bid makes me negative. We DO NOT NEED an event centre and so if one is to be built it must be paid for by the tenants.
- If an arena is not on the table it's a bust
- If Calgary can somehow convince the...foolish individuals...behind CalgaryNEXT to actually put in dollars and we could upgrade McMahon Stadium, it's a start. However, these two items I believe are distractions to an overall very costly event that the city will be recovering from for years.
- If completed it would help our community
- If the need was strong enough, these venues would exist already. Their absence suggests a level of extravagance that a short-term event does not justify, no matter how prestigious.

- If the venues and facilities truly are/were important, they should not be dependent on the games.
- If there is a benefit to upgrading facilities it sure has a far lower cost to do this directly instead of hosting the games.
- If these venues and facilities were critical to Calgarians they would already exist. Building them at great expense purely for a 2 week party makes no sense.
- If they are not justified in today's financial times on their own, totally a HUGE hinder.
- If those venues are needed, the city should be planning for them regardless whether they host the games or not. Affordable housing is a problem yet "they" bulldozed midfield trailer park with no viable replacement for residents. There seems to be confusion as to what will actually be built due to lack of public information on the entire bid.
- If upgrades to facilities are required, fund these as appropriate and define the needs.
- If we are broke, can we afford to operate them?????
- If we have the money to upgrade these facilities, why haven't we done it? Why will we magically have more in 8 years?
- If we need facilities then build them without the Olympics.
- If we need the venues and facilities build them without the Olympic party. We should build as we need them. We don't need facilities such as the ski jumps as nobody uses them. Sled tracks should be maintained and built by the individual sport federations. Same for skating facilities such as the Oval. If the Flames need a new arena from which they pay little or no rent but take all the revenue, let them build it themselves.
- If we want to upgrade a venue then upgrade them if it can be justified. Don't hide behind the Olympics to get a venue upgrade. It is a red herring. For example if the Flames want a new rink let them justify a new rink - it has nothing to do with the Olympics.
- If we weren't already in debt or dealing with the economic downturn, the Games would be pretty cool to host. New venues would be beneficial overall but not at the cost of Calgarians who are already struggling. So as of right now, the Games would hinder Calgary.
- If you want to build new facilities do them on their own. Don't need the Olympics for that.
- Ignoring costs, sure, upgraded and new facilities are great! Factoring in the capital costs, as well as maintenance costs, then maybe it isn't a wise investment for a 3 week party. If the venues have benefit outside of the Olympics, the investment should be made focusing on the long term needs of the city and region.
- I'm absolutely in favor of bidding for this reason. Upgrades to facilities we have here will help better serve us in the long term. The only disappointment I had with this was the lack of a new arena in this proposal.
- I'm not interested in sports, but I have visited COP ("Winsport") a few times and it always seemed empty and underutilized to me. We don't need new variations of existing facilities - we need to facilitate access to our existing facilities... for ALL Calgarians. Not just the rich ones.
- In a word 'hinder' - all I've seen to date are improved 'sports' facilities - haven't we enough of these places draining capital and operating dollars presently, let's rebalance the bricks and mortar building to support all aspects of human endeavour.
- In some cases yes and others they will be monuments to nothing other than one time use. Visit every single Olympic city in modern times and especially recently and you will see so much wasted money and issues that it will make you sick.
- In terms of sport and keeping sport hubs running investment in refurbishing and building new facilities would only help to continue our reputation as a training and race hub.
- In the long run, it could well help, more venues for professional sport and training as well as community activities will be a plus, the question is can we afford them out of our pockets right now?
- Instead of building a cheap ass hockey rink make a FAIR DEAL with Flames and co., build an arena like Rexall and make long term money from the facility. As long as the Flames and their dealings with city doesn't wind up ending with Calgarians getting it up the poopier.
- Investment in facilities would obviously provide value to Calgarians. As a tax payer who has experienced significant tax increases every year we can not afford more especially given the current economic situation.
- It absolutely helps because without this support from the province and the feds the city would be solely on the hook for capital upgrades that are unfunded.
- It all depends on who is paying the bill.
- It does not include the worst important thing a new arena

- It doesn't matter. We can't afford it.
- It feels that the new sports arena is the hidden agenda for this olympic bid. I would bet that if we do not do the Olympics we will still get a new sportsplex, giving in to the demands of the Flames financial backers
- It has the potential to benefit the city but given the history of abandoning these structures it doesn't make sense to spend that money on venues they may be abandoned within the year and not used for their intended purpose - like affordable housing.
- It hinders if taxpayers suffer an increase in city taxes, more than the annual increases and property tax pressures they are already normally are burdened with, currently exacerbated by the drop in business property taxes downtown.
- It is a waste of resources to refurbish existing facilities that were built in the 80s. This was the boom time in Calgary in which not all appropriate construction best practices were followed. Who knows what unforeseen costs would be associated with opening up this potential can of worms. Since as soon as the contractors see anything that needs to be redone, or fixed they are obligated to fix it. In summary it would hinder Calgary's future since we are only marginally improving existing facilities I can't see any meaningful impact on existing revenue streams they already have.
- It is going to help.
- It is not enough to make a difference.. saddeldome is last expiry and no facelift will make it ready
- It is shortsighted to not leverage the opportunity for a new NHL regulation sized arena as part of this bid. Why go midsize and still have unmet needs in the city? Get the NHL to kick some private funding in. Full sized arena will have huge payoffs over multiple years, beyond the other facilities and venues with more limited audiences. It will attract entertainment that typically bypasses us.
- It may be nice BUT AT WHAT COST!!!!
- It may help after the games are over for future athletes to train here, but the small amount of gain for the extreme cost doesn't match.
- It may help athletes but not the economy in any significant way
- It may help but what we really need is tourism and transportation infrastructure over sporting facilities
- It may help, but let's put our dollars into all of the issues we have in the community such as affordable housing. Why do we need an Olympics to get some of this done. We have already wasted millions that could have been put to better use.
- It may hinder Calgary as many venues are left unused from the previous Olympic games here. They should be used after instead of left to rot.
- It may slightly help however I don't believe it is worth the cost.
- It might be detrimental to the building of new venues but wouldn't it already be cheaper to build those venues without the added costs of security and other services needed for the olympics that always seem to spiral out of control?
- It might be look beautiful. But why don't you use the money to upgrade the community creations directly?
- It might pave the way for new structures and facilities but maintaining them put of taxpayers expense is not appropriate.
- It seems a lot of money is being proposed with little to show for facilities. I would much rather the City focus on a new arena/entertainment facility which would have clearer benefits, reduced risk for cost overruns and within our control and not relying on the IOC
- It should help. Especially since we need a new flames venue. It should also help bring big names for concerts to our city. All means money for city.
- It will be a cost with little benefit. If the facilities were vital to the future of the city there would be a plan in place to keep them current.
- It will be helpful.
- It will cost as much to upgrade old facilities so that they are useful past the Olympics as it would be to build new. There are fundamental flaws to facilities such as the Saddledome, like the acoustics and the roof, that hinder what can be housed there. As for new facilities, we do not need a 5000 seat arena going forward. Also, even with the new proposed additions, we still do not have facilities to house the curling in Calgary, which would be one of the bigger

money makers in the Olympics. If we have to send the best events to other cities, why have the Olympics in the first place?

- It will definitely help for long term in future
- It will help
- it will help Calgary's future for hosting other Sports and Entertainment events. It will attract more artists to host their concerts, allowing more sports to be played or trained in the City.
- It will help. Calgary is a city that is energized by sport. Families and residents here will have better ways to experience and compete.
- it will help. Look at edmonton; the new space revived the al city!!
- It will hinder only in the sense that the money could be going to better causes for a longer term support for the Calgary community.
- It will hinder our future for reasons noted just above.
- It will maintain where we are. We already have a reputation for Sport. Hosting Olympics is not a sustainable business plan for these facilities.
- It will not help as the cost is too high.
- It will probably help.
- It won't help or hinder the future.
- It won't help. The facilities are all old, e.g. McMahon Stadium, Saddledome. We we want to create a venue that can be used for years to come for many different occasions, then more modern facilities are needed not a 5,000 seat arena.
- It won't make a difference with the piecemeal way they are planning this. If anything, Calgary needs a new Saddledome but that's not even in the plans.
- It would actually hinder Calgary's future by sucking up an inordinate amount of capital for what many people consider lackluster infrastructure improvements. On a cost analysis, billions of dollars for the infrastructure proposed is not a good allocation of dollars.
- It would also help. If you consider how many families already utilize the facilities that were built for the '88 olympics, an upgrade to these facilities would also be a form of appreciation for the individuals who already use them.
- It would be great to have the party - but not at the cost involved. I can see the benefits, but we should just keep current facilities upgraded as needed - less cost and risk.
- It would be wonderful to have new facilities.... We couldn't get Nenshi to agree to a new Flames arena.... Why would this happen any easier?
- It would be wonderful to have some upgrades to existing facilities as well as having new venues but our city CANNOT AFFORD it right now!
- It would benefit only a few, elite athletes and spectators. The ordinary Calgary taxpayer will not use these "new" upgraded facilities (whatever is actually built) to any great enough degree to make them worth the purchase and cost. Very, very few people outside of olympic hopefuls really use the Oval, or bobsleigh tracks at COP. It is generally reserved for an elite few, and employ only those who have a significant connection to the Olympic world. Yet, we have to pay for it. The excess expense associated with new, upgraded facilities, with the cost overruns, and long-term maintenance costs, will put the books into the red for decades to come. We do not need new facilities, we need to afford what we already have. The IOC cannot be allowed to dictate what we will, or will not build.
- It would bring more international competition to us, which would improve tourism and economy. However, this cost cold be better spent on other areas of infrastructure in our city. These are in city plans and hopefully they would still be built at some point in the future, even if we don't host the games.
- It would do neither. What infrastructure that is being stated as a benefit is minimal compared to the cost of the olympics.
- It would have a hindering effect. Calgary currently have COP and there are also abundant of ski resorts not far away from the city.
- It would help because we have one strong data point - 1988 olympics and we still benefit today from those venues
- It would help but can't we build new facilities and not host the Olympics.
- It would help but i don't think you can do what you want with the budget proposed
- It would help but perhaps much could be done without the Games

- It would help by keeping cost down and reusing/upgrading existing areas. Calgary needs a boost and this venue will do just that.
- It would help Calgary. In my opinion, recreation and sport are the best ways to improve the quality of life.
- It would help Calgary's future as citizens can use them and they can be used for training, like the existing facilities are used now. It would improve the quality of sports events, concerts, and training programs that will be held here.
- It would help Calgary's future as there would be more facilities for Calgarians to use after the games, but only if the follow a similar footprint that the last organizing committee applied. The legacy from CODA can be seen today in Calgary
- It would help Calgary's future because without the olympic, the province or the federal government won't provide funding to the city to upgrade facilities. If the city needs to upgrade the venues anyway and with its own pocket then may as well spend more and get some benefit out of it.
- It would help in that it is infrastructure that builds diversity and culture, that provides jobs and citizen engagement and participation for years to come.
- It would help the flames owned by millionaires , it would hinder the taxpayers
- It would help the sports teams, notably the flames, but would drive costs up for already unreasonable venue and ticket prices that Calgarians cannot afford as it is
- It would help those who may use the facilities but not the general population.
- It would help to upgrade McMahon Stadium and the Saddledome.
- It would hinder Calgary bu removing funding from other more important issues.
- it would hinder since we would be in Debt for facilities that would be under used .
- It would hinder us with the amount of debt created
- "It would hinder. Build. A. New. Arena.
- I was 100% behind the City in the dispute with the Flames. Public tax dollars serve a better purpose than professional sports teams, but to parlay that disagreement into an Olympic bid has me so disappointed in the leadership of my City.
- If it was a choice between the two, I'd support public dollars for a new entertainment district- including an NHL quality arena- over this ridiculous Olympic bid."
- It would only help people who are involved in sports of some kind. We need a new stadium for football, hockey and live music. The city didn't want to spend \$100 million to replace the Saddledome, but now all of a sudden spending \$5 billion is okay.
- It wouldn't further Calgary's future as I believe we already have great venues. They may need renovation but we don't need brand new facilities. I'd rather see the money go into things that will benefit the city in the long run. Roads, transit, healthcare, education.
- "It's a joke. Facilities that most Calgarians will never get to use. Look at the Oval. It is one of the most expensive places to public skate in the city. Athletes villiages are basically project housing. You are talking about hosting events in other cities while we foot the bill. Nothing should be held in BC or Edmonton, but you don't really and truly get it.
- The Olympics want us to build venues? Then we should receive ALL marketing and sponsorship dollars to recoup building costs. Countries and cities are not a bank account for the IOC. The IOC is the most vial and corrupt organization in sports behind FIFA. If they have expectations, they should come up with the money, not taxpayers."
- It's not clear to me what the proposed upgrades and new venues/facilities will be. More details would be nice. It would be great to upgrade existing facilities if truly necessary.
- It's not worth the cost. That's all that matters.
- I've said for years this will be a ploy Neshi will try to do to help fund a new arena for the flames.
- Just adds to our operating budget & 2016 Oxford study shows no evidence of affordable housing benefit.
- Just another burden for the tax payers to shoulder. Not of these venues will be revenue generators.
- Just as 88 games left a legacy in Calgary, I'm sure the same will occur. That said, I'm not sure if it is necessary to host the Olympics just so we can get some new venues and facilities.

- Just don't do it - too expensive- if we are not making money on it - then will be taxed to death - you're going to kill people Economically period
- Just maintain the basic well-used infrastructure (oval, Nordic Centre and perhaps bobsleigh) and let the rest fade away.
- Just more cost to maintain with no upside.
- Keep the existing facilities exactly as is, as a preventative measure to keep the games away from Calgary.
- Legacy costs! We can't stride to maintain those from 1988 already!
- Let's build some new facilities with the money from the government and forget about the games
- Let's build for needs not wants to show off to the world. Why do you think there is no competition for the 2026 Olympics? The rest of the world has smartened up except for the Calgary city council et al who haven't seen a dollar in the taxpayers pocket that they don't want to pick. All risk and no reward.
- Lets take the money assigned to hosting and put it directly into improving failing infrastructure. If you can find tax payer money to host the olympics, why can't we find tax payer money for basic services?
- Like I said above, if we spend so much as one cent on unnecessary "upgrades", especially those for the millionaires who call themselves the Calgary Flames, I will be furious. The games are not about having the most flashy venues. It is all about the competition.
- Likely help, but with no corporate sponsorship, I don't believe this should go ahead. In 1988, a large part of the cost was privately paid, why is this bid based almost exclusively on taxpayer dollars?
- Look at our economy, does it look like having new buildings will improve things?
- Looking at past host cities, with the exception of Vancouver, there have not been long standing benefits.
- Maintenance or upgrades of existing facilities would benefit Calgary. Calgary non-profit government should not spend a single cent building a new arena for a for-profit business run by billionaire NHL owners, and millionaire players, they have access to business loans just like every other business.
- Many of the upgrades and new facilities are already being planned anyway so I mean why not host the olympics. We need a new stadium and that's getting built regardless within the next 5-10 years I imagine. Plus with an olympic bid it would unlock more funding from other places than just the city that wouldn't otherwise be available.
- Many of these facilities are not used by the majority of the Calgary region. Start cutting costs and facilities to control budget increases.
- may help but still not worth the cost
- McMahon stadium is an embarrassment. The Saddledome is too old and all that is going to be built is a small area and fills house. The cities plan is useless to the long term community.
- Mediocre. Only a select few will 'benefit'.....as usual.
- Mixed. New venues are nice, but only if they are used in the future and are sustainable.
- Money spent on Olympics better spent elsewhere.
- More cost. The facilities we have now are fine for what we need them for. We don't need more sporting facilities. We need better roads, better transit and better healthcare.
- More important things to spend our money on than sports facilities that benefit only a few. If affordable housing is necessary, the ladies should do it, not government!
- Most calgarians are not olympic athletes. We are not all speedskaters. We need a new Flames arena and that's it. Why waste all this money and STILL not get an arena out of the deal?
- Most likely help
- Most of the proposed upgrades are a waste of money. Upgrades are not the answer it is just a means to placate the public, smoke and mirrors. These facilities will be 40 years old or more when the games hit, the reality is that if done correctly, they really need to be replaced so they will remain viable in the future. A little lipstick will not do the trick. A new major arena and field house are both needed. Look at different funding models such as selling shares to the public or corporate sponsorship dollars. This might test if the public is willing to put some skin in the game. Was consideration ever given to utilizing the high percentage of empty corporate space repurposed for media housing, hosting, broadcasting centres.
- Mostly elite facilities for elite sports. Not for the benefit of the majority otherwise build 10 rinks and 4 indoor soccer facilities

- My biggest concern is the ravaging my wallet will take. the various levels of government are telling us non-sports fans to pay for this and lump it. Who are they to decide how I should have to spend my entertainment dollar?
- My wife in the past worked at the Olympic Park. She was involved with booking the venues after the first Olympics. The facilities were clearly not adequately used. There was resistance from the top. I see little benefit in some of these facilities. The ski jump has not been used for years. What a colossal waste of money.
- Need a new professional hockey arena
- Neither, doesn't address core social issues in the community. All are nice to haves, not need to haves.
- Neither. Calgary doesn't need any new venues.
- Neither. We already have legacy venues.
- Neutral on this. Some would help, and I actually might be persuaded to vote yes if a new arena was included in the planning.
- Neutral, not that useful but would not necessarily hinder anything. However, the overall costs are not worth it if the proposed facilities are largely the only tangible results of the Games. If the current costs included a new Flames arena, it \*might\* be worth it.
- Neutral. Don't think we need them.
- Neutral.. We can have these venues and facilities if we need them regardless of hosting the olympics.
- New / upgraded facilities would obviously help, but not enough as compared to the cost. Just because a facility is old doesn't mean it doesn't have use. The flames suck because they have no leadership and poor drafting, NOT because there aren't enough luxury boxes for millionaires to sit in.
- New and renovated facilities would obviously be "nice to haves", but the costs greatly outweigh any benefit they would provide. The proposal also does not provide for key, useful, infrastructure upgrades.
- New and upgraded facilities are overdue but other than a new arena have no bearing on Calgary's future.
- New and/or upgraded facilities would help, BUT at what dollar cost, and again at what expense to other civic priorities that would be deferred or suspended? The Games might provide some more affordable housing, but enough to meet demand? Calgary is a notoriously expensive city to live in.
- New facilities are great for Calgarians, however they will come at a HUGE cost to us as well. The litmus test is to consider our "needs" today; we aren't budgeting for it now, so why invest in something we won't need after the Olympics leave town?
- New facilities are not a priority
- New facilities help. Using facilities in Whistler for a Calgary-hosted games does not make sense!
- New facilities would always offer more opportunities-so this question is a bit leading - the question is whether there is demand for those opportunities- example there are more hockey players and track athletes at the oval than speed skaters - speed skating is a great sport but what is the demand?
- New facilities would be good but shouldn't be funded by the taxpayer for the benefit of wealthy millionaire sports team owners.
- New facilities would be great. Brings in potential events and helps those areas in the long term.
- New facilities would help a great deal! We continue to benefit from the legacy of 1988 and many of those facilities need an upgrade.
- New or upgraded facilities for ice skating, hockey, luge/bobsleigh, ... will continue to attract potential world class athletes to Calgary.
- New venues and facilities will not come from free. We are already struggling and we do not even have a proper/efficient transportation system in place. We pay very high taxes and instead of relying on public transportation we have to use private cars to get somewhere. We have an archaic transportation system, look at Singapore just as an example. We wait for half an hour a bus and the next bus is Off line. Before thinking in new venues and facilities, think in the people that pay taxes and we receive almost nothing in exchange.
- New venues and Facilities won't help Calgary when you can't get to them. The LRT and roadways along with parking should be a concern.
- New venues and facilities would be nice, but I have zero confidence that spending will be kept to what is affordable for Calgary at this time, given the current economic environment in the province and the oil & gas sector.
- New venues are always welcome - if we can afford them.

- New venues will only attract more investment and tourism dollars.
- New venues would be beneficial to keep pace with other cities in Canada.
- Nice to have not need to have in this timeframe.
- Nice, but who gets to use them after? Millionaire hockey players?
- no
- NO - fringe sports that Calgarians and Albertans generally don't play.
- No . The Calgary Bid Committee has no idea of the real refurbishment costs . Calgary recreational complexes should be the focus (one arena collapsed last year). Lets focus on Calgarians not Olympians
- No airport train, using whistler for events. Publically funding private businesses. This will be a hindrance to Calgary's future.
- No benefit and will hinder Calgary's future but sending us into debt and reducing funds to pursue other needed projects.
- No Benefit. Only debt.
- No benefits
- no benifit for anyone but greedy elites
- No change
- No help. May benefit a small number of people
- No i do not, because the resulting debt from the games will cripple the city. upgrade and get needed new venues just like edmonton does without olympic games debt. we need a new arena and a fieldhouse, that is not asking for something ridiculous. the games are the problem.
- No if the flames want a new arena they should PAY FOR IT THEM FUCKING SELVES!!!!!!
- No impact.
- No money
- No money currently . Sometime in futire
- No money for the Flames/CESC!
- No most venues in games are never reused to any great extent and quickly deteriorate splitting venues across other cities are a joke
- No new arena, etc.
- No new arena. No major infrastructure benefit for long term Calgary
- No new big area, that's what the sporty folk want. Not enough benefit.
- No new flames arena... shame on you! Now thats is a way to bring in revenue for the city and its businesses.
- No new NHL arena in the bid = no tangible benefit to the city. The other venues are too minor to matter
- No NHL sized arena in the plan that I've seen. Nothing else looks even mildly interesting
- No the upgrades are a necessary maintenance that any facility needs in its ongoing cycle of use . The Lack of any significant New Large Capacity Infrastructure leaves no legacy that benefits Calgary . No serious economic benefits for Calgary due to no large const projects again no benifit to the city .
- No- We already have the facilities. They can be upgraded with certainty( cost wise) The only new facility is a 5,000 seat arena. If the hit men draw approx 7,000 fans and the Roughnecks 9,000 fans.Why- sounds like a white elephant
- NO! we need LRT to the airport like every big city in the world has.
- No,
- No, because the last one's didn't except for the occasionally used ski-jump which has been outdated for years.
- No, i think the proposal is too light and micky mouse solution. Build proper facilities like a nhl arena or replace mcmahon and upgrade the ski jumps. Don't pay for whistler to upgrade theirs on our bill.
- No, no, no - the venues that are built end up being for the elite and are way out of the price range of the ordinary citizens of Calgary. I would love to drive down a road in this city that was not full of potholes and in need of major repairs. We think only of a few citizens and not the majority, this needs to change.
- No, the city should budget to spend money on facilities even without the olympics . We don't need a new ski jump, we already have one. Yet if we get the olympics we will have to build one, then we have 2? Are we going to build a

new ice hockey arena? An Olympic one is too small for nhl so we would pay for one and then also end up paying the flames to "help" them rebuild the saddledome?

- No, we can't afford them and as a taxpayer I do not want to pay for them. Only limited parties use them. It should be "pay as you go"
- No.
- No. Too many good ideas overlooked and passed on. Disagreement with priorities budgeted for. Again to repeat, lost opportunity.
- No. We haven't taken good care of what was built for '88
- "No.
- Not at all. There are already large numbers of facilities which are always upgraded constantly."
- No. Let the private sector deal with them. Olympics is a business just like any other. No taxpayers money for them.
- No. Our transit is the worst I've ever experienced on a global level. How do you expect to get people to and from the proposed new or upgraded facilities when you can't even move citizens to and from work efficiently.
- No. The dome will be 40, McMahon will be about 60. Both too old, out dated.
- No. The facilities are not necessarily what Calgary needs. They would be designed for a one time event to meet IOC preferences and not the needs of Calgary.
- No. The majority of the venues work well for what are required. A few million in upgrades could be spent to achieve similar results as a wholesale investment in the IOC party.
- No. These new venues and facilities will be built with money that could have been spent more wisely. We will have a city with the big shiny buildings on the one side and an empty city on the other. That is not the advertising that the city of Calgary needs. The Olympics will be a disaster for Calgary and for Canada.
- No. Without a new large arena and fieldhouse tied to the event, the costs are way off base.
- No..... costs
- Nobody besides the direct stakeholders will benefit from these facilities. Calgarians will be heavily taxed for someone else's play things.
- nope, no upgrades, we should be caring and spending money on homeless and our Vets.
- Nope: We haven't done upkeep on what was built for '88, so there's little reason to believe that will change. The roof of the saddledome is downright dangerous (I've seen photos of supporting bolts pulling out of the ceilings ...) and the ski jump facility at COP is in a sad, sorry state.
- Not building a new arena, field house and stadium hinders our city from prospering from having these facilities. Plus, the debt load will hinder us from helping the citizens in need, because the debt load will tie the city's hands.
- Not currently used to full capacity. Waste of money to build more.
- Not important...we need other facilities!
- Not much benefit shown for cost of hosting
- Not needed use the old ones.
- Not really.
- Not required and I don't see how this is going to help Calgary at all. It will cost the taxpayers thousands more over the years. I will be moving out of Calgary if they are approved.
- Not willing to contribute to the IOC corruption nor am I willing to allow public funding to allow a new arena to piggyback on the Olympic bid. New arena paid for by us taxpayers so billionaire owners can pay millionaire employees? No thanks.
- Not worth it to spend tax dollars on buildings that get used by pro athletes and the public does not really get much benefit. Eg saddle dome sports team owners who are billionaires but want the average joe to fund building/renovating a place where their sports players who get paid millions to play a game play. If I as a tax payer am funding a big building for millionaires I want to be able to use it like other city recreation facilities without having to pay 400 dollars to watch a game go skating or hang out when ever I want.
- Not worth it. We don't need a 5000 seat arena. We should only have a new venue for the flames.
- Not. Debt.
- Obviously having new facilities would be good, but can we afford it?

- Of course the upgraded and new venues would help Calgary's future - but given the actual, final costs it's not a good deal
- Of course they will help Calgary in the future, however, i don't think Calgary knows how to properly monetize these facilities to pay down the costs left over from hosting...
- Of course they would help but they should be built in an economy which is more stable than the present
- Of course this would hinder Calgary's future! The exorbitant cost of these facilities will have little benefit moving forward, and often hear buildings stand abandoned. Building new venues will result in the destruction of even more forest and natural habitat in a city that is known for its embarrassing urban sprawl and careless environmental standards that were allowed by previous conservative city councils. Nenshi, you're the smartest mayor this city has ever had, as are your supporters within city council. You know what this will do to our environment and economy. Millennials and Generation X voters aren't status oriented like the Baby Boomers and the Silent Generation. We care about the environment and about a sustainable future, and the Olympic Games will take away funds from sustainability projects. The Olympics have gone from a diplomatic event of goodwill to a money pit and debt for whatever city is unfortunate enough to host it. We had the Olympics in 1984. Can we please move on?!
- Of course upgraded facilities would benefit the city but we can budget those upgrades without hosting the Olympics.
- Olympic venues only support those in sports and are very expensive to build and maintain. We have more important needs like affordable housing.
- On one hand were told we can upgrade current facilities but over the last few years weve been told these facilities are simply no good and need to be rebuilt.
- Once again I appreciate the potential benefit however the associated costs make this unacceptable
- One hand wants to build new facilities while the other hand is tearing them down (Winsport and Jumping Towers).
- only elites can afford tickets to the games, rest of us will pay for it
- Only a field house, hockey rink and new football stadium would help Calgary's future
- Only if it is transit or accessible infrastructure. A new stadium only benefits the people who can afford to attend hockey games and concerts.
- Only if taxpayers can remain owners of the venues can it be helpful.
- Only if the flames got a new rink.
- Only if they include a replacement for the Saddledome.
- Only if we could get a new nhl arena or c train line to the airport that wasn't included in the bid plan.
- Only new stadiums for flames and stamps
- Only serves a minority of the population.
- Other than Low cost housing I don't see the need for more venues.
- Our aging infrastructure is in desperate need of upgrading. Nobody benefits from living in a city which appears run down and sliding into decline.
- Our biggest needs are a new football and hockey stadium, the games will not provide this, we are getting all kinds of new facilities for sports that no one plays / watches (e.g. skeleton and biathlon)
- Overall help by attracting international winter sporting events
- Paying for them and maintaining them will be a long term burden
- People who like to play or watch games should pay 100%
- Per above and per what city hall has shared the upgrades seem pitifully small and woefully inadequate to justify the expenditure. Do it right the first time or don't do it right now. Using the games as a pretext for patching up the existing facilities is a bad idea. In the car business it is akin to investing new money in a rusty car. While it might get you from a to b, the prognosis for a long relationship is poor. Having to piggy back with Whistler and Edmonton is equally concerning. Our resources go to their infrastructure. Sorry to sound greedy but we are cash flow poor right now and sending these precious funds to other jurisdictions is simply frivolous. If you insist on this strategy and want Calgarians to consider it best to persue a plan that has these 'partners' contribute to the heavy financial lifting.
- Perhaps help, although I do not use the existing facilities and wouldn't use the new ones either.
- Personally it would hinder my future - I would pay for facilities that I rarely if ever use. Services/facilities I do use and would prefer the \$\$ is spent on improving (or even just keeping open): roads, city golf courses, transit, outdoor ice rinks, public parks, libraries, public use pools, public use arenas, snow removal.

- Piecemeal approach. The current facilities are antiquated, new proposed ones are bare bones minimum and wither away after events are over.
- Please do not bid for the 2026 Olympics, they will bring no needed value to the venues in Calgary.
- Please provide an enabling environment for calgarians to live in the city. Do not keep on wasting money on meaningless ventures. Housing is not an issue in the city. Its a scam.
- poor use of taxpayers money - let us do what we need without involving the IOC
- Positive, but not necessarily directed optimally
- Possible benefits in terms of tourism/entertainment dollars. However, if we reLLy want to promote long term engagement in sport for our youth, these venues will do little - investment in small, local arenas/fields/programs is what is needed.
- Possibly hel
- Potentially help but not cost-effective. Focus should be on certain facilities like saddledome. Also, no benefit whatsoever on the Olympic village which is also very costly
- Potentially help. Eye-watering cost of the new and improved athletic venues aside, Calgary has made good use of the '88 facilities.
- Private business would pay if it was economically viable
- Private corporations would only benefit and be able to use them. Ie Saddledome.
- Probably help. New and upgraded facilities would be used for many years after the games are over. I see this as the only positive however, we could build or upgrade facilities as they are needed without taking on the excessive risk and expense of the Games.
- Probably won't make a difference either way.
- Proposed venues and facilities in Victoria Park are adjacent to my community and would have long term impact to the neighborhood and not in a positive way.
- Putting lipstick on the existing venues won't help. They're already 30 years old. Why do we need a 5000 seat arena? I thought the field house was already in the city's long term plan, and if the city is planning to spend \$500M on the bid, why not direct that money towards a new field house without bidding on the games.
- Quite frankly I don't care about these. The city is already building new facilities in new areas in the city that only those communities use and no one else does. I don't need more that I will never step foot in.
- Rather than catering to IOC demands I think we should focus specifically on venues and facilities that would be meaningful to Calgarians.
- REALLY! Calgary is "permitted" to host a 'second hand' Games? Yet, the Oval needs refurbishing, this wonderful venue that has served so many so well. It will require funding, but brings so much pride to so many. It deserves funding even without the games. The Saddledome is iconic, update it for uses for the Hitmen and other requirements. But, we need a newer venue for NHL and a variety of concerts; sooner or later this must be done. There will always be a cost, but there is a cost to inaction. Sending hockey and curling to Edmonton and skiing to Whistler is insulting! This leaves Calgary a poor relation, no pride and all the security and travel costs. None of this would help to inspire, either invest in the Games or fold! Get busy and attract partners FOR these venues. Hospitals use Home Lotteries, consider looking beyond the taxpayer! Instead of selling second hand second rate Games, do it with pride and energy. Whine about something else, capitolize on what spirit is left in this gorgeous city. Yes there will be a cost but begin to "sell" the positives. The man work hours to build structures and required venues. Approach entrepreneurs and build the fire that made this city a great place to live. Look at the Calgary Stampede and be willing to actually listen to their advice, they bring an interesting dynamic. Sooner or later venues must be built, be creative, be innovative and don't expect the taxpayer to beare the brunt. It can be done, but egos have to be put aside.
- Refurbishing existing venues likely is not realistic within the budget set out or the expectations of athletes in 2026. The Flames would torch the Saddledome today.
- Reuse and upgrade as many facilities as possible. This will benefit current and future users while keeping costs low.
- Same answer. These are all loaded questions geared to a positive response. Hinder, the cost of the games will increase tax burden on the many. Those rich will enjoy the additional venues but the regular person will find it more expensive just to own a home.
- "Same verse, same as the first, just a little bit louder and a whole lot worse...."

- Too much money!"
- See above. Calgary cannot afford it.
- See above. When your debt is minimal then you upgrade or build new facilities.
- Selected new venues can be achieved without the outlandish risks that the games may very well place on all taxpayers.
- Seriously? A field house? What are you thinking? We need a new multi use arena that will draw more revenue to this city than a field house. We will be footing the cost for 3 separate locations; Calgary, Edmonton and Whistler.
- Should be upgraded. That's not an Olympic decision that's a cop out on the city's behalf
- Significantly help. We want to continue to attract world class athletes to Calgary to train, and athletes from around the world to come here to compete. But perhaps as or more important, we want to create a vibrant city which encourages citizens to be active in their own ways. I use the Nordic Centre a lot in all seasons. In the winter, it is rare that I don't encounter people who have traveled to Canmore/Calgary to use our facilities.
- Ski jumps are ridiculous. It's a dying sport and the more they make the jumps bigger the more nails in the coffin for that discipline. As for other sports, as long as the facilities and infrastructure are useable by grass roots sports organizations and not just for the elite that's fine.
- "Skip the games. Build a new arena and Stadium. Don't spend 6 Billion, probably 10 for a field house and mini arena that won't even house the Hitmen."
- slightly help
- Some are pointless. Hinder. Paying for a 5,000 seat arena. Why?
- Some facilities could use upgrade, however not at expense of all other costs
- Some new venues would be positive however Calgary should be considering upgraded/new venues for our future use not just the Games. We need to be financially responsible for ALL public funding.
- Some of the changes to facilities would provide improvements for future users but could be made outside hosting the olympics
- "Some of the improvements are valid but overall they fall short. Olympics don't make money so if you are going to do it, do it big and don't try to cheap out.
- Upgrading the stadium is a great idea but the idea that an upgrade will make it a world class location is false.... it will just be an embarrassment to host the games in that old stadium."
- Some of the new venues (ie new ice hockey sheets) may be well used, but other like the ski jumping & luge/skeleton/bobsleigh track will not be utilized by the average Calgarian.
- Some of the things from '88 need replacing but most we are still benefiting from. Updating some would make them more usable while replacing others would only help the city at large.
- Some of the venues from 88 still hold value, i.e. Olympic Oval. The ski jumps at COP not so much. What would a new Games bring us? And I'm willing to bet that any upgrading of existing facilities will become a replacement of that facility due to hidden factors, leading to ballooning additional costs. That's the way the city operates, why would the Games be any different?
- Some of the venues such as the proposed arena will benefit the billionaires who operate them more than the city that builds and maintains them. Some of the venues are located so far away from Calgary that they should not be considered "hosted" by Calgary in the slightest. Having events more than 1000km away benefits that community not ours.
- Some upgraded venues are needed in the city such as a field house and a new NHL spec arena but please do not use the Olympics as an excuse to build a couple of new facilities.
- Some venues could be upgraded for various sports events other than the Olympics - do not need additional venues
- Some venues will work, others will be a waste of money.
- Some will help (arena, stadium). Most will not. We already have a number of world class facilities.
- somewhat positive but "value" of the facilities will be much less than the "cost"
- Spend taxpayer's money on child care overcrowded and unaffordable day cares , health care, youth development, education skill building programs roads infrastructure, diversify economy is much needed.
- Spending money to upgrade could impact future new venues.

- "Spending on a these venues will hurt because it takes valuable infrastructure money away from more important needs. The City has more-pressing needs, as does the province and federal government.
- It will hurt Calgary if upgrading the Saddledome means the province can afford to build fewer new schools. It will hurt Calgary if the federal government has less money to support post-secondary students needing loans. It will hurt Calgary if refurbishing the bobsled track delay the LRT expansion.
- Our governments are having trouble maintaining their current service levels without increasing taxes and going into debt. Why on earth would we add a multi-billion dollar, unnecessary expense into the mix thinking it will somehow create more money for us to spend?"
- Sports groups and the city have been talking about creating the new venues, regardless of the Olympic bid. Hosting the major event would help catalyse the support and speed up the timeline to get these venues created.
- Still to this day my family and I use most of the original facilities
- Stop wasting Money we dont have on tve Olympics
- "Stop wasting our money. WE DO NOT WANT THE GAME. use our money for something useful, not a legacy for Nenshi and the rest of city council.
- Work for the people, not bribes."
- Stupid question. Asked for a yes answer?????
- such a speculative question, of course new venues and facilities would help but is hosting a party for the world the right business decision?
- Sure, don't need an Olympics to do this, though.
- Sure, it would be nice to have a bright, new, shiny fieldhouse; I just don't think the benefits outweigh the costs for average Calgarians. Calgary could always use more ice surface as it is always in high demand during hockey season, but without the NHL players participating in games, I don't think ticket revenue expectations will be achieved.
- Sure, they'd be great, but my taxes are high enough. We need some new facilities, perhaps, but how about providing sustainable funding to maintain and operate things we already have, like COP.
- Tax payer money can be used to upgrade the venues and facilities without the huge price tag of the olympics
- Taxpayer dollars should not be wasted on this minimally beneficial venture. Utilize the funds for something that would actually bring value to the community as a whole, not just for the athletes and super elite.
- Taxpayer money must not be used to subsidise legacy gifts for millionaire NHL owners & players...give me a break, sickening!
- The 1988 Olympic Village was touted as affordable housing for students, wound up being poorly constructed and required extensive repairs and was eventually discontinued as student housing.
- The 1988 venues will be increasingly difficult to maintain and will be nearing end of lifecycle requiring replacement. Renewed investment in our venues will both modernize and sustain these facilities for the next generations.
- the 500+ million spent on Security could pay for a lot of up grades
- The amenities hardly seem worth it especially not getting a new large stadium.
- The average Calgarian will likely never use or rarely use any of the new sporting facilities. When using so much public money that our children and their children will still be paying off to only benefit a few select athletes does not make sense in our current economy. We would be better off spending the money on current and further infrastructure in Calgary, better education, and diversifying the Calgary economy.
- The average Calgarian will never access these facilities
- The benefit of new facilities is hard to quantify. An indoor 400 meter track would be wonderful with or without the cost of the Olympics.
- The city can't even come to an agreement with the flames over a new facility but would like to host the 2026?!? The current venues and facilities are out dated.
- The city does need new venues but we don't need to host the Olympics to get them built.
- The city is being dishonest on this process. What is being deferred or cancelled as a result of the current expenditures? How much more if we win the bid?

- The city is short on public recreational sites building stadiums and field houses will have little impact to resolve the issue.
- The City Of Calgary deliberately destroyed motorsport competition despite it actually paying money. If multi-million or even billion dollar sports organizations wish to have new venues, they should pay for them entirely with their own money. Further, as these venues require ongoing expenditures for maintenance, Korea has decided to bulldoze most of their 2018 Winter Olympic facilities rather than pay to maintain the purposeless structures.
- The city should take a fraction of the proposed Olympic cost and upgrade some of the facilities without hosting the Olympics. Still would be a better deal all around.
- The City would put money into facilities such as the Saddledome only to see it replaced in ten years. There is no plan as far as I can see. HINDER.
- The city's inability to live within it's means tells me they will build it at any cost. What a joke, the city has yet to build a new field house, a new arena. Why would pay \$350K for each athlete in athletes village, we'd be better off giving them \$50k at the airport and tell them to make it work.
- The cost of new and/or improved facilities is not worth the financial risk.
- The cost of them will burden us initially and then even more to maintain them after...
- The cost of upgraded or new venues will definitely put more strain on hardworking Calgarians. I question how much will be taken from us the taxpayers annual to keep new venues running after the Olympics are over.
- The cost of upgrading and building these facilities will be more than what is proposed. Tax payers will have to pay for this for a considerable number of years. Given the current economic climate we are faced with it seems incredibly foolish to go forward with a bid to host.
- The cost outweighs the benefit
- The cost to tax-payers at all levels of sourcing- local, provincial, federal - far outweighs any benefits that would come from these facilities and venues. Benefits would be seen by a small sector of the population but the financial burdens of inevitable cost overruns would be shouldered well into the future by all including a vast majority who would have no connection at all to these facilities.
- The cost will be a strong negative. We can't even clear all the roads of snow promptly, but we are going to build Olympic venues? It's insane.
- the costs of the games would hinder upgraded and new venues because the city would be in financial difficulties
- The costs to achieve this are unknown, or in some cases, purposely hidden from us. Risk is too great.
- The costs vastly outweigh the benefits here. It's not like we're hurting for sports infrastructure. A lot of money would have to be spent on something that isn't even a necessity
- The current facilities are in need of an upgrade anyway.
- The debt burden will outweigh any potential benefit.
- The ever increasing taxes suggests we don't have the money for it. Don't do it.
- The facilities are 30yrs old , repairs and old tires are still an old tires
- The facilities being upgraded are used by a very small percentage of Calgary's population, those people can pay for the luxury lifestyle they want, not tax payers
- The facilities could be attractive for future international
- The facilities left over from the 1988 Games deserve maintenance and upgrade notwithstanding this bid. Advocates for the 2026 are falsely implying that the bid is required to upkeep popular venues. As for venues such as the ski jumps and bobsleigh track, they don't warrant any upkeep due to lack of usage.
- The facilities proposed are insufficient and not in alignment with what is really needed in this city.
- The facilities will be upgraded if the COC wants to continue to have training centers.
- The facilities would help but could be constructed at a fraction of the cost without attaching the games to it.
- The fact some of the events may take place in Whistler is ridiculous. The games will not make money and we will be paying for it many years to come. The only reason yyc games were successful in 88 was due to television rights. This is not an option.
- The fieldhouse is a much needed facility that will be great. The midsize arena will at the last moment turn into the new saddledome. The other upgrades are logical and necessary to keep these facilities functional.

- The flames ownership seems likely to attempt to weasel a publicly paid for arena. They are not trust worthy when so much of the olympics centre on their location.
- The games are not going to build a new ice rink and pay for its maintenance over the entire lifespan of the facility so a year after the games we are suddenly going to be paying to keep a facility running without it ever having been budgeted for. If we could afford it already, we probably would have built it.
- The games will not make Calgary a World Class City...but spending the money where it is needed will.
- The games-specific venues are useless other than for specific sports, take up valuable space and will cost money in upkeep, so hinder for those. The general upgrades to housing and transportation should happen independant of any games.
- The high costs of the games will be a burden on the taxpayer for generations. The modest upgrades in the plan are of little value. A 5000 seat field house is useless.
- The idea proposed is awful. McMahon needs to be rebuilt, not renovated. No new arena is a huge fail (Why renovate the dome???). No airport line for the train. What exactly do we get long-term for our \$3B?
- The ideas are directing cash to problems that SHOULD NOT be top priority. We have far too many infrastructural, socio-cultural and health related issues that need to be addressed first.
- The Infrastructure would not benefits the Public schools the Health Care. That would be a higher priority.
- The long term cost of maintaining the facilities will hinder Calgary's future.
- The Multi-plex could help diversify our sport and recreational options in Calgary all year round, but the cost is not worth the chance, put the money into a franchise and sport that already brings in money and wants to be here... AND why would we spend money on a venue that is no where near us (Whistler) it makes no sense.
- The municipal government should focus on creating an attractive community to attract and increase business which will lead to a higher tax base from which venues can be improved. Focus on venues that every day citizens can use and enjoy such as parks and bike paths and river access instead of venues and facilities for professional athletes.
- The need for a field house should be out top priority for new facilities in Calgary
- The need for a new community arena is not clear to me. Disappointing that a new arena is not included in this bid. Disappointing that LRT to the airport has not been considered in this bid and elsewhere.
- The new arena for the Calgary Flames should NOT be funded by Calgary/Alberta and Canadian taxpayers. Let the millionaires foot the bill.
- The new facilities would benefit Calgary and I believe they would be well-used for years to come. I would be happier to see a new Flames arena built into the bid though. Upgrading the Saddledome doesn't seem satisfactory.
- The new facilities would go unused and cost tax payers billions in construction and maintenance.
- The new venue is still not big enough for hockey and concert events and the eastside plaza project will not be ready intime for the olympics. The upgrades should not come at taxpayer expense especially if you don't use those venues.
- The new venues and facilities will only directly positively affect a very small percentage of Calgary's population. But all of us will pay for it.
- The new venues and facilities will only help a small segment of Calgarians. Kids teams wouldn't necessarily be accessing these venues due to cost.
- The new venues proposed are not worth the effort. We dont need a 5000 seat arena.
- The new venues will provide world class facilities for aspiring athletes, professional and amateur athletes for another 30 years
- The new venues would be great for the City and help the Flames with a new Arena.
- The Olympic games are not needed to justify the upgrading of existing facilities and construction of new facilities. If these facilities need to be upgraded and built (and I agree they do), it is far better and far more economical to invest in them WITHOUT committing to the Olympic games. It makes no sense to commit to spending well over \$5B in order to justify the cost of \$500M in facility upgrading and building. The city is far better off simply spending the \$500M for the facilities and forgetting about hosting the Olympics all together.
- The Olympics will be the impetus to improve and re-develop many of the facilities used by people in Calgary.
- The ones we have are fine, and if they need to be fixed then we can fix them. The Saddledome survived the flood, it doesn't need to olympics.
- The only new facility Calgary needs is a new arena for sporting and entertainment events.

- The people have said we need a new arena. Hockey and football. Somewhere we could host events and concerts which would bring in long term revenue
- The professional sports teams would love a free venue on the taxpayer as they roll in the \$\$\$\$
- The proposal should include the cost of a new arena and stadium...without question.
- The proposed facilities do not address the needs that have been communicated to City Council now for the past 5 - 8 years. They are only band-aid solutions that will falter in the long term.
- The proposed facilities will not have a major impact on Calgary. Having a new mid-size arena is a ridiculous waste of money. The money should go toward a new NHL arena if it is to be directed to anything.
- The proposed plan does not include venues and facilities that we actually need, except for the fieldhouse.
- The proposed upgrades and new facilities would be an asset to our City...but again it is not worth the level of investment required at this particular time.
- the proposed upgrades and new venues might help for short term, but will hardly produce the world class infrastructure that will be needed to train Canada's future athletes. Most importantly, we do not get a new stadium which is key to the Calgary economy moving forward. "upgrades" to Saddledome is simply inadequate.
- The proposed upgrades are a joke, why would you upgrade a 3rd world level stadium like McMahon Stadium, Saddledome is at best a minor league arena, both need to be bulldozed, use the money you want to spend on this event to build new arenas, field houses, stadiums. This will build social and cultural impacts to this community. Not a 14 day event.
- "The proposed upgrades could be offset as some venues being upgraded could be done through private capital if needed in the future. As for the new facilities, the location is a major concern, as well as what they are used for. Building a single arena that is multifunctional (hockey, various other sports, and concerts/other entertainment events) will be much more efficient. This is because it will function both as a gathering space for the local citizens, and be a promotion hub for other events that are being taken away by Edmonton and Vancouver now such as concerts due to the lack of a 'modern' venue' in Calgary. Even if the olympics are hosted the tourism sector of Calgary I believe may
- not be as important as it could be for the future of Calgary's economy, if we don't build a venue that supports the events that are could be hosted annually and that are constantly promoted through social networks before and after they occur. I understand the idea of the olympic legacy however I rarely hear 1988 being discussed by the everyday Calgarian who was a Calgarian in 1988 in terms of the impact the games had, rather I do hear the events before and after that occurred in regards to economic slumps."
- The proposed upgrades have little bearing on the future of Calgary as their effect is only felt by a small portion of the population.
- the proposed upgrades would hinder calgary's future. We need a new full sized arena and a field house, not another mid size arena and a new speed skating track.
- The proposed venues and new facilities will create more spaces for recreational leagues. This can be done in better ways for a fraction of the cost. When would we we ever fill 5000 seats in a two rink arena? If there were a new Arena or Stadium we might be able to attract more shows and concerts to Calgary. Too bad this was not reflected in the proposal.
- The proposed venues would help our city in the future, in that the facilities would be available for use. But at what cost? One cannot be examined in isolation of the other. Although the cost to each taxpayer is very low, the potential use by each taxpayer is exceptionally lower. Unless a taxpayer is part of the population that can use the specialized facility, they will not benefit. This is the same analysis used for the building of a new hospital or school. Who pays? Who benefits? The societal outcome of new facilities will benefit a specialized few, yet all taxpayers pay.
- The saddle dome is garbage and needs to be replaced. That should be a priority of the bid/city/Flames (really... the Flames). There could be a significantly sized multi use facility built to accommodate many of potential events that included a new NHL arena as well.
- The Saddledome and McMahon need more than upgrading, they need to be rebuilt/replaced. Upgrading other venues is good. A field house is needed with or without the games.
- The thing I remember most from the last games is that the city stopped running neighbourhood ice rinks to pay for the Olympic oval. Everything went to the pros and now those facilities would need to be re-built, it seems. I'd rather see the money put toward more and cheaper programs for kids.

- The up grades would help the city particularly if the Saddledome can be retrofitted to met the standards of Edmonton's stadium.
- The upgraded facilities would be a benefit to Calgary however the potential costs outweigh the benefit to Calgarians. In addition, potentially holding events in Whistler would be of no benefit to Calgary. How are the costs to be shared with Whistler or is Calgary on the hook for any improvements there? One of the major draws to the Winter Olympics is the downhill ski events which if held in Whistler bring no benefit to Calgary or the facilities in Alberta.
- The upgraded facilities would be nice and the field house is certainly needed - these two would help Calgary's future. BUT the ice arena is TOO small and will not meet our needs at all in 2026 (for the NHL/ concerts etc) so why build it for millions of dollars - so this would Hinder Calgary's future by wasting money on this small arena.
- The upgrades are not needed at those facilities, also if they were a financially positive entity we would have invested in their upgrade as needed.
- The upgrades to venues are likely to help, though the final costs are unknown until the work begins. Who knows what "lurks behind the walls" when modifications start? Despite that point, those venues should be considered in annual and long term budgets of responsible entities anyway, not any different than we care for and budget for home repairs and modifications.
- The upgrades will help. The facilities have needed the upgrades for years. Our athletes shouldn't have to go to Whistler or other cities to train or compete.
- The upgrades would help but we do not need another 5,000 person arena
- The upgrades would only benefit a small percentage of the cities population, ie those that would use them.
- The venue upgrades proposed are unfortunately not the facilities that calgarians actually want. Better to spend the money on infrastructure that has been requested/backlogged for years even if the budget is less.
- the venues and facilities need to be updated in Calgary. We are often passed over on tours.
- The venues and facilities sure would NOT justify the \$5 billion dollar cost of the bid.
- The venues are disposable and require constant expenditure for upgrades (Canada Olympic Park is a prime example) which obviate other expenditures on sports and recreation facilities.
- The venues are good as long as they are safe
- The venues canbe built without the necessity of hosting the games. We as a city would be further ahead to look at doing the infr structure within the monies allotted and not the pie in the sky attitude of this council.
- The venues from 88 are defunct or barely used already. Not a good long term investment.
- The venues from the previous games have brought training programs to Calgary and the surrounding area, but we still see this benefit today. Any incremental benefit would be minimal, and certainly nowhere near \$5.8B+ in value.
- The venues required for the games will be mostly unused after and will be a burden to the city.
- The venues should be part of the cities budget This City Hall should have been investing in a new arena /fielhouse in the last 10 years. and not blackmailing Calgarians to get these facilities by saying we cannot get them unless we have the Olympics
- The venues will hinder Calgary's future, they will undoubtedly run over budget.
- The venues would be appreciated but too expensive to be worthwhile
- "The vote for Calgarians is coming soon with advance polling Nov 6 and 7 followed by the final voting on Nov 13.
- Although i see many stating an emphatic NO in their opinion, well until one actually votes, your opinion does not count. We Calgarians tend not to get off our butts and actually vote. This one is important.
- For your consideration of just how fictitious City Hall numbers are (not including the stuff they tried to hide that got leaked), take a look at a past Olympics and an upcoming one...
- Cities tend to exclude large amounts of associated costs when they submit a bid to host the Olympics. Such bids usually include only core components such as the main facilities so that the bids are easier to compare. Building design, security measures, transportation and other costs are largely excluded.
- The 2012 London Olympics cost \$19 billion, compared with the bid estimate of \$6.5 billion.

- In 2013, when they were awarded the right to host the 2020 Summer Olympics, Tokyo officials said they could stage the Games for 829 billion yen, or \$7.3 billion at the current exchange rate of 113 yen to the dollar.
- According to a report released this week by the national government's Board of Audit and reviewed by the Associated Press, Japan is likely to spend at least \$25 billion and possibly more for the 2020 Games. That figure is nearly four times the original 2013 estimate and more than doubles the number that was thrown out just 10 months ago, when the Tokyo organizing committee said the Olympic budget was about \$12 billion.
- Japanese taxpayers will foot 80 percent of the final bill, the audit found.
- "The Games overrun with 100 percent consistency," University of Oxford researchers wrote in a 2012 study. "No other type of mega project is this consistent regarding cost overrun. Other project types are typically on budget from time to time, but not the Olympics."
- The will hinder. The money will not be spent on the right things. If we are going to squander all that money, just build a new arena for the Flames and be done with it.
- The wording of these questions is perplexing. "Help or hinder Calgary's future"? That is so amorphous it's effectively meaningless.
- There are already facilities here that are rarely used.
- There are far too few users of some of the facilities after the Olympics are over to justify spending an enormous amount of money on them.
- There are more important things like infrastructure roads proper snow removal etc that are far more important that should be dealt with first before "games" are even considered.
- There are more important things needed in this city.
- There are plenty of other priorities that the taxpayers money could be going to.
- There are two venues that matter most to the the greatest majority of Calgarians - the arena and the stadium. Neither of these facilities are included in the plan.
- There has been so much secrecy about everything that I've lost interest. It's going to hurt Calgary if they come no question and you don't need to be Rocket scientist to see why
- There is a lack of clarity on what "the proposed upgraded and new venues and facilities" may be, where they may be, what segment of our society would be serviced and at what cost. These are key inputs when we consider our city's future. So, again, insufficient detail and clarity available to objectively answer the question.
- There is already plenty of Economic research out there that indicates a facility like a new hockey arena/field house complex will benefit the private users of said facility and not the average citizen. In a time of clear economic and employment hardship we can't afford to risk taxpayer's hard earned dollars on what will benefit so very few and not in the least impact the already painfully disadvantaged amongst us.
- There may be some limited benefits to having facility upgrades, but it will depend on the cost of said upgrades as all benefits could be negated by any cost overruns that will burden city taxpayers.
- There will be no Olympic upgrades
- There would be some benefit, but I support community level sport & recreation, not elitism.
- These are baubles that will cost us more than they are worth. More useless ski jumps?
- These are facilities for the wealthy. Spend some money on facilities that all can afford including the lowest income earners. Skiing is an extremely expensive hobby. As a percentage of people you know, how may luge or Bob sled ? How many speed skate atthe oval ?
- These are not substantial enough to be of benefit.
- These are venues that your average Calgarian is never going to get to use. Invest that money in community facilities, if facilities and Calgarians are actually important.
- These facilities can be upgraded in time and should not be tied to Olympics
- These news facilities will be very lucrative for this city and provide a very strong future for Calgarians. We will have the ability to host fifa matches and might I add the same year of the Olympics is the fifa world cup which Canada US & Mexico are hosting & we could be host for warm up games. Include a track & field stadium in this new arena & it will

get kids focus on a lucrative careers and hopeful turn away from drugs. New businesses can emerge from this, think about the diamond league how hugh track & field have grown over the years. As a growing city we must focus our attention of the future and stop worry about short term gains. I know that directly after the games the city will be losing money but the city will gain the potential of making all that money and more in the long run.

- These venues will come at a significant cost and will not benefit everyone paying for them so I think the financial burden placed on those who don't desire or require these venues is fair
- These will help Calgary's future by giving a new generation of Calgarians the chance to use great facilities. Amateur athletics is a vital part of society and we need to invest in this.
- They are a joke. 6000 seat area are you kidding me who dreamed up we needed one of those. Crappy little field house what good is that. Money into McMahon stadium i hope it doesn't fall down before they get to it. Money into the Dome what a waste and i hope it doesn't fall down as well
- They are a useless waste of money. If we need these facilities, we would already be building them. Already we gave wasted money on the bid process that could be used for other, more pressing, infrastructure projects. Bus services are being cut, programs for low-income calgarians are being cut, and meanwhile we are spending 30+ million on a bid. This is pure corruption and mismanagement.
- They are NICE to have items not NEED to have. In this economic situation we should be more focused on our NEED to haves. This is a luxury Calgary cannot afford at this time.
- They are not needed and are not affordable at this time
- They are not what we really need.
- They are unnecessary and many of the facilities will go unused after the games.
- They are unnecessary.
- They aren't enough. A new arena would be a must. Our permanent sports team staying here is more important then 2 weeks of games.
- they can be upgraded without the added expense of the games
- They cost money to build and maintain and are used by so few.
- They could help, however I don't think the olympics will be around for many more years, so the training aspect will be minimal
- They didn't even include plans for a new hockey arena, why is that? Think a minimally upgraded MacMahon Stadium is going to be a big win for the city? Think again.
- They do nothing, we will be re receiving very little for our investment.
- They hinder Calgary's future by wasting money.
- They may help in the future but we can build them in a more cost affective manner without the Olympic burden.
- They may make us attractive to some segments of the population but they are not what this city and it's residents truly need, which is money spent on infrastructure - roads, transit, children's sports facilities, etc.
- They may not hinder but they won't do much to help. They are 30 plus years old and a facelift may help for the short term but they will not provide enough benefit for the cost. As the saying goes, You can put lipstick on a pig but it's still a pig.
- They will hinder Calgary in the future because the massive debt that will be accumulated will devastate this city.
- They will be essentially garbage. The Chinese at least tore everything down after the Olympics.
- They will benefit a small percentage of the population. Meanwhile, school playgrounds are being extracted and not replaced. So many schools/families left to fundraise \$100s of thousands of dollars for new facilities. This is an example of where the city could invest a fraction of the costs of the olympics to see a greater benefit to all Calgarians. The venues are centralized and/or catering to elite athletes. My family doesnt use the existing 88 facilities because they are across town.
- They will benefit Team Canada, they will come over more - they already come here anyway.
- They will cost too much while our poor suffer.
- They will help in providing more venues for future events.
- They will not hinder Calgary, the money could be better spent on venues and facilities we need and want without having to renovate, or re-purpose.

- They would definitely help as we are a large city and growing and we need the facilities to keep active in the winter.
- They would definitely help. Would create jobs and attract athletes and events to come to Calgary.
- They would have a great benefit to sport programs in the city, as WinSport is going under
- They would have little effect on Calgary's future. Most of the venues are too specialized to be of much use to the average person, being a world class training facility does not help the vast majority of people.
- they would help
- They would help but not with the extra burden and added costs associated with the games
- They would help but should not be at the cost of the Olympics. If Calgary city council thinks these upgrades and new venues are important to the city going forward, then they need to look at funding them separately from an Olympic bid
- They would help in a massive way! Without this, the venues will need to shut down. The legacies of these venues create huge intangible legacies and return on investment. It allows people to be introduced into sport, not to mention the benefits on tourism from international sporting events and training.
- They would help over the long-term but its not enough to upgrade existing facilities. We lack the major facilities that a major city needs to become a world class city. Upgrading existing facilities is a Band-Aid short-term fix to a problem that has been ignored for too long.
- They would help! - with facilities that the city can reuse (eg a venue that will encourage singers/bands to come to our city). There is so much long term potential by hosting the olympics!
- They would help. Calgary has a strong sporting history and demand for facilities
- They would inevitably help but not to the extent that they would be worth the price. Besides which some of the facilities would be private, not an appropriate use of tax dollars
- They would not affect majority of Calgarians. Things like new arena would benefit more people socially.
- They would obviously help. However, the costs do not justify the investment or return. This is a skewed question and shows clearly the biased nature of this survey. The city needs to start realizing that the population is educated enough to see what is really going on.
- They'll get upgraded one way or another. Better without a \$10bn party for 2 weeks
- this city has no future
- This is a leading question. Obviously more facilities are nice to have, but the costs can't be justified now.
- This is always one of the most expensive aspect of an Olympic bid. While I believe the proposed costs are manageable, if there's any rework that could be done to lower costs then this would be the area for it. While new and upgraded facilities SHOULD have a positive impact on Calgary's future, public perception will always be negative.
- This is clear, the benefits would be unparalleled and undeniable. So many of our existing facilities came from the 1988 Olympics and I expect the city would benefit even more from hosting them a second time.
- This is money better spent on current problems in the city such as transit, homelessness etc and not spent to benefit a select few people.
- This is probably the only part of the games that could benefit the city in the long-term but facility renovation/development should not take precedence over other required development.
- This is separate from the olympics
- This is simply a way to get a new flame arena we know we cant afford
- This is sort of a silly question. OF COURSE new venues will help Calgary's future, but you can't consider that benefit net of cost can you?
- This is the ONLY benefit of an Olympic Games: fast-tracking needed facility repairs and upgrades. However, this means that they jump the queue compared to many other priorities that are carefully assessed by experts at the City of Calgary, who generally know better than others. Indeed, this is also taking money away from other provincial and national priorities, which is not right. That said, Calgary's best legacy from 1988 was it's becoming a sporting centre of excellence at an international level.
- This provides Calgary with lots of new recreational opportunities in the city. People will utilize these facilities long after the Olympia's have passed.
- This question is skewed in favor of supporting a bid. No fair.

- This should not be something to base the hosting of an Olympics on. If we need new facilities could they not be built over time without the need to go deeply in debt to bid on the Olympics?
- This was the most disappointing aspect to me. The bid as currently proposed leaves the city with virtually no new facilities or venues. Any upgrade on McMahon is a waste as the building is 60 years old and at the end of its lifecycle. For the money spent on an Olympics the city could partner with CSEC and at a much smaller cost and build CalgaryNEXT, which in spite of its issues would at least leave the city with venues for 50 years showcasing sports people actually like and watch. The Olympics leaves us with nothing
- This will help. But, let's keep in mind the already developed infrastructure for which Calgary is now just becoming known for. Thinking outside the box for venues and facilities could be what the naysayers need to realize the absolutely incredible opportunity open to us right now.
- This would certainly help long term but we don't need to host the Olympics to have these things.
- This would definitely help because we do need to upgrade some of the old facilities and add some new ones.
- This would help by providing facilities for the athletes after the games. University students would be able to continue their courses while training at their facilities close by.
- Those are not the venues we need. We need a large arena and a field house.
- TOO EXPENSIVE
- Too expensive. Other priorities. Nonenope.
- Too expensive
- Too little information from a secretive process to make a determination. We do need a new large arena first.
- Too much money is spent on sports /facilities as it is---spend more on the Arts and healing!
- Too much public funding (especially from the municipal level) will be a tax burden for residents
- Totally unnecessary. What we have are fine.
- Tricky question, forcing to positive feedback
- Umm you should make and build new facilities at least it employs people including my husband who is in concrete
- Unless a new arena is built, to replace the Saddledome, I see no benefit
- Until we know the total capital and operating costs that will come from public funding sources (i.e. the taxpayer eventually) this question cannot be answered. I am concerned in order to make the cost projections palatable some budget items will be shifted from the Olympic bucket to other buckets many of which will be funded via the public purse and not coming from the private sector which will ultimately reap substantial benefit.
- Unused facilities are definitely not something we can afford as our population continues to grow. Maintenance and repairs will definitely prevent future Calgarians from benefitting.
- Upgrade facilities will only benefit an elite few, as will any lucrative jobs/bonuses for those who manage those facilities. The facilities we already have are fine for what they do. Upgrades are fine, but not at massive taxpayer expense. However, if the IOC were willing to pay for all upgrades and building new facilities, well then we can talk.
- Upgrade the facilities if the citizens (not celebrity athletes) want/ will use them. Otherwise, it's a waste of time and money.
- Upgraded and new facilities will improve Calgary's future. A new full size hockey rink should be included also, not just a renovated Saddledome.
- Upgraded and new venues and facilities are good for Calgary's future. I just don't think the taxpayer should shoulder the costs for profit-making companies, unless there is a fair profit-sharing arrangement negotiated for the taxpayer in return.
- Upgraded facilities and new venues are needed and will help increase revenue in future
- Upgraded facilities may indeed benefit Calgary's future, but it is unclear why these facilities must be upgraded in the context of hosting the Olympics alone.
- Upgraded facilities may spur additional athlete growth and performance but these benefits are far outweighed by costs.
- Upgraded facilities will benefit a fairly narrow slice of Calgary's population due to the cost of participating in sports or buying tickets to events
- Upgraded facilities will only serve to enhance Calgary's reputation as a winter sport hub. The proposed new facilities will help amateur athletes and create healthy habits amongst younger generations.

- upgraded is not enough of a legacy to leave, plus how do we rationalize spreading to venues like Edmonton and Whistler with added costs for security, etc. at Calgary's expense???
- Upgraded or ew venues are only for a select few who participate in sports. There are ongoing maintenance fees for these venues which will also require consideration in the long term. How will we pay for the long term upkeep of these facilities? Look at the long-term difficulty all Olympic hosting facilities have had with long-term use of venues including our own Saddledome.
- Upgraded venues and facilities are always of benefit to a large city. But this is not a reason to host the Olympics!
- Upgraded venues and facilities won't help the working poor, feed hungry children and house the homeless. But hey, the Flames owners' will be happy!
- Upgraded venues and facilities would help our future but definitely would HURT our future based on the costs of doing it via an Olympic bid. The overwhelming debt and tax increases can do nothing but hinder our future.
- Upgrades and new venues appear to be limited under current proposal
- Upgrades and new venues are great but not if they leave us in debt.
- Upgrades are absolutely needed but the extra spending for everything else that accompanies the Olympics doesn't justify the expense.
- Upgrades are good but at what cost
- Upgrades are good, but is it far enough? I think many who want venues, wanted to see a replacement arena for saddle dome and replacement for McMahon. Neither happening. Worries that Nakiska is actually unsuitable- so where do these events take place? Impact on Parks Canada/ National Parks is already huge- is there a mass transportation plan for venues outside the city to reduce impact? More buses? Train to Kananaskis/ Parks? Why Whistler? Very far from rest of venues- is BC paying some of the costs for this?
- Upgrades are required to keep Calgary as a potential host location for any global events.
- Upgrades or new venues tend to benefit middle and upper income Calgarians. We need to start thinking of actually making this city better for everyone. We also need to focus on areas such as technology and innovation, Walkability and broader infrastructure, other than sports venues, that will make our city great.
- Upgrades to and new facilities would be great, but again only benefits some people
- Upgrades to current facilities and the construction of new facilities can only benefit the city. The legacy of the 1988 games in this regard is indisputable. The 2026 games are a chance to refresh that legacy, build on it and reimagine what successful legacy infrastructure can really be. It's another way to indeed make Calgary the number one winter sports training venue in the world. HOWEVER, a new NHL caliber arena MUST be part of the plan. Get rid of the mid-size 2 sheet rink and get a deal done with the Flames. That will seal the deal for many Calgarians who are currently on the fence. Roll it all into the entertainment district vision for Victoria park/East Village and it's a "big dream" plan every single Calgarian can embrace. The 2026 games must be the final impetus to bring that vision to life once and for all and transform the East part of downtown. YVR saw a similar transformation. This is a crucial element of the bid! Bring together some of the biggest/best developers in Canada and pitch it as an OLY 2026 vision that will put their projects on the world stage.
- Upgrades to existing facilities can be done at lower cost.
- Upgrades to facilities and new venues can only be a positive but if you don't change the Calgary landscape/accessibility then the Paralympic component may become a huge fail if the Paralympians can't easily access anything except the venue and their housing
- Upgrades to McMahon and saddle dome are just lipstick on a pig. Those facilities are well past their prime
- Upgrades to new facilities will certainly help, especially to young and active population of Calgary. A concern is a new hockey arena. I think it should be included in the costs as we getting most of money from the private sector and the government anyway.
- Upgrades to Olympic venues = good. New field house and arena are not necessary.
- Upgrades to venues such as McMahon and the Saddledome can only go so far. New facilities are sorely needed. At this time, in the current economic environment, with current proposed upgrades and only minimal new venues actually being built, the risk of hosting far outweighs the benefits, for me.
- Upgrades would help the athletes who train at an elite level, but likely have little impact on anyone else.

- Upgrades would help, but they are not necessarily how money should or would be allocated absent the Games. In addition, we do not need more white elephants like the ski jumps.
- Upgrades would help, yes. But the facilities should be IN Calgary, not whistler.
- Upgrading current facilities is an excellent use of resources - facilities from the 1986 Olympics are still in use for Calgarians!
- Upgrading facilities will help Calgary since it buys them longer lifecycle as they are mostly utilized and generate income to City and create jobs.
- Upgrading McMahon Stadium and the Saddledome is a huge waste of money. This money could be put towards building new facilities. Calgary needs more facilities for amateur sport. A replacement for McMahon and the Saddledome should be pursued as a P3, using the funds that would have been allotted to the Olympics.
- Upgrading of facilities would be of help to Calgary's future. However, we need to see a more realistic Actual Total Costs. Have a look at other countries who have hosted and see what the projected and final costs were. I would bet they are considerably higher. If there is no contribution from the IOC, then why bother? Just build our infrastructure when we have a financial ability, no sense incurring any additional debt to host a party.
- Upgrading saddledome will only hinder the prospect of a new arena, Same goes for McMahon. Say goodbye to the Flames. they will be gone within 3 years without a new arena.
- Upgrading the Saddledome isn't enough - it's a very old facility and the bid would be better served if it included a new arena that will continue to serve the legacy of arena sports and concerts like the Saddledome has served since the '88 Olympics. I would love to see ski jumping hosted locally as well rather than splitting off that section of the games to Whistler. Trying to cost save and do things with band-aid solutions does not help Calgary's future.
- Upgrading the Saddledome or building a new arena so that a future OVERPAID hockey player to play a game that I can not afford to go a watch for two hours is not a financially good idea.
- upgrading the venues does not need the huge financial commitment of the hosting the Olympic games. If the facilities need to be upgraded, that is understandable and should be done. However, this does not justify or give reasonable grounds for hosting the Olympics. It is irresponsible to commit to such a huge financial burden by hosting the Olympics in order to upgrade and build sport facilities. These upgrades and new facilities can be done without hosting the Olympics. Hosting the Olympics is too much of a financial burden, and the facilities can be funded better without hosting the Olympics.
- Upgrading these facilities does not require the Olympics.
- Useless. Maybe a new NHL arena, upgrades to the areas around the current arena to an entertainment centre that employs people and encourages people to congregate and enjoy Calgary.....like Edmonton? No low income housing in a place where there are million \$ condos. No new stadium, just facelifts. Sharing events with BC and Edmonton, why? Not much benefit to the city for a new fieldhouse, although we do need one, and why a 5,000 seat arena
- Utterly useless. Just what we need--another white elephant ski jump. The facilities are for esoteric, marginal, ridiculous "sports", and will only be used by a handful of obsessed athletes who want to compete in those sports. Show me how many Calgary kids DIRECTLY benefit in a meaningful way from a bobsleigh/luge track. You can't.
- Venues and facilities are needed in Calgary (including a new arena) and the Olympics are a way forward to get them built
- Venues and facilities need to be upgraded to national and international standards.
- Venues and infrastructure should be built based on the needs of the city, not the IOC. Poor focus on the future of our city.
- Venues will get built no matter what, the field house should have been built years ago. Flames will get a new arena. Venues will have little impact.
- Venues will need to be built or upgraded in the future anyway, so why not use this unique opportunity to allow others to invest in their creation? Everyone gets to use world class facilities afterwards.
- Very few average Calgarians use these facilities, and it seems to be only the elite athletes who use them. Not a good use of tax payer funds over other basic needs.
- very few ppl use a ski jump or speed skating rink - BAD
- "Waste of money to pander to a 2 week party and the 'elitest' OIC.
- Lets focus on Calgarians and what we need. We already have world cup, the athletes will survive."

- Waste of money to renovate saddledome and McMahon. Money better spent on keeping taxes low
- Waste of money upgrading decrepit facilities. We need new facilities.
- Waste of money. It is not what Calgary needs. Why would we spend money on this knowing we are going to see tax increases and cuts to services. Why is the city budget coming out the day after the vote??? The city is not being transparent!!!!
- Waste of money. Too few people who already leach off tax payers benefit from this. I prefer a plan that gives something to the masses.
- Waste of tax payers money.
- Wasting money on old facilities won't create any future benefit.
- WE ALREADY HAVE WORLD CLASS FACILITIES THAT BENEFIT A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE. SOME FACILITIES FROM THE LAST GAMES ARE NOW OBSOLETE, THAT MONEY WAS WASTED. STOP WASTING MONEY WE DONT HAVE ON IMPROVEMENTS MOST PEOPLE WONT USE
- We are footing the bill for most of the events not even being held here. Also not really getting facilities that we need.
- We are in a recession. What planet are you on. We have enough venues. People cannot even afford to go those ones we have. Calgarians are broke and struggling. It ranks very low on everyones adgenda except for the rich.
- We are in dire need of a new stadium for the Stampeders. A covered field house with seating for 35000 would accommodate the opening ceremonies a future soccer team and the Stampeders. Invest enough to make the field house a proper stadium. A covered 12 month accessible stadium.
- We are not even getting a new venue for sports and music that would create future money in our city! All others are not going to
- We are taxed to death by all levels of government and the Olympics are corrupt as is our municipal government, most Councillors & a out of touch, full of crap Mayor. Use money for Veterans and homeless projects and remainder on central and satellite venues for THE PEOPLE. Remember Midland? Mayor and Councillors could not find the dollars to keep them in their homes and instead renege on their relocation promise. What a corrupt incompetent municipal government we have FULL OF WASTE.
- We can build the needed facilities like arena, field house, etc. without risking money on a bid which may not be sucessful. If this deal is so great, why isn't Vancouver bidding on the 2026 games ?
- We can do that without the games
- We can do this on our own if required. Considering the cost of the games these are very expensive upgrades/additions
- We can have a new field house and new arena without hosting the Olympics and not incur further going into debt. Spend the money on our needs as opposed to wants
- We can upgrade or build new facilities for Calgarians much cheaper without be involving in this fancy expensive party process as the Games.
- We cannot deal with higher property taxes to pay for anything
- We can't afford the upkeep and use of present facilities. Why build a fancy state of the art ski jump when 20 years later is out of date.
- We can't even agree on a hockey arena. How could we possibly begin the conversation of new olympic venues??
- We can't get anything built in Canada! It's the economy stupid.
- We could be stuck with purpose-built facilities that have limited viability upon the completion of the games -- risk of 'white elephant' facilities not worth expenditure
- We could get nice facilities for much less money without hosting the Olympics.
- We could have many upgraded or new facilities with the monies that the city is willing to throw into the games, so why spend more when we don't have it. No matter what level of government puts money into the games it all comes from taxpayers, people seem to forget that.
- We could really benefit from a new arena.
- We could spend less money and get the same facilities
- We could upgrade the facilities without the games as a need by need basis. The city has no intention to build a new arena as it does not want to spend the money before the games were on the table. Strange how the money could be found after the fact.

- We do need lots of affordable housing. But you can build a lot of units for even one million! Bargain in good faith with the Flames and perhaps we can get a new arena and field house for 200 millions. We need better snow removal, better road. Upkeep and the same level of other services which you are saying will be decreased or taxes will go up! How can we afford the luxury of the Olympic Games when we cannot afford the necessities?
- We do need upgraded facilities but why not share the cost with the pro teams that will use them
- We do not have the money for this.
- We do not need Olympic money to achieve funding our own specific needs.
- We don't even get an arena.
- We don't have much use for many of the venues. I can see new sports, snowboarding and skiing arenas being repurposed for the future, but the majority of sports that are played in the Winter Olympics aren't popular and it wouldn't be a wise investment overall.
- We don't need another mid-size rink.
- We don't need anything like this, and the Flames can go pound sand or spend their own money re: their own arena. Keep working on and upgrading our current Olympic park but not like this. This is excess.
- We don't need it. We're in a recession. We can't afford it. At least I know I can't. I've had to take in a roommate to be able to keep my house. Everything is going up except for wages. I'm not willing to yet again have my taxes go up for this.
- We don't need Olympics to build new or upgrade existing facilities.
- We hardly need more rinks and indoor sports venues. Hinder!
- We have more important things to deal with. It would be great to have more modern sports facilities, but not at the expense of more important investments in Calgary (fair wages, transit, homeless population, indigenous rights, refugee help, etc)
- We have other priorities that are WAY more important than new facilities! Repair roads, snow clearing, etc.
- We have so many other ways to improve venues that would be accessible to everyone without having the Olympic Games. As a city, we can choose to create facilities that meet many needs without the costs and risks associated with the Olympic. It comes down to making choices and planning ahead. Council will need to make partnerships, do long term planning, and budget for what we need now and in the future.
- We have some of the best indoor sports facilities in the world. Granted they are legacies from the 88 Olympics. Times were different then. But we have maintained a lot of them. The core sporting activities of Calgarians have many venues suitable for sustainable use. Spending more on these and having large sites underused in the future will be a future tax burden. Look at the Montreal Baseball Stadium, or the Brazil soccer fields. Both unable to be sustained with tax dollars, they are left to rot.
- We have sufficient facilities and if we spend billions to build more, they will just rot like the 1988 Olympic facilities
- We haven't really used them much since the 80's. Not a very good value for future usage
- We need a huge arena, located where seats can be sold (the Flames are the bell weather), before we spend money on other venues. Affordable housing placed where people want to live is the first priority, a big venue second.
- We need a new area for the Flames - if that can be worked into the plan, it would be a great idea.
- We need a new arena, sports complex and new home for the Stampeders Football Club. If we are to put on the games it should be all in Calgary and not in Edmonton or Whistler as we will be paying for it and could use the facilities later
- We need a new football stadium soccer (indoor) and at least a 200m indoor track and field house, we need an olympic pool, (Talisman is too shallow apparently??) Note that NONE of these are winter olympic sports. Make sure the new venue is downtown, maybe move the city yards from the area behind the grandstand and put the football / soccer stadium and a couple of hotels in there. Run a LRT spur through the whole venue. Done.
- We need it for future Olympians to train they currently use the 1988 facilities if still available.
- We need new facilities! Now is the time to do these projects while labor costs are relatively low, and people are out of work. I loved the Calgary Next idea, but it was in the wrong location. Take the same concept and put it into the East village, build out hotels, restaurants and bars. If you combine the floor space of all of that with the BMO center, you can have massive conferences from all over the world. Those help to diversify and sustain an economy over time. You would also have the sporting events, concerts, the field house, etc. that would attract people from across Alberta (and further). You'll have the Red Line and eventually Green Line going through that are to move massive amounts of

people to and from events. You have to think longer term, and bigger picture! It takes money to make money - invest in the future of Calgary and get back to being the entrepreneurial, "can do" city that has made it a great place to live - for myself, my children, and my grandchildren!!

- we need new venues, not renovated old ones
- We need these facilities repaired and used somehow.
- We need true high class venues to bring in world class events
- We need upgraded facilities, apparently, but this shouldn't be contingent on the Olympics.
- We really do not have much Olympic structure left that can be considered a legacy. The costs of maintaining will be high/ mediocre jobs
- We should build no new sports arenas.
- We should build what is needed as the cost would be fully disclosed not unknown.
- We simply cannot afford them. Hosting them will put huge pressure on debt service, city services and property taxes which will affect each and every one of these selections.
- We still have the facilities from the 1988 games. Most are under used. When was the last time the 90 Metre ski jump was used for that purpose? We would have world class facilities that will be under used. They will be for top tier athletes, not the average Calgarian to use. This city needs facilities for the people who live here.
- We won't even get a new stadium. Spend our money on snow removal instead
- We would be spending enormous amounts of money for venues that only a few athletes would ultimately use. Insane
- We would be wiser to spend the money directly on the facilities we need instead of hoping the leftover Olympic facilities will address our needs.
- We'll get upgrades sooner than without. I still won't use the facilities unless current usage fees are reduced.
- We're lucky to already have an abundance of great venues and facilities. "Fast-tracking" their improvement or creation by hosting a games is unnecessary and I would rather see the city put my tax dollars towards more important infrastructure that will actually have a long-term positive impact on the city.
- We're not even getting a full sized arena
- well the same thing . if we want, because we don't need any of these things, then we should find a way to pay for them without public money. get the people who will use them to pay for the building and the repairs, they can do volunteer work and fund raise.
- We're broke. We can't afford the Olympics.
- We've literally proposed a new rink, and so how will the flames work into this?
- What a loaded question. Better subsidized housing would help Calgary's future. Less of a focus on blind economic and population growth would help Calgary's future. We should be looking to recover slowly and soundly with small scale innovation and development that's qualitative rather than nature- threatening. We don't need fancy new sports facilities. We should be promoting physical and mental health, not Olympic athletes. If being 'world class' looks anything like Russia or China, then let's not be. Let citizens participate freely in cozying up their neighbourhoods (not so top-down and expensive) and lets keep it a bit of a secret that life here is good rather than promoting big-scale development and population growth that degrades our quality of life.
- What about the existing community facilities that are falling apart and no money to rebuild or maintain. The Olympics does not assist with improving overall facilities. Given that much if the infrastructure will be supporting outside communities and still no arena for Flames who bring in annual income to Calgary.
- What are the upgrades required and the costs? There has been no detail shared so impossible to respond.
- What be facilities? We will still be stuck with the aging Saddledome!
- What facilities? Billions of dollars and there's no new arena and the organizing committee plans on "farming" out events to Edmonton and Whistler!!!!
- What venues? How many people do you know use the long jump? I don't know anyone who likes to skate in circles. This is a non-benefit.
- When you look at the level that the 88 venues are still used, any upgrading or new venues should be welcomed with a bright future.
- While any upgrade to existing venues is positive, the city doesn't need the olympics as an excuse to do so.
- white elephants, any benefit would be swallowed by upkeep costs

- Who cares about the venues. They haven't been used since 1988. Why would we spend the money to build more to sit unused for 30 years.
- Who is paying for the ski Jumps in BC?
- Why are we upgrading the sliding when Vancouver is hosting these events. Once facilities are built, it should be up to the user group to maintain and cover the cost of operation. No more public money for facilities which benefit a very small percentage of population. ie sliding, speed skating etc....
- Why don't existing facilities already have budgets to do needed upgrades? Are they not viable without taxpayer funding for capital improvements? Will new facilities be any Better?
- "Why hosting Olympics and no new Arena. The mayor had a big hand in why that never happened already. again his ego is in the way.
- get him out of any planning of any recreational facilities."
- Why not stop wasting money, and put it directly towards the facilities and venues?
- Why not upgrade the facilities with the money the City would be spending on the games and not take the risk of cost overruns?
- Why put a band aid on aging facilities? If you're going to spend the money, build new facilities that will be used for decades to come. Do not upgrade facilities that are already the oldest and most out of date in their respective leagues.
- "Why use the Olympics as the excuse to upgrade?
- Save the costs of non venue expenses i.e security and upgrade."
- Why? So the "upgrades" can age and deteriorate just like they did from the 88 Olympics?
- Will be help. Also, after the games, Calgary should be the place to all Canadians and even foreign athletes training that help the local economy.
- Will hinder because after the games us citizens have to pay it back and most if the building we wont use waist of space
- Will hinder more important upgrades are needed in Calgary - LRT, Roads and services
- Will promote sports in our young generation and provide facilities for future events.
- Winsport is having challenges to fund the operation and maintenance of the 88 venues and has had to take money from the legacy fund to continue it's operations. Most of the venues are being reused so there is no net increase in the places where public can replicate. Many of the specialized facilities (ski jumping, sliding center) have minor public programs but are used almost exclusively for high performance athletes. This lessens the benefit to society as few will use or access the areas.
- Wirhout a new hockey rink for concerts etc..it is not worth what is being proposed
- with no new facilities, there will be little lasting legacy, as those facilities already exist.
- Wont help Calgary's future as they most likely wont be used after the games and if they are costs will be implemented to reduce the debt incurred by hosting the games
- Would help the future & promote sport within the City & Province
- Would be a HUGE help! Secures the Flames will stay, brings in potential to host international events.
- Would be probably less expensive to improve facilities rather than through the games.
- Would further break the bank
- Would help
- Would help as a city to go to for future athletes wanting to live and train in Calgary
- Would help but can't they be built without hosting the Oylmpics? We can't even get the council and mayor to negotiate fairly for an arena. All they want is the glory of the Olympics!
- Would help except for hockey and curling.
- Would help train future world class generation of Canadian athletes
- Would help, but there are WAY better ideas to diversify/grow our economy.
- would help, updating current venues is needed and it a good opportunity to upgrade
- Would help. But why not just put the money into a new arena and other facilities rather than taking on large risks for show/glory?

- would hinder if we have to pay for a new arena.
- Would need new hockey arena, going to Edmonton or places outside of city not feasible. If we get new arena, just get new arena.
- Would the new venues and facilities be available to all Calgarians? They could help potential Olympians, who now need to be supported by families with extensive financial resources. Not a significant benefit for our citizens.
- Wrong priorities -- we need a Calgary Next not a small arena
- Yeah, those ski jumps from '88 were really put to good use, weren't they? Oh, but the supporters will say, Olympic Oval, and, and, Bobsleigh Run, and and and, and they run out of benefits from '88. Sure, those games were fun at the time, but times have changed, and we're no longer in the position, financially, to host the games. Too much extravagant expense for a two week party that will be out of reach for the average Calgarian. I vote NO!.
- Yep,,,,,we really need a 5,000 seat arena!!
- Yes
- Yes - a big part of this city's identity is being a centre of sports excellence - from hockey to the rodeo, to our love of winter sports. Let's not let that part slip away to disrepair and lack of investment.
- Yes and I also think it may be a good opportunity to use some of the funding in conjunction with the flames to build a new hockey arena that was proposed in the east village recently
- Yes could help future athletes with training, better facilities for those that live in calgary
- Yes it would help
- Yes, any new or upgraded facilities can only enhance the quality of life here in Calgary. It will be important wherever possible to ensure that as much of the infrastructure work undertaken for the Games will have longstanding social benefits and access for all Calgarians.
- Yes, they would help. But, why Whistler? We have other mountains closer.
- Yes, we need to upgrade old infrastructures and build green line and also a train to connect airport to downtown . The sporting complexes need to be updated to facilitate the international competition.
- Yes. We need low cost housing and the fieldhouse has been brought up as well.
- Yes.. first will bring lots of job for the construction. The challenge will be hot to maintain those facilities alive after the event.
- You are wasting tax payer money by not building a new arena. This would benefit the city long term for more years than all the other venues combined.
- You cannot upgrade the saddle dome is the need new facilities.
- You can't even keep the Calgary flames. All the sudden you are saying that you can afford a new arena??
- You did not yet tell us what you are expecting to do? How can this be a questions. Idiot.
- You should not need an Olympic games in the city to justify upgrading our failing venues. What makes a ten day event all of a sudden give us the ability to take care of the city.
- Yup. Calgary is an excellent elevation for training, but our facilities cannot accommodate enough athletes
- .New or upgraded venues could benefit Calgary but at what cost to tax payers? Over-runs would hinder future growth
- 100% Help. We have already invested in these facilities and received tremendous value from them over the last thirty years. To let them fall into disarray would be a waste of taxpayer's money. Upgrading them will see our community benefit from healthy lifestyle, and tourism when we have major events here. To lose these facilities would be a major blow to Calgary. Many of our winter Olympic team members train here, and this facility has contributed greatly to Canada's tremendous success in the last three Olympics. Calgary is, as a result, the centre of Canadian winter sport. I believe that all Canadians are proud of these accomplishments, and without these facilities, that success would not continue. Without these facilities, Calgary is just another prairie city, not a place that can be a centre piece for Canada.
- A new Field House is needed, and has been needed for a long time. Other proposed upgrades and new venues are either not needed after the Olympics or amount to putting 'lipstick on a pig' and provide no long term benefit to Calgary.
- Absolutely help
- Again, loaded question. You people are amazing in how you position this feedback model. People say 'hinder' and of course you dismiss that as that would be illogical. Cost benefit analysis results in a decision to NOT support this bid.

- Again, the answer is that it would help, but what's the cost to doing it this way vs. just building what is actually needed? If we are prepared to spend millions on facility upgrades, then we should just purchase what is necessary.
- Again... not important
- All the money that would be poured into the games could so easily be spent elsewhere on existing facilities OR better still to reduce the tax burden on Albertans.
- Another very leading question. We need to stop talking like the event is already going to happen. It will hinder Calgary's future, the money spent on the facilities along with maintenance over the lifetime of the building could be utilized in a multitude of better ways. Pick almost anything else and that money would be better spent. At very least develop facilities we actually need and is worth maintaining. Homeless shelter, senior care, veteran care, health-care, river and flood repair, parks.
- any new venues would help, but the fact we get no new NHL rink is not that attractive and a 5000 seat arena that has no natural tenant post olympics that will cost a ton to operate is not appealing. we need an 8 plex of arenas and field houses for youth sports -
- Any venue that needs the Olympics as an excuse to be built or maintained should not exist. Mr Gorbachev, please tear down down those Ski Jumps!
- As above, the cost is a hinderance.
- Bowfort Towers
- "Building a Field house for summer sports and then using it for the Olympic winter sports? How much to convert after the games?"
- Proposed facilities at Stampede park need a full business case including a plan to meet operating costs after the Games.
- I support upgrades to McMahon Stadium and existing winter sports facilities like the oval and facilities at COP. Why not use Olympic plaza again? It's very accessible and contrary to one Councillor's opinion, it was built as a permanent Urban Plaza. It was the Olympic medal ceremony use that was temporary.
- Good legacies for Canmore."
- Building for the games would hinder our future. Building specifically and efficiently to meet our needs for low cost housing and recreational facilities would benefit our city and not jeopardize the future taxpayers.
- Building or upgrading facilities each new olympic games is a huge waste of money.
- By reinvesting into our existing venues, Calgary would likely ensure that we remain a hub for winter sports training for both olympians and amateurs. That said, are McMahon and the saddledome getting old and outdated, yes and they will need to be replaced at some point in the future, so just how that issue is factored into the bid would have more weight than the upgrades to the Olympic oval and winsport.
- Calgary already has good enough sporting facilities for our needs. Anything we built just for the Olympics is by definition something we wouldn't otherwise need, so would mostly go to waste afterwards.
- Calgary could efficiently address upgraded and new venues and facilities over time without the olympics.
- Calgary desperately needs affordable housing whether or not we host the games in 2026.
- Calgary does not need new facilities if they will sit empty afterwards. Upgrades to current facilities should be the focus in order to avoid this problem.
- "Calgary in a Plan B scenario could plan and build what they need w/o money from Alberta or Canada. There must be a will to look at other expenses to trim and redirect - headcount, real estate and capital equipment.
- Today we do not have the leadership. elected or bureaucrat, to fulfill this exercise."
- Calgary Taxpayers want access to information - not in camera secretive meetings or blacked out documents!
- Cannot really see significant benefit versus risk if failed venture capital.
- city hall decided not to go ahead with the new arena because the flames wouldn't front the bill but now all of a sudden they can afford that and a bid on the Olympics?? the politicians are NOT thinking about the citizens that are living paycheck to paycheck which is the majority of the city. Not fair to hike our already ridiculously high taxes even higher
- Cost is too high. Should be cost recovery facilities
- Cost over runs will likely make any benefit seem to be quite sour.
- Cost overruns will result in cuts to education and arts programs.

- cost would hinder
- Could not host games and build facilities to benefit all Calgarians especially children.
- Current venues are not economically viable new venues will be more of the same.
- Definitely help in many ways. The process has been very sensible it how to approach this, and while new facilities would be great, I like the practical approach.
- Definitely help, as we desperately need new and upgraded sports facilities and venues.
- Definitely help. Upgrading of existing facilities would leave a legacy for new generations.
- Depends who is paying for it. If the public has to pay a portion of the bill, that is OK. Upgraded facilities attracts more events, and more events attracts more tourism and more tourism brings in more revenue for the people. I like it when tourists drop loads of money on local businesses and GST goes to the government to pay for social programs.
- Do not build the flames a new arena and claim Olympics. I don't want my taxpayer dollars subsidizing a private business. The city has done an incredibly inadequate job of building sports facilities for residents living downtown. You have to commute out to the burbs to use arenas, fields, and other facilities. If you spent some money on your residents sports needs, I would be more inclined to support. Also, these upgrades, the costs were lowballed by the bid committee.
- Don't give a crap about new facilities. I won't use them.
- Dont need wo many so soon. This is an excuse to accelerate Calgary's development plan. It will result in huge debt on the backs of a population in recession.
- dot waste our tax money on upgrade venues.. upgrade public transportation first!
- Facilities for who?
- Facilities should be built with private funds or only as needed, not because of the Olympics. Look at all the unused facilities from previous games.
- Field house is long overdue in Calgary. Do not agree that it should be part of the Olympic bid, should build it regardless. Not really enough info on what upgrades entail to form opinion.
- Field house would benefit Calgary, as would oval improvements
- First of all they are talking about using other cities for events. Therefore, it looks more like a provincial games not Calgary. Hit up their tax payers and see what they think.
- Flames get their free arena at taxpayer expense
- Games will hinder Calgary's future due to Costs incurred
- Greta benefit
- Help
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- Help - but we don't need to spend a whole bunch of money of security - a complete waste!!
- Help - continued support for facilities that help keep calgarians active
- Help - We could continue to attract training and championship events from around the world. I worry about duplication with Vancouver, which has more international airport connections, better weather, and relatively new facilities (Richmond Oval, Whistler, etc.).
- Help 100%
- Help by keeping sport front and centre and in the minds of all Calgarians
- Help Calgary's future, but not enough.
- Help Calgary's future. Without these upgrades professional sports teams may leave Calgary and amateur athletes will not have training facilities to reach their full potential.
- Help Calgary's future by making the city a more attractive destination to host future sporting, cultural, international etc. events thereby creating potential future sources of revenue and recognition.
- Help for sure, as we set ourselves up to host other events in the future.
- Help for sure. We always have a shortage of sporting facilities for youth activities, and building them in focused locations rather than on the edges of the city may help reduce urban sprawl.

- Help for sure... We need upgraded facilities why not get some financial benefit from the visitors, the athletes and their entourage!
- Help if children are inspired to try out some of the sports for themselves. Active population is a very positive thing.
- Help if we end up with facilities we actually need for the public.
- Help in terms of bringing future acts and events, hinder as to cost, increased taxes.
- Help initially as national teams train here and prepare but what is the estimated revenue from usage vs cost to operate after the games?
- Help to attract more events and tourism. Additionally it will help facilitate athletes in Canada to train for future games and to promote health and wellness through sport.
- Help, but again at what cost. Winsport has totally failed in the upkeep of the ski jumping facility. Someone would need to own ensuring the facilities were used. I would argue that while Calgary has hosted some events and the people of Calgary and the surrounding area have enjoyed the legacy of 1988, most of the facilities have seen nothing but decline. Look to other cities as well to see the common pattern.
- Help, but at what cost? Would hinder a broken economy.
- Help, but depends on where they are located. Field house is maybe over the top. Better to have 2 or 3 indoor soccer facilities in different parts of the city.
- Help, but not addressing our need for a new arena is a huge mistake. How is it we are going to spend all that money and not get what we really need?
- Help, but not at the costs proposed
- Help, it's required now
- Help, more facilities and infrastructure
- Help, new venues are always great, but they will cost us any new investment in these areas of development for years to come after the games.
- Help.
- Help. Utilize the existing infrastructure
- Help. How will we pay for repair of them without provincial and federal help? Are we willing to lose them completely? Not in my opinion.
- Help. While everyone will have their own agendas, I think it is important to seek out synergies. Yes talking to the Flames, but also talking to all the post secondary institutions as well. Each one will have their own needs, don't focus just on University of Calgary. Integrate facilities to programs. Ensure the buildings support the future, not just the games.
- Help. Winsport is a phenomenal facility and exists really because of the Olympics. They give our youth something to aspire to.
- Help. Would bring athletes from around the world to train. Also gives local athletes the ability to try new things and once they find a sport give them world class facilities to train at.
- HELP. YYC can't be a world class city without world class venues
- "Help.
- But, at what cost?"
- Help. As long as it will be affordable for all
- Help. But these should be built primarily with private money. I don't feel that Calgary is currently suffering from lack of adequate facilities, and do not consider this a good or sufficient reason to host the Olympics.
- Help. New and improved infrastructure will encourage people to get out and enjoy the city; encourage people to get involved in their community.
- Help. The facilities need upgrades! May attract new memberships post olympics
- Help. The Olympics will hasten the building or upgrade of facilities.
- Help. These upgrades and new facilities are great for the north and outside our city but too few for the entire population of Calgary. The city is spread out across a vast amount of land and facilities and services need to be in all quadrants so that accessing these facilities keeps driving costs down and less time traveling especially if using low income housing as one of the reasons for hosting the Games?
- help. we have had world class training and hosting sites since the last Olympics, this can help to extend that.

- "Help.
- Because:
- Housing facilities will be given to affordable housing.
- Canadian hospitality and service would be internationally recognized."
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- Hinder - extreme risk of cost overruns which will be the sole responsibly of the Calgary tax payers.
- Hinder - Look at the venues and facilities from the 1988 olympics. Many haven't been maintained and very few are revenue generating. The same will happen if we build new facilities. There will be a short-term influx of use but in the long term it will be more venues that need to be maintained with no money to do so.
- HINDER - Spend the money on improving the quality of life for tax payers in Calgary - public transit, infrastructure, green spaces, etc
- Hinder - too expensive for the average Calgarian
- Hinder - we can't host a lot of events in the Saddledome as is. We need a new stadium not an upgrade.
- Hinder - where is the demand? a year ago we were ok with the saddledome as it met demand and now all of a sudden we don't? New venues and facilities - charge the individuals who want it.
- Hinder- a legacy of debt.
- Hinder as Calgary is not in financial position to build these, spending all this money would only add to deficits
- Hinder as it's money spent ahead of the more pressing & better options such as those proposed for the NEXT Arena & Fieldhouse in the WestcEnd.
- Hinder as we cannot afford them
- Hinder because of the costs
- Hinder Calgary's future as some of the venues and facilities would not be enough of a benefit to all citizens.
- Hinder Calgary's future due to the cost, as these funds would be wiser spent elsewhere.
- Hinder due to lack of use at a later date would just be infrastructure that is not being used
- Hinder- few high level winter athletes train full time in Calgary any more. They follow the best coaches, and train world wide. Wasting money on new facilities isn't going to entice them to come back, especially when the cost of living in Calgary is so high.
- Hinder for the most part as they are band aids that spend millions to patch obsolete/failing facilities. "If" the new concessions are built and that has been stated to be uncertain - there may be some limited benefit to those
- Hinder it will be much harder to live here if the costs are to high
- Hinder Spending money you don't have will handcuff taxpayers for decades. Upgrades are nice but not when you can't afford them.
- Hinder the money can be spent more responsibly
- Hinder there will still need renovations to existing facilities to update again adding costs
- Hinder- they will not be available to the citizens of Calgary- they're only for elite athletes
- Hinder through debt and taxes.
- Hinder too much costs
- Hinder way too expensive at this time
- Hinder! Costs!
- HINDER! The proposed budget does not include a new hockey arena which apparently we still need, and whose cost will likely be added to the final tally, adding another billion or so dollars. If citizens vote yes the budget will explode with new, never mentioned costs, for which Calgary taxpayers will be held responsible

- Hinder, as above
- Hinder, because it's going to cost a lot to upgrade and what's the return on the investment? More people visiting our city because we have a nice Olympic Park? Doubt it.
- Hinder, higher taxes just to host a 2 week party?
- Hinder, it will just cost tax payer money and we will have no true benefit from it.
- Hinder, it will only cost tax payers in the long run. The cost alone just to place a bid can be used to benefit the city in many other ways.
- Hinder, the stadium is very dated and don't have use really for a 5000 seat arena
- Hinder, too expensive
- Hinder, very small % of the population would be able to afford to attend or use facilities
- Hinder, we cannot afford this and it will cost us long term.
- Hinder, who cares about the olympics.
- Hinder. The games economical benefit vs cost is unrelated. Don't spend money we don't have chasing a pipe dream.
- Hinder. Again, No economic benefit. There must be less expensive means of improving facilities for Calgarians.
- Hinder. Build the field house and upgrade the Saddledome only.
- Hinder. The facilities will be too costly to maintain, rent out, use.
- Hinder. Too much debt for no gain
- Hinder. "Retread Olympics" with events held outside Calgary and Alberta will tarnish the great image Calgary established with the 1988 games
- Hinder. After the '88 games we were supposed to benefit from the various venues, however the reality is two of the larger venues (ski jump and Saddledome) were allowed to decay to uselessness or become 'private property' supporting a private professional sports team respectively. 'Legacy' is over-hyped by games proponents with the same enthusiasm those same proponents under-estimate or under-report the real cost of the games to our citizens. I would rather see even a quarter of the required City contribution spent on things that have real impacts on our communities. For example, while the City pays lip service to the importance of communities and being a walkable city, sidewalks in my neighbourhood are a disaster. Priorities and realities should not be skewed by ego projects like a games bid.
- Hinder. Again--too expensive for the city!!
- Hinder. Costs too much and many don't use the facilities
- HINDER. Funds can better applied to benefit a greater number of Calgarians in ALL 4 quadrants.
- Hinder. If the Flames want a new stadium, make them pay for it. Community usage is very low in the legacy venues already. The city is out of Heritage fund from the 88 games, and we'll be looking to bid again in 2050 in order to screw taxpayers again.
- Hinder. It has been clearly documented that publicly funded venues only benefit the owners of the venue and not the tax payers that funded it. There is no reason to fund a play ground for a profitable private entity.
- Hinder. It is not a priority compared with housing and medical facilities.
- Hinder. It's just blown money that should be spent on basic service improvements like maintaining the roads not on a shiny bauble.
- Hinder. It's not enough. We would be better off to spend the money to build the arena and field house proposed by The Flames organization. This Olympic bid gets us nothing or consequence.
- Hinder. Just a never-ending money-suck. We built the Saddledome for the '88 Games, and now the anchor tenant wants us to build them a new one because it's "inadequate". We built the ski jumps; they've been in disuse and disrepair for 20 years. That these "investments" in "infrastructure" have such short lifetimes is ridiculous. Hosting the Olympics every 30-40 years and blowing billions of dollars on venues and facilities is a colossal waste of money.
- Hinder. Taxpayers will have to foot the bill for infrastructure that will not be used by the vast majority the f the population.
- Hinder. The cost could easily have negative impacts on things more important than sporting venues.
- Hinder. The costs are too great and present a mediocre benefit to only some of the city's population.
- Hinder. The olympics scope is not a long term interest of the residents. Not all the time bigger is better.

- Hinder. There are always cost overruns that Calgary will be stuck with paying for years to come.
- Hinder. They cost too much to build.
- Hinder. Tourists are not going to come to Calgary to see a 5000 seat died house or refurbished McMahon Stadium.
- Hinder. We can target funds toward improving our existing facilities instead of spending more money on a broader set of facilities that may not be well used after the games are done.
- Hinder. We cannot afford to fix the facilities we have and will be left with even more maintenance and upkeep
- Hinder. We need a new NHL hockey facility that can host headline concerts and an indoor football/soccer stadium.
- Hinder. We would be stuck with a huge bill for years to come, for this one silly event.
- Hinder. Winter Olympic facilities are expensive to maintain. Without a large market to generate revenues to outweigh their maintenance costs, these facilities should be shut down to further prevent the bleeding of tax dollars. They should be run like a "business" and less like a "non-profit city run facility". If you want to subsidize these services for lower income groups, then do so in a different manner such as transfer/subsidy payments to go directly into the pockets of these families. Because even with the pricing of City run facilities, families still can't afford these facilities, so the money would be better utilized in their wallets.
- Hinder. You are experts at lying
- Hinder...We don't need it or use it. It's like COP ski hill now....A very small percentage of people use or benefit from it. It's a waste. People need homes. Kids need breakfast. We need jobs. We need actual support.
- Hinder: Emphasis on 'stardom' over participation by everyone.
- Hinder: paint and lip stick not enough for a legacy; where's the arena?
- How can I answer this? We do not have any clear idea of what facilities will be built or upgraded. This bid has been so add-hock that even after such a long bid investigation, there are no clear plans for what is going to be built or upgraded. It has been such a joke. What these people have been doing is really very questionable. So many millions of dollars have spent so far, we should have all of the plans in place. But we know almost nothing. Where will the hockey be played? Where is the ski jumping or bob sledding to be held? We do not even know if we will share the games with Vancouver and Edmonton, or Vancouver only, or Edmonton only or have it all here. With all these questions, I would say that for the very, very high cost of hosting the Olympics, we will end up with second rate facilities or worse. If this bid cannot at this point know such basic information, then what hope is there that the end result will be good. This has been a huge waste of time and an even bigger waste of money.
- How will a new 6000 seat arena help Calgary's future?
- I also feel very strongly that this will help. We already host so many underfunded athletes to train in our city (and in the Rocky Mountains) and updating the infrastructure will only help grow our athletes. This isn't just about building a new arena, it touches on every sport at the games and the training in our area is important for our athletes to continue to stay competitive.
- I am concerned about the focus on facilities and venues at a time when so many Calgarians struggle to meet basic needs in housing, food and health.
- I am very disappointed to see that a new stadium for CFL and a new venue for NHL and concerts is not included. Both of these are so needed in this city to support current business and growth as well as to support the Calgary economy in the future. Venues such as these would serve to attract future events, attract companies to locate in Calgary. They should go with the original plans of developing the proposed facilities on the west side of downtown. It is already on the LRT line and the contaminated land needs to be cleaned up anyways. I am also disappointed in the on,one presentation because it does not outline that the ski jumping will be held in Whistler and it also neglects to say where the curling will be hosted. I forgot to ask, but could this be in Edmonton?
- I believe if done correctly this would help our city. If we can find a way to use local (Calgarian, Albertan, or Canadian) architects, businesses, and artists in the building and updating process we can help drive our local economy and showcase our nation's talents on the world stage. Inviting post secondary programs from places like SAIT, NAIT, UofC, UofL, etc.. to help submit building and infrastructure ideas would really get the community and the youth involved in the project and the community. We would also be promoting a healthier life style to all Calgarians by having state of the art facilities to work and play in. Lastly, with such modern venues we can expect to attract many national and international sports competitions and competitors to come to our city, to use our venues long after the games are over.

- I believe it will foster the unhealthy focus on winning top level competitions when we need to prioritize mass participation of the grassroots. Facilities across the city for kids and rec sports is far more important.
- I believe that there are plenty of facilities in Calgary that support the communities needs. Having larger, and more facilities are not needed. If current centres need to be updated, then they can be renovated, at a significantly reduced cost than holding the games.
- I believe that we should invest in a new arena for NHL games and concerts. Upgrading facilities will be helpful.
- I believe the proposed upgrades will hinder Calgary's future. The debt costs, capital and interest, will reduce our ability to finance other projects that would have a longer, broader-based value (e.g. infrastructure repairs to the Bow River and Elbow River bridges).
- I do not believe we have a shortage of facilities that justify using the Olympics as an excuse to build more.
- I don't think it will be cost effective to upgrade the older venues.
- I don't think we will be able to put all these facilities to full potential use post event and which lead to degrading infrastructure or huge cost for it up keeping with population size of Calgary
- I have NO interest upgrading sliding facilities-too few people participate to warrant cost. People are fine using many of these facilities as they are. I think taxpayers built these facilities and the athletic/sporting groups who use them need to find ways to maintain them and make them pay for themselves. I see that the NHL arena is back in talks. Everyone is coming to try and get a piece of the pie.
- I see it as a neutral.
- "I see this as a cynical attempt for a backdoor deal to build a new arena for the Flames.
- Venues and facilities that need upgrading can be done standalone if governments determine that continuing to have the athletic facilities for training is worthwhile. There is no need to spend billions of dollars hosting the 2026 Games to get these upgrades as a by-product."
- I think Calgary needs upgraded facilities irrespective of the Olympic bid, and I think the Olympics are a great excuse to accelerate plans. Would like to see the NEXT project considered again.
- I think it would be wonderful to have upgraded or new facilities and venues in this city. But not if we will be in debt to get them for generations to come. We need to build as we can afford to build. Saying the Feds will pay is like saying our chequing account is empty but we can use our overdraft. It still has to be paid, and there is a real cost to each calgarian.
- I think it would definitely help, but not that tremendously. I think in comparison to most Canadian metropolitan cities, Calgary is pretty lucky to already have the facilities that we do like olympic oval and cop. Not to mention, we're also really close to so many other ski resorts like Sunshine, Nakiska, and Lake Louise. Upgrading would be nice but I don't think it'll make a huge difference for us post-games.
- I think it would delay an new stadium which would hinder.
- I think it would help the billionaires avoiding paying for a new hockey arena.
- I think it would help. Calgary would have rec facilities for use by Calgarians and they would have potential to host the games in the future
- I think it would hinder as that money could be better used to invest in our community facilities.
- I think mortgaging our future to pay for a few new venues and upgrades to existing venues is not what we should do. If winter sports are important, then let's find a way to provide sustainable funding for COP. It would be cheaper in the long run. While I realize a new arena is not part of the plan, I would also suggest that if it became part of the plan, the tenants (Flames) should pay for it.
- I think the more opportunities to be active that our citizens are given, the more functional we will be as a community. The activities we each participate in can make a huge difference to who we become as well as how we are able to positively contribute to the lives of others.
- I think they would help, but don't feel it's worth it. We can slowly upgrade facilities as budgets permit.
- I think venue redevelopment should be done on an as needed basis rather than all at once.
- I think we need a new taxpayer subsidized Arena for the Calgary Flames, or we will soon lose them. I think we need more community multi-use facilities to promote active living, especially during the winter. Neither of these things relates in any way to hosting a 2 week athletic achievement contest.

- I was shocked and embarrassed seeing the sad condition of Canada Olympic Park this summer. What a tacky looking mess! If having the 1988 Olympics was so great and made the City proud, why has this venue been permitted to "go to pot", and why would the situation be different after a second Olympics here? Far better to spread the money out among facilities throughout the city in locations, and of a type, that citizens will actually use.
- I would expect that our city council would have planned and be planning for upgrades to the sports facilities presently in the city. There is no defined upgrades to the present venues and no indication of funding for such upgrades. The tax payers of the City can not afford significantly more taxation to pay for any further costs to host the Olympics.
- I would prefer to see zero new facilities made for the games. Maintenance and small upgrades to existing facilities is enough.
- If course it would help but again it comes down to the money to support these upgrades
- If the affordable housing, is actually affordable, I think it would be the only truly valuable venue/facility that the proposed bid is planning for. Otherwise the Olympics will draw attention away from facilities that are more important to daily life in Calgary.
- If the construction and operation of these facilities is done accordingly they would be a benefit to Calgary. That being said, quick and cheap renovations and lowest bid buildings will be financial drain on Calgarians for generations.
- If the funding for the facilities is federal and provincial, and does not take from the finances allocated to other urban priorities.
- If they (the existing venues) are valued those groups and Gov partners will find a way to fund upgrades.
- If we can afford the cost of making this bid, we can afford doing facility upgrades regardless.
- Im sorry but 29 people in the world care and or participate in bobsleigh. Its a waste of \$ building facilities like this.
- Improved facilities are always beneficial; what a silly question!
- It could well be a hinderance to Calgary's future due to cost.
- It is ridiculous to "upgrade" McMahon a facility built in the 60's and the saddledome...build a new complex that houses both facilities. It's like putting lipstick on a pig. Unless we get a new sport and venue for hockey and football i would not be In favour of a Olympic bid. We are loaing out on concerts and other events because of the saddledomes setup. I think it is extremely Important as a city to keep hockey here concerts etc it generates income for small businesses and has a bigger impact then Nenshi and city council would believe.
- It will Help. COP is still in use, etc. There needs to be a lifecycle plan.
- it will hinder calgary's future since it would lead to several unused facilities down the line (sochi and brazil are prime examples) and is also a magnet for corruption although we desperately need a new arena/stadium (for flames and concert artists the revenues of which we are losing to edmonton; such as rogers place)
- It will hinder it, because the costs of upgrading and creating new venues will not be worth the debts that will be incurred. Also, upgrading and creating new facilities, in addition to being a multi-year, expensive set of ventures, will benefit only a few. Elite athletes will benefit, but ordinary people will not. But it will be ordinary people whose taxes will increase, in order to benefit a very elite few. There will also be residual costs in creating new venues and facilities that we do not need right now. The jobs created will be temporary, and anything moderately permanent will merely be sports-oriented, and not something that will draw employment on a macro-level. Besides, we already have enough venues and facilities, and they are perfectly fine for what they are used for. Venues like Winsport and the Olympic Oval still make money for those organizations, and still employ who they need to employ. There will be no greater amount of permanent "employment" created after the olympics.
- It will hinder the Calgary's future to build necessary NHL hockey arena, football facility, soccer fields both indoor and outdoor as well as a major enetertainment facility to draw high end entertainers to Calgary. It's pathetic that Calgary can't compete with Edmonton and other cities on this basis. We would have little money to spend on building these facilities because we're paying for the 2026 Olympic costs.
- It will hinder. Our facilities are just fine. When my money is in the table, it can be better spent elsewhere.
- It won't help.
- It would attract future events which would bring economic benefits to the city.
- It would be beneficial.

- It would be far cheaper to build a field house out right than get the games and the likely \$3.0 billion debt. A field house would cost less than \$3.0 billion.
- It would be nice to upgrade venues and construct new ones but the money has to come from somewhere and the IOC is so picky that they even sued anyone using "Olympic" in their name, in 1988.
- it would benefit an elite minority
- It would give us a larger share of the provincial purse sooner than later...keeping in mind that we, as taxpayers, fund ourselves via provincial and federal taxes. In your report it does state that we will get facilities faster: does this mean we will have the funding allocated to us before other communities? Regardless, as Albertans and Canadians, we still shoulder our provincial and federal debt load, it is not free money or free facilities, it is debt that we have to service.
- It would help because existing facilities need upgrades and new facilities are needed with an increasing population.
- It would help somewhat - however I think that the Olympics & IOC in general are ever increasing viewed by the public, around the world, as excessive & only benefiting a minority of society at such enormous financial cost thus just not worth it
- It would hinder our future due to crippling debt
- It would hinder our growth because these facilities are structurally old and cannot be constantly upgraded. Why spend money on a facility that will not be viable in 20 years? We should be demolishing and rebuilding rather than constantly putting lipstick on a pig
- it would hinder taxes are to high already
- Its irrelevant because there are other programs that require the money. Such as actually ending homelessness and veterans that live in the city, and the countless families that struggle with poverty.
- Judging by rhe results of the 1988 Games, the renewal of the old facilities and the building of a few new ones will provide Calgarians with venues for their children to engage in sport for many years beyond 2026.
- Let me ask a different question. How does existing facilities is hindering Calgary's future? Proposed upgraded and new facilites mean, more construction at the expenses of families not able to use the current facilities to its maximum potential. And by the way, exiting facilities just look old but they serve the purpose 100%. So what is the plan for supporting the kids who are using existing facilities to get in to 2026 Olympic? And what is Calgary's future? That is vague question without a consensus definition.
- Little impact
- Lower my taxes instead.
- Many of the facilities would be used by relatively few users. Many are totally irrelevant to the Games but have been included as convenient package to include City wish list. Ridiculous distraction and wrong misleading focus.
- Maybe - depends on costs and sustainability
- Mediocre feild house, no new hockey arena. What are you wasting our time
- Most often Olympic venues require significant renovation work to become useful to the community. Better to build to purpose without needing to support an Olympic need.
- Naturally it would be a benefit, however the benefit would only be seen by people that actually leverage those facilities. If only a small percentage uses it the spend isn't justified compared to other potential spends.
- New and upgraded venues are a definite need. We're an active city, and we are sorely lacking facilities.
- new facilities are needed but need to be costed by independent third parties
- New venues are a benefit and re-proposing accommodations to low cost housing would be great.
- New venues would be a plus to the city as long as the profits went back to the city and not the lease holders and the venues were run by the city and the public has the say in how the venues are run.
- New venues would be great, but not at a price tag in the billions.
- No
- No
- No benefit. A midsize arena is not necessary.
- No impact. Hinder due to financial strain on Calgarians.
- No need for all the new proposed venues. Users need to build a and pay, not all taxpayers at large.
- No NHL-size arena - that's a problem. New facilities are great to have, but look at the old ones from 1988 that are now sitting unused and unmaintained (COP??).

- No not worth it, there is enough taxes right now
- no, i'd rather see more, lower cost facilities built out in communities where most of us can use them versus some big places we just have to pay for but can never use
- No, there's not enough upgrades. The Saddledome needs replacing not upgrading. We don't get a significant upgrade to HWY 1 leading to the mountains. No new convention facilities. These are the only benefits attributed to the 2010 Vancouver games
- No. You might get some grant money to upgrade or build facilities but maintenance fee will be sky high. It is not fair to leave for the Calgarian to pay for it. Asking for hosting the game is for good looking only. No long term value. When consider the cost, should calculate the total cost not just showing how much we will receive from other parties even those grant money are way not enough!
- No. I think when we are still haven't regained our footing from the recession. It's frankly insulting to struggling Calgarians that a new arena takes precedence over much needed social services.
- Not going to help when we have higher taxes to pay for the huge debt we will incur.
- Not much change, there isn't even a new NHL arena.
- Not sure the new facilities and upgrades are worth the risks and costs.
- Not the right priorities for a growing city!
- Not worth the cost
- Now is not the time to spend money on frivolous things. Does City Council not understand what is happening in the economy?
- Our facilities are aged and will need to be upgraded which citizen will have to pay for one way or another. The Olympic provides access to funding from other levels of government that will only come to Calgary if we win the Olympics.
- Our tax dollars should not go to support Millionaires (i.e. Calgary Flames organization). Most people can't afford to attend functions in already existing facilities. Going into further debt will not change this. Would benefit less than 1% of the people (same as the bike paths).
- Potentially help, but at what cost? Will we be paying for this for decades to come?
- "Proposed ""stuff"" is wrong. An extra little arena? A village?
- Paid by us would ""hinder"" everybody's wallet and therefore future. Venues like the obsolete ski jump?
- Someone lives in fantasy land."
- Renovating old facilities at who knows what costs/overruns does not seem financially feasible. Certainly not financially attractive.
- See above. Can do nothing but help.
- Should help as we need them and may get them earlier than planned
- some help
- Some would help, I imagine we could reuse some of the old ones or renovate them to bring them up to today's standards. Work with what you've got and go from there.
- spending so much money on the facilities & venues which would sit idle in most of time after the games is waste-- even though they are used only by small number of population.
- Taking the 88 Olympics as an example, few if any of the facilities (such as the ski jumping runs) benefit anyone other than the athletes.
- Taxes are there for the taking, right? There's always more money there...
- The city hands down needs a new facility for hockey, concerts as the one we have has well surpassed its time. However having to hold another Olympic Games in order to be able to build a new facility should not be a reason.
- The conversion of athletes' dormitories to affordable housing, if it could be accomplished at a reasonable cost that includes resituation the bus barns could be a positive. Any other upgraded and new facilities would be a future financial burden on the taxpayers and only benefit a small elite group.
- The cost of the venues in the future will contribute to higher taxes in the future which will be on top of the accumulated debt. Governments at all levels must learn to live within their means or there is no reasonable future for our children.

- The costs will be significantly higher, and only used by a small, niche amount of people. The general public will also benefit, don't me get me wrong, but we already have so many facilities that cater to the general public, the massive expenditure will only help them marginally.
- The current costs will leave Calgary with no new infrastructure and limited new venues. No new area or major upgrades to McMahon. The only new venue is a proposed field house for only up to 6000 spectators. Seems like limited return for such a large investment of tax payers pain.
- The facilities at Winsport have been kept up by the legacy funds from '88, and while there is still \$100 million in the bank, that is not enough to upgrade them to last another 30 years. Now is the time to take advantage of funding at the Provincial and Federal level to pay for the upgrade, which otherwise, will be left to the city alone, in future years. Those \$\$s won't come any other way. The field house is much needed, and my hope is that funding for a 6000 seat arena could be leveraged with private dollars to build the size of arena that is really needed, for the Flames and to attract the kinds of concerts that now only go to Edmonton's Rexall Centre, continuously driving tourism traffic to their city. This will help, and I think we should push for more, with the help of the private sector.
- The facilities may benefit Calgary, but not if they include a new arena for professional men's hockey.
- The facilities would be great to have however this doesn't outweigh the negative.
- The majority of facilities created by the Olympic process go majorly unused. Calgary may have a large sports scene but doesn't have the overall population to sustain these kind of facilities.
- The money would be better spent burying the CTrain lines downtown, or redirecting the CP rail lines around the city.
- The new venues that are proposed should be done anyways and in fact the province already provided money for some of those upgrades. You do not need an Olympics to build a field house. The city needs to starting following there own plan for important facilities or give leave to private enterprise to do so.
- The offset between the facility upgrade and the cost associated would result in a net negative impact on the city
- The plan is OK, the Olympics are a corrupt process that help noone
- The proposed upgraded and new facilities — really we are only getting field house which as a major city should already have one. The upgrading of very old facilities does not make them new. At some point we will have to have a new football stadium and hockey arena and the Olympic plan does not give the city those. As well it would have been great to have the c-train run right up to the airport.
- The proposed venues do not need the olympics to be created.
- The upgraded venues fo little or nothing for Calgariansvas they would be priced out of peoples budgets
- The upgrades to venues and facilities would be nice, of course, but it will take too long to recover the cost. Why not use some of that bid money to do some upgrades without the extra costs of hosting?
- The venues and facilities proposed add NO legacy value. The vast majority of the population would not benefit from them.
- "The venues and facilities that would be upgraded or built are not the ones the vast majority of this city's population needs. I would rather see the money spent upgrading and fixing our community rinks, build some more so that our kids don't have to play hockey at 5 am or 10pm because that's the only ice time available.
- Sure we got a lot of use from the sporting venues that were built for 1988, and it provided valuable training opportunities for aspiring olympic athletes. But those athletes aren't the majority. Our kids need recreational facilities that are safe and available."
- There are city leased baseball fields that our Little League use for baseball. Even though our league leases these fields we are, not the city, responsible for the upkeep of these diamonds. When a generous individual donates \$15,000 to build a batting cage and a group of volunteers has to be organized to weed the batting cage, how will be manage the expenses that come with a multiple sport complex? The Flames Foundation in 2017-2018 distributed over 2.6 million to annual projects and donations to Southern Alberta charities in need. Yet the city was willing to risk the Flames relocating prior to the idea of hosting the Olympics? It make one wonder.
- There are defineltly some much needed new venues in the city. Olympics might be a good way to get those built.
- There are many other projects that could use the funds and are desperately needed now.
- there are some really outdated facilities in Calgary, they could use an upgrade. however, some of the newer facilities are very poorly designed, such as the rocky ridge YMCA, where the hot tub is constantly broken and super small in

comparison to the large massive pools, or the new YYC international terminal that has almost no water fountain throughout the facility. the designers need to be better at ergonomics and their design.

- There are times when we can invest excess dollars in unnecessary but beneficial infrastructure. This is not one of those times, with our energy sector in collapse, interest and tax rates on the rise, and flat or dropping household incomes in Calgary.
- There is a whole generation of athletes who are benefitting now from the last Olympics. That helps us all by fostering athleticism. Here's to the next generation of Olympians!
- There is not enough meat on the bone for transportation infrastructure and sports/ entertainment venues that will be of future benefit to the city.
- There is only ONE taxpayer so even if we say we are getting money from the province and the feds, we are still spending TAXPAYER money. The city, the province and the country are already deeply in debt. Let's start living responsibly like most families have to do - live within our means and don't heavily borrow into the future.
- There is value in having these facilities but I would prefer to see a strategic approach to identifying and prioritizing projects that would have these benefits over time. We do not need them all at once. If they are important to Calgarians there will be financial support when we can afford it.
- These facilities only benefit a minute portion of the population. The facilities we already have are not being maintained to keep our citizens active and engaged in sports presently so it is laughable to talk about venues in 2026.
- They have helped Calgarians, Albertans and Canadians for the past 30 years and I see the legacy continuing. What are the chances of getting a Saddledome replacement perhaps in conjunction with the new field house?
- They will help Calgary but we don;t need Olympic games to build new facilities.
- They will help. As a person with a disability involved in recreation and social inclusion programming, I see how inaccessible this city truly is - especially our current venues such as the Saddledome. Hosting the Olympics and Paralympics here will force the city to become more accessible! Also, with improved facilities, we would be able to host other events in the future (i.e. bigger concerts, more sporting events, etc...) The Games would also ensure that we continue to have state of the art sports development venues in Calgary, so we can continue to be the leading place for Olympians/Paralympians to train! Lastly, the lower income homes that we would have after the Games are much needed!
- They would be good but again, not at these huge costs, and by the time we get to 2026 it will be even higher.
- They would help in the future, but it would likely be cheaper for the tax payer too build and upgrade without the olympics.
- They would hinder the future. Upgrades to McMahon would jeopardize getting a new stadium. Upgrades to Saddledome should not be Olympic costs as this is a private facility and would only benefit the Flames owners.
- This city needs new venues desperately! I would like to see all the venues we have updated!
- This is insane and completely ridiculous. We won't even get a new hockey arena, but maybe we will get a new luge track. How many people go to see luge competitions compared to how many people go and see the Flames play? What about all the concerts we are losing to Edmonton?
- this is the good part
- This is the only tangible long term benefit that I see for the City if we host in 2026. UPgrading facilities and venues would definitely be a great way to attract more events, training, etc.
- This Olympics bid appears to be nothing more than a thinly-veiled attempt by billionaire franchise owners to get taxpayer dollars in their pockets. The Calgary next project was a spectacular failure because Calgarians saw it for what it was: public dollars for corporate profit. Average Calgarians are already unable to afford to visit our current venues do to ever rising costs and shrinking disposable income. I lived in Edmonton when their new Arena was built and everyone was very excited despite the fact that it cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars and many supported it. However once the facility was completed those same supporters found that they couldn't afford to even attend a game at this newly built government-funded Arena and even if they could the cost of the entertainment was Out Of Reach for them. it is important for Calgary's economic future that we focus on investments that benefit all calgarians such as transportation and service infrastructure.

- This will definitely help Calgary's future. Investing in capital infrastructure ALWAYS yields huge benefits, and the Calgary 2026 plan does a great job of attracting funding from all levels of government that would otherwise not be available. We MUST constantly upgrade our venues and now is the time to do exactly that.
- This will help our future as many generations will benefit from these facilities.
- To many unknown costs.
- Too expensive.
- Too many unknowns make it impossible to cut is down to "help or hinder". That goes for all these questions.
- Undecided. The cost will hinder but the facilities might be nice.
- Unless city council and la employees are willing to take huge pay roll backs and retirement plan cuts then I will not support this in any way my taxes are to high and they continue to grow with no additional benefits
- Unnecessary to spend the estimated amount on new facilities.
- Upgrade to facilities is necessary However let economy pick up first. Not right now
- Upgraded and new facilities will provide nothing for the future of the majority of the City's taxpayers. It will provide enhancement only for the few athletes that make it to the Olympics. Our future is not dependent on the games. Pipelines will make a difference.
- Upgraded and new venues would absolutely help Calgary's future. New facilities include new housing units at market rate and also tons of affordable units. This is a huge benefit to Calgary. We need more affordable housing and this is a great opportunity for us to do that. We are also in dire need of a field house and hosting the games will provide us with that.
- Upgraded venues are nice. However, the ones in question are used by a minority of the population. It's not fair to increase everyone's taxes for things that benefit a relative few,
- Upgrades are nice but not necessary to the level required for Olympics!
- Upgrades can only be viewed as a positive thing, but being in debt for many years, especially when I nor my family ever use any of the venues, is of no value to me.
- Upgrades to current facilities are required but but focus on securing funds to do that and continue to host individual world class events - skiing, bobsleigh / luge, speed skating, curling. You don't need to fund an extravagant multi sport event in just a few days to secure funds to improve the existing facilities.
- Upgrades would help
- Upgrading and building new venues for sporting as well as affordable housing could potentially increase Calgary's population, which would ultimately be good for the economy. Being a central hub for sporting activies potentially increases Calgary's attractiveness to tourists and would-be Calgarians.
- "upgrading facilities yes will help. dont tear down main ski jump tower. how come main ski jump not used?.just put up a wind barrier screen wall like other sites have done and extend landing ramps. the new multisport fieldhouse
- minimum 10000 seats yes will help very much and needed for professional fifa soccer .how can you put 20000+ people here to host figure skating as stated? the new twin arenas with 5000 seats not necessary. it wont help. we dont need those arenas . we have max bell and community arenas etc.. which seat enough spectators.
- renovate mcmahon stadium and you must put a retractable cloth sprung type water repellent material roof that keeps snow , hail and rain off
- of spectators. also acts as wind barrier. spend some money on this necessary roof cover for mcmahan stadium. brand new indoor stadium not necessary just renovate mcmahan with retractable cloth roof from the 4 lighting towers. no new hockey arena unless calgary flames owners pay at least half \$ or private bank or company pays most including naming rights."
- Upgrading the Saddledome is a terrible call. It needs to be replaced. Many events and concerts skip over Calgary because we don't have the right facility to accommodate their needs.
- Venues and facilities become a pointless drain on resources, as is amply demonstrated in every other games location.
- Venues and facilities would help bring in some business to Calgary, but the opportunity cost of not spending on city infrastructure is too great We need to improve mass transit and provide affordable fitness facilities for all Calgarians.
- Venues would help only if a new arena was built, but at too high of a cost
- Victoria park is and always has been a dump. Athletes village converted to affordable housing is recipie for a city made ghetto

- Waste of money. The actual upgrades and new venues/facilities can be accomplished with the money being thrown at this without the risk. Furthermore, the actual new venues/facilities will do little to enhance the long term community. Big costs for minimal return.
- We all know that these venues are only useful during the games
- We already are tearing down one of the ski jumps, from 1988 this will be our future .
- We can update these facilities without spending an atrocious amount on a month-long party. New facilities are a waste of money at this point.
- We can upgrade facilities as needed without the extra cost of hosting the games. Provincial and federal funds will still be available even if we do not host the games.
- We do not need the venues.
- We don't need bigger sports arenas. We need to end homelessness and stop the oppression of the working class.
- We don't need more venues, if they Flames want a new area badly enough they can start to put a good product on the ice, not piggy backing on the olympics.
- We don't need the "upgrades" and the money spent on it is wasted.
- We don't need them.
- We have a lot of preexisting venues from the 1988 olympics. It would be very easy for us to host the olympics.
- We have old structures from the '88 Olympics that are now costing Calgary money.
- we have old venues , the ski hills are useless, we need to go to bc and collect from them and to Edmonton and collect from them and look at our volunteers, no one has addressed that yet. Start looking at younger groups. I will be 85 in 2026 I did my thing in 88 so start targeting younger groups who have money and old folks who are rich and have money and cannot volunteer but want the olympics.
- We need a new arena. Not in current budget.
- We need a new arena. Without that in the proposal this should be a hard no.
- We need a new football stadium and a new NHL stadium not a bunch of venues that no one will use!! As these are not part of the bid then there is no reason to vote yes!!!
- We need a new Saddle Dome and McMahon Stadium not refurbished OLD facilities. They're revenue generating past a two week show.
- We need an arena to house our Flames and concerts, not a bunch money spent on other smaller facilities.
- We need a new nhl arena and cfl stadium seems a waste that we can't get these
- We need so much for sports in Calgary starting with McMahon Stadium (so old and small) up to a new fieldhouse (we don't have one).
- We should engage Airdrie, Red Deer, and Lethbridge for curling facilities. I'm not a huge fan of using Whistler but I understand the reasons why to maintain cost. Also I expect a new arena for hockey in Calgary, you say they are not connected but they are.
- We should not have to upgrade our facilities just to host, that's a joke.
- We will need to do this eventually anyways so it's a great 'excuse' to get it all done.
- Well we need a new arena to keep the Flames, the Saddle Dome was upgraded in 2013 after the floods, not sure what else can be done. Yes we need a field house, but the upgrades and new venues can be built for a lot less money then hosting an Olympics.
- What an absolute joke! The only way to improve McMahon stadium is to level it and build a new one! Same thing with the dome, it's just putting lipstick on a pig. Priority one should be building a new arena to keep the flames here, they contribute SO MUCH to Calgary Through various charities and other ways that they should be our priority.
- What facilities a 5000 seat venue big deal
- What new facilities and upgrades are you asking about? I have not been able to understand even if Calgary alone will host the games. There was talk that Edmonton could host hockey (one of the most popular events) or perhaps Whistler hosting the ski-jumping, bobsled events. or maybe both of them or maybe neither of them. We don't even know what upgrades to the existing facilities will be in the works. It is basically a pointless question. The length of time that this so called bid process has been going on should mean that we have real plans as to what we will be doing for the preparation for the games, but no, we have no idea. It is a complete shambles. We have wasted \$30 million and have absolutely nothing to show for it. It seems from what I can glean from this bid is that we will be

trying to do it on the cheap. It is good to have a games that is done cheaply, except that in this context, "cheap" is still many billions of dollars. Exactly how much, nobody knows and definitely if they know they will not say. If things are done on the cheap, there will be no lasting legacy. So of course it will hinder Calgary's future.

- While a new arena would definitely assist the economy, in that more big name concerts and events would come to our city, Calgary council is very short sighted in the selection of the site. The football and field house is definitely not necessary. (Arena should be downtown and near the Stampede grounds)....the Calgary 10 day party we have every year.
- Why do we need the games to get get new facilities. Edmonton has 4 field house- Calgary none and they never hosted the games
- Will hinder Calgary's future because of the recurring operating and maintenance costs.
- Will Improve Calgary's future.
- Without the olympics, we can build one or two that we as a city community prioritize.
- Would do neither. The venues proposed for upgrades are not overloaded, and the new arenas would only benefit visiting athletes by the sound of it, and not the citizens that pay for it. Unless of course you think paying to watch a game for someone else's profit at an arena you paid for is a benefit...
- Would help - we need a bigger arena for sports and concerts
- Would help in the short term, but like the ski jumps from 1988, basically a white elephant we cannot afford. As an example, how many ski jumpers and/or lugers do you know?
- Would only help if a replacement for the Saddledome is included.
- Yes but in the first place, they will cost alot
- Yes but more information needs to be shared on specifically the saddle dome upgrade vs replacement, and also the impact of catalyst projects that could occur on tax payers so people understand the difference and can see transparency on funding and outcomes between bid vs other projects and where that funding comes from
- Yes it would. It never hurts to have upgraded facilities.
- Yes, I think the costs associated with upgrading and building new venues could be used for more beneficial projects that could make a bigger impact for the citizens of this city.
- You won't build a new stadium...but you will for a two week event.
- "Your question has a bias that ignores the cost.
- Any benefit from venues & facilities are far exceeded by the cost. There are far better alternatives to spend the same dollars on."
- A tremendous benefit
- All fine and dandy to get new venues or facilities but it is not clear what venues and where? Edmonton, Nikiska, no new steam in Calgary so what food is a venues that can not hold large revenue performances! Total waste of money we do not have!
- Any benefit of upgraded and/or new facilities only benefits the small percentage of those that use the facility.
- City will get venues - much more than what we need. Look up ski hill jump from '88.
- Do not upgrade. New stadiums only
- "Excellence. The Games are about the pursuit of being the very best. The hard work to get there. And the pride of an admiring nation when our athletes show they can be the best in the world. All of that rubs off on all of us: in business, in education, in culture and the arts, in medicine. In a healthier and stronger community. It will rub off on kids of today and the kids yet to come along. I think of my grandson, the uber wannabe hockey player at age 7. Or my other kids and grandchildren--and hundreds of thousands like them in Calgary and southern Alberta--that excellence, being inspired by it. Being in the middle of it in 2026 and all the events running up to 2026 and beyond. That could be such an influence on them, no matter what direction they take in their lives—business, law, retail, culture and arts, teaching, not-for-profit or govt. Dollars and cents matter. I know from a wealth of experience. But the injection of this 3-4-5 billion dollars into Calgary's economy in the next 3-5 years is vital. We shouldn't turn our backs on it. I trust the Bidco leadership. They've pulled together a responsible bid. With a Yes vote on Nov 13, more Calgarians can step up to make the bid an even better one. Same with when we are awarded the Games next year. The opportunity for communities to come together to build the best Games plan ever is a once-every-30-years opportunity. Folks from

Indigenous communities, arts, culture, sport, faith, environmental, education, health, housing, business, volunteer and charitable sector. Let's not say no to the possibilities of what we can do to make the 2026 Games the best ever."

- For people who play sports or are interested in watching sports and can afford to participate, perhaps it would be fine. For the rest of us a waste of money. Put it towards affordable transportation.
- Help
- Help
- Help, for the most part! Infrastructure is important, if expensive.
- Help.
- Help.
- Help. But the cost is too prohibitive.
- Help. For better sports recreation and entertainment.
- Hinder
- Hinder as we may not be using the facilities after the games like most other hosts.
- Hinder as we will be saddled with new debt.... please stop dumping debt on my kids
- Hinder!
- Hinder! Because these elite sporting venues are of limited scope and would only serve the needs of a select number of athletes. Investment in a broader range of sporting facilities that could house various fitness and wellness activities would go further to meeting the needs of many Calgarians.
- Hinder\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Hinder, need to lower taxes and upgrade facilities that already exists
- Hinder, seems the last set of venues we can't afford to maintain, so we want to add to that???
- Hinder, who pays? Trudeau lol
- Hinder. Public funding of sporting facilities is a key drag on the economy.
- Hinder. Cost to maintain is too high. Population is not large enough to support tax revenue necessary for the games.
- Hinder. It cost far too much on us.
- Hinder. No additional facilities really required. Why is the cost so much?
- Hinder. No new NHL arena means eventually we will loose the Flames and paid for an Olympics that is hosted in other cities.
- Hinder. Not needed or used after the games
- Hinder. Other facilities which are now being forced to survive on donations (eg. Heritage Park for one) because of increased costs for minimum wage increases and carbon taxes will be starved for operating funds. I also believe maintenance of existing recreational facilities will be deferred and suffer unless city taxes or user fees are further increased to cover them.
- Hinder. Taxes are too high already at all 3 levels of gov't. Available funds would be better utilized in providing facilities and opportunities for general public usage.
- hinder. upgrade and maintain facilities that we don't need. look at montreal.... 300M to replace the roof
- Hosting the Olympics would be bad for venues and facilities. It would degrade current facilities due to overuse in a short period of time. Even though new facilities would be built, these are likely to be under utilized after the Olympics and would constitute a less than optimal investment.
- "I agree we need new funds to improve the 30 - 40 year old facilities.
- The field house is the single most important facility. Is there a way to expand the corridors of McMahon to the west and to the east on the outside of the building? Make big wide hallways and food centres. The actual seating at McMahon is good. But the corridors need to be improved with much better public washroom access.
- I am very impressed that we can host an Olympic Games for around \$5 Billion. That compares so well with the recent games in South Korea and China.
- Good Luck!"
- I believe some of the venue upgrades (particularly the speed skiing and high jump ramps) would be great for Calgary. However, I don't see why the city could not propose to do those upgrades WITHOUT having an Olympic Games. Invest all the bid money into venue upgrade and be done with it.

- I have no confidence that there would not be massive cost overruns.
- I think any upgrades or new facilities will benefit Calgary & Alberta the greatest %. I don't believe it will have any lasting effect on any significant number of people other than those in Alberta that may or may not use those venues in the future. Look at the ski jump at COP. Are we going to pump money into it, use it a little bit by a small majority and then justify the costs for the next 20 years? I've seen it used once in 1988. I'm sorry, I understand the athletes point of view but this is not a necessity to normal every day life. Playing games for medals.
- I think it would definitely help and reaolidify Calgary as a hub for athletic development and recreation.
- It's no use afterwards. It will be another cost for maintenance. COP has gone down hill too because of its old infrastructure, which results to higher maintenance costs. We can't talk about venues and facilities without talking about the costs.
- Maintaining and upgrading existing facilities makes sense. The concept for the fieldhouse looks great. So, to answer the question, I suppose these things help Calgary's future. But, again, I do not believe that the only way to fund these things is by hosting an Olympic games.
- New venues are always helpful, but only if the cost is reasonable. If we can have the venues without the games we could save billions and see the same rewards.
- No new arena as a part of this. That's sad for Calgary.
- No, they just go to waste (look at Calgary 88 and Vancouver 2010).
- "Not good enough
- Need new arena
- New new field house.
- Saddledome is a dump
- We should not spend a cent on it."
- Not worth the cost
- other than leaving some facilities that would benefit other large sporting events it will do little to provide facilities and infrastructure in neighborhoods
- Some will end up as white elephants
- "The proposed upgrades to McMahon Stadium and the Saddledome are extremely misplaced and irresponsible. These facilities have long since run their course and are in need of complete replacement to reflect the needs of a growing city and the changing needs of the people and events they serve. Calgary will be faced with the same problems currently faced with these venues even after the upgrades and the Olympics are over. In fact, putting more money into these outdated facilities will further delay there replacement in the future. This is not a legacy I want to be left with.
- As above, the same holds true for proposed upgrades to Nakiska. Although this facility has a local audience for skiing and boarding lessons, it has never been a draw for tourism or local ski enthusiasts. Over the years, it has been very common for Nakiska to have to shut down lifts because of low attendance during the season. This will not change because of upgrades to the facilities. Any money put into Nakiska will leave it with the same use as today, a marginal ski hill that cannot compete with Lake Louise, Sunshine Village, Panorama, Kicking Horse, Revelstoke. Lake Louise currently holds premiere World Cup events for both men and women and should be used for these Olympics. The bid committee must work with Parks Canada to resolve their continued concerns about the negative impact on the park when the reality is that Banff is already a world class destination. Parks Canada must responsibly grow Banff to better serve local and international visitors."
- There has been a lot of talk about a new hockey arena for Calgary, and this is one way to get funding for that without a huge burden on Calgary taxpayers. There will be provincial and federal funding, as well as IOC funding. Sure, there is some risk, but there are benefits as well, as there is no arguing that Calgary will see significantly more investment in facilities than would otherwise have been the case.
- There is no plan in the Olympic bid to fix the Saddledome. While Calgary will be paying for much of the costs, facilities will be improved outside of Calgary.
- They would help but the cost is a huge problem
- This is a smoke screen to give the flames group their new areana. This only benefits big sports business. Need more other social and cultural facilities. Not the already well funded sports groups.

- Upgrades in venues and facilities will benefit wealthy and elite, with little or no benefit to the average person
- Upgrades to the facilities in Edmonton and Whistler? Stop it. If money is to be spent on Calgary Canada Olympic Park then do it. It will be a lot cheaper than \$700,000-\$1 million dollars.
- Venues resulting from the 1988 games benefited all of Calgary at that time the economy was much worse and interest rates were in the high teens
- We need to address the current state of these facilities, with or without the Olympics. The Olympics helps direct funding directly to these priorities and enables their continued use for years to come. This will benefit Calgary residents from attracting other events, to continued access to amenities. Prioritizing new infrastructure that is already identified as a need/priority makes sense. The Olympics enables long term investment into our city, the benefit of these investments is that it is not just for the Olympics but rather an investment into our next 30 years. The proposal by investing in already identified priorities, means planning and evaluation of our existing needs has already occurred and we are not making a short sighted decision, rather we are using existing evidence & reason when choosing to make these infrastructure investments.
- will not change the future they will get done anyway and not at a huge cost
- Yes
- 100 % Help, you just have to look at the amount of artists or events (i.e. FIFA World Cup) pulled up to Rogers Place and Edmonton which is now known for great facilities - Calgary's facilities are outdated
- Absolutely help. The impact of yearly use from other countries using our Olympic rated facilities ranks in the tens of millions dollars annually, after the Olympics. Winsport get s \$20mill a year in fees from use of the COP facilities, Thirty years later.
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- "Help
- But really we can't afford this"
- Help. May result in a new arena for the flames
- Hinder
- Hinder - spending money on this while people sleep on the streets or IRT doesn't go to the airport - shame on council.
- Hinder due to a long-term loss due to maintenance needs and initial debt payments.
- Hinder not addressing current needs.
- Hinder. The new facilities would be grossly under-utilized after the games.... And what we really need is a new hockey/concert venue anyways.
- "Hinder. Let's be real, it only costs tax money.
- Once we get rid of the Liberals and NDP and get our economy back on track, we can think on spending. Once we have money again"
- Hinder. See above.
- I do not believe Calgary has the infrastructures to welcome the 2026 games.
- It would help Calgary for sure. Calgary has benefited from the 88 legacy infrastructure. Calgary needs its sports infrastructure updated including the Ski Jump facilities! Ski jumping should be here not Whistler.
- No I think if your gonna run the olympic games in YYC don't upgrade the venues because then the tax payer money is going to pay for this.
- over build and wasteful.... look at the slide...it's going to be taken down...
- People needs/ wants new stuff to experience , so they will visit the place
- Probably help, but without firm plans and info about where the events will be held how do we know?
- the buildings that calgary still has are used especially the oval. they would just have to upgrade it.
- They would hinder Calgary's future. Upgrading the Saddle-dome and McMahon Stadium make no sense. Calgary is still left with no venue capable of holding world class acts.

- This would help Calgary's future but there are other areas that badly need upgrades too and may be put lower on the priority list as a result of the Olympic bid (e.g., roads, transit, police, medical). Also this doesn't include a new stadium for the flames/concerts that many calgarians would rather see built.
- Upgrades to existing venues would likely have a positive long term impact on the city, making it more of a destination for events in future, and better equipped to serve future generations of Calgarian athletes.
- Upgrading would help - provided there was a vision as to what they actually wanted to accomplish. Right now it appears to be 'have a legacy' which can easily be interpreted as 'we will do stuff and whatever it ends up being - that is the legacy'
- Venues can be upgraded for much less money than spending according to olympic requirements for housing, transportation, cultural venues etc all done on tight timelines under external direction of the IOC and other foreign requirements. Upgrade facilities according to what is right for the city/ area, the present economic situation which is much different than 1988 and on a scale and timeline that fits the city.

*ECONOMY: Do you think the potential economic impact of the Games would help or hinder Calgary's future? Why or why not?*

- Hinder; we will go over the projected budget and pay through all levels of taxes for decades.
- Hinder. Deeper in debt.
- Hinder. We go bankrupt
- I would say hinder. Look at Greece, the economy was ruined by the Olympics. Vancouver's athletes village was a disaster. The budget currently listed is much below what the previous host cities of the Winter Olympics have spent.
- Unsure
- The city can't afford to take care of the veterans or the homeless. And every time you turn around their hiking up taxes.
- If the venues are spread to far, the revenue is also spread
- Help, private investment and a huge boon to our economy in many regards
- There may be an immediate influx of cash as observers/ticket buyers use hotels/restaurants/taxis but the long term costs & expenses of the games has me extremely concerned. We're mortgaging our post 2026 futures for a short burst of cash from others. Not worth the risk.
- . hinder . little likelihood of attracting investment with a big tv show . some tourism gains, but that can be achieved otherwise with far less inputs . in '88 Calgary was a 'surprise' to most North Americans and Europeans . the flyover shots of downtown we did with ABC had a major impact, along with the various profile pieces on our city . we are no longer a surprise . the 'biog show' approach will fail as badly as CED's foolish attempt to attract Amazon HQ@ . this is kind of thing is a ill considered a waste of money and effort .
- Definitely help - no question. Brings jobs and people as the venues are being built. Brings tourists to our city to see the Games. Brings other sporting events/artistic/cultural events and the resulting dollars. It will bring in revenue to our city!
- Hinder. We are already in crisis and to add \$5 billion plus is a terrible idea. Our children's grandchildren will be paying off debt and there still won't be a green line lrt or enough affordable housing. We will be the next Detriot - empty and destitute because no one will be able to afford the property taxes to live here.
- "Hinder
- It all comes back to the debt left behind. The higher tax that will come from the cost of the games far out way any gain"
- There will be no significant impact either way, as demonstrated from history.
- Help
- Impact would be negative. We have been going through property tax increases bigger than inflation, yoy. Every leading economist has questioned the dubious numbers provided by the yyccc on benefits
- Hinder. Taxpayers will be on the hook for overruns which will happen.
- Majorly hinder. Taxpayers will be paying for years with no benefits
- "Help hopefully as again it will showcase the city -but something lacks in this city for it to be an appealing city to visit.
- I think we need a rail connection between here Edmonton and Banff. Make a nice rail station downtown and sink some life into the area."
- Long run Hinder
- Help this event not only creates short term but long term impact to the economy. If planned and thought through the last impact can go on far into the future. We have proven this with the legacy of '88
- complete hinderance.. It will not pay nor return an investment... The Olympics never has. Just huge debt and liability and to be only more expensive in 8 years.
- Help the economy in short term but if we are left with big cost over runs it could be a huge problem
- Help, as all restaurants and hotels and retail stores would be seeing increased traffic with the spectators, athletes, staff, and family members. Also, housing rental would see an increase in tenants.
- I think it would hinder Calgary's future, because it attracts from other, more important and relevant priorities.

- The economic risks are significant and the benefits are unreliable and unquantifiable at best. I think being able to demonstrate our capability and willingness to take risks to the rest of the world may open opportunities we would not otherwise have.
- This will be over budget with no economic benefit and will cost taxpayers Billions
- Likely zero long term positive impact on Calgary's economy.
- It seems the economic benefits of hosting the games are overstated, many economists share this opinion.
- Definitely hinder Calgary's future. Taxes are already too high and our councilors are always looking for new and inovative ways to waste more money.
- These types of boondoggles only serve to redirect spending. While they will attract participants and spectators, the future benefits are doubtful. London, for example, saw a net reduction in tourism around the games. While they may result in an overall net benefit, I doubt that the benefit would be stellar considering the cost. The voters need to be provided an estimated return on investment where the return and cost are accurately portrayed. The current cost estimate does not appear to be accurate given the items that are not in land the politician's predilection for adding more items after the fact rationalizing them as necessary for the olympics.
- Hinder of course... no city has made money in recent history. We are not special, no matter how bad the mayor wants it.
- Hinder, we cannot afford more taxes
- Help by providing jobs and an influx of funding for needed projects.
- The economical growth of our City depends on attracting companies such as Amazon and other business ventures and events that are not as costly as the Olympic Games. Building our City for future generations is a progressive long term venture.
- Neither. Our future as a city is determined by other things than just this dream that some hold.
- Hinder. The Olympics rarely turn a profit. The money could be better spent elsewhere, including our roads, snow removal, landscaping in the summer, more recreational facilities for people who actually live in the city, and increased funding for Calgary Transit.
- I believe the claims hosting a games bring in business and investment are overstated. All economic studies of prior games show no significant impact to local economy.
- Hinder, again, its a huge investment for a niche event and that money should be spent elsewhere
- It would benefit a few while hurting the majority of businesses in town
- It will only help certain industries. I work in one that won't see any benefit.
- HELP. Our econamy relies on oil so much, we need to diversify. Investing in sport will help us both short and long term.
- It will hiner Calgary's future. We will all be paying increased taxes to cover the money we lost on the olympics.
- Help
- Extremely hinder
- Sure put Lillehammer on the map. NOT. Lower muni taxes.
- The cost and risks are too high
- Hinder. The overwhelming preponderance of evidence is clear that modern Olympics leave social and economic deficits behind for host city taxpayers to pay for. Listen to the voices of independent economists, who are speaking with considerable consensus about the likelihood that costs will be much greater than currently forecast. Those costs will be a burden on the taxpayer and local economy for decades to come.
- it would most definitely not, as a student i would not like to see this built as i would be the one responsible for paying it off, and also the tax dollars could be used elsewhere
- Hinder. Any additional income will be offset by the astronomical costs and extreme lack of foresight to anticipate going over budget, when the last several games have almost spent double what we have budgeted. The lack of thought toward the funding we will put in is disastrous, and our egotistical mayor will not have it any other way as he has shown his willingness to hide the truth from the citizens by being mad when the truth was released. Stop lying about this being good when you know the city can not afford it.
- Hinder, no question. The only potential impact is a legacy of debt. As for Q1, it wouldn't let me rank the selections properly. The only topic I care about is the cost. It will cost too much money, tax dollars that are in short supply. If you

want to spend money to throw a party, dump cash out of a helicopter over downtown at lunchtime, that would be much more efficient and better spent.

- Help. We need economic diversity. We need funding from other levels. We need capital. We need optimism in our future.
- Hinder for a long long time. Think Athens
- Hinder. Cost each Calgary citizen \$1000. And for what. 10 days??
- Short term gain, nothing changing after the games are gone which is typical for most Olympic cities.
- Hinder our future by only being a short term benefit.
- Based on many Olympics, past it is either a wash or negative impact revenue-wise. Just because Calgary was able to make an extremely minor profit in the past on the Olympics does not mean that it is just as viable this time around.
- Help in the short term hurt in the long run as the debt legacy grows
- Potential economic impacts could also be negative
- Could help put us on the world stage again, but security costs could cripple us.
- Hinder. Costs are too high and the benefit that will arise economically will be dwarfed by the overall costs to run the olympics.
- Hinder. A short term economic boost from construction and tourism will not offset the debt we will unload on the future of Calgary
- I think the cost of the games and infrastructure would offset any potential profits.
- Bad for the economy and the taxpayers.
- Hinder, IOC contracts are fixed and Calgary, just like other past locations will see little beneficial impact to local companies.
- Hinder it's expensive and we aren't getting what we need with the exception of some affordable housing. If we are going into debt we might as well get what we need.
- Hinder. Money wasted on toys for athletes will be money not invested in something that's actually useful.
- It's a wash at best. Probably costs more than it brings in, but nice things cost money. When I buy a nice watch, it earns me no money, but I get enjoyment out of it
- If the city doesn't lose too much money or gets out even, then the publicity and updated venues will benefit the city.
- Hinder: This is clearly a vanity project for our strong, connected winter Olympic athlete community. I'm very frustrated that groups like Sport Calgary, Sport Tourism calgary etc are boosters for this bid They are completely missing their mandate - which is about kids in sports - again, Olympics don't help this at all - no matter what Kyle Shewfelt says. We have dozens of sports ad teams in city without any immigrant participation. WE have to drive to Edmonton and Red Deer all winter for indoor soccer because there are zero facilities here. If we have an extra 5 billion around, there are many things I'd rather spend it on.
- Hinder. The amount of money we would put into the games would just put the city more in debt.
- Help, this should drive tourism for the games and many years later. People will see the games and hopefully want to come visit
- I feel the economic impact will be that significant and we will be burdened with a pointless debt.
- HINDER
- This would bring many new jobs in building the infrastructure to support the games. The economy would definitely have a boost during and before the games. Small businesses would also see a big increase in business which would also help with the minimum wage hike.
- Not sure
- The short term economic gains and boost to tourism will be very positive things for Calgary and the immediate area. However I think potential long term economic benefits are being exaggerated as a means to justify such an expensive proposal. Certainly there must be a risk scale here that is not being advertised to the public, it would be interesting to see what leading experts (not necessarily politicians) would expect the long term economic gain to be. If not, this seems a poor way to showcase our city pride.
- Help! A tourist destination, locals spending money during the Olympics (think how much we drop during Stampede alone).

- I don't think the Olympics have a significant, lasting impact on Calgary's economic future. The money would be much better spent investing on education for our youth and trying to diversify our economy in the years to come.
- "I think this will be a big contribution to jobs not just for the execution of the games but lasting in the future through legacy initiatives. It will put Calgary on the world stage again and could help attract investment and diversify our economy.
- Look at the legacy, spirit and sense of community that was left behind after â 88. Those games were instrumental in contributing to putting Calgary where we are today and helped us grow into a real city. Imagine what potential we could have in this day and age!"
- I don't believe in the economic benefit. I think it is a fairy tale invented to dupe taxpayers.
- This will hang future generations with an overwhelming amount of debt. It is extremely fiscally irresponsible for Calgary Cory council to even be entertaining the thought. This is all about ego. There is no economic benefit.
- The costs will be high and security planning is a big piece that isn't currently well coordinated or well thought out
- Hinder. There is not an economic case for these games. There will not be a calculable return.
- It depends on the overall cost and what a calgary would see in financial benefits once the final tally is completed.
- Hinder and saddled with debt without any significant amounts of new or needed infrastructure.
- it may bring short term low wage jobs that require additional services like subsidized bus passes and prescription coverage.
- There should be an option for NOT hosting the games on this question. We don't trust our municipal or federal governments to use our money wisely. It will put us in the hole more than we are now. STOP spending money on foolish pursuits to boost the mayors ego, and start spending it on infrastructure and supporting the thousands of unemployed oil and gas people. Three years ago, my family could afford a good life, since my husband was laid off from the oil and gas sector, we are deep in debt and can't pay for food some months. You've done nothing to help but tell us he isn't unemployed with the thousands of other contract employees. Lower our cost of living by making taxes lower not waste money on silly bids and art projects. We can't afford tickets to a hometown hockey game and you want us to pay for your Olympics? For shame.
- Increasing debt load to citizens does nothing for Calgary residents but hurt them more
- It'd be nice to have updated facilities
- Short sighted to think this this 10 day event will have good economic returns
- HINDER. Previous Olympics have been financial sinkholes. With city council seemingly not caring about costs in a realistic manner, I can't see how this won't be an enormous financial burden
- We don't need more attention paid to Calgary because of the games. We need more attention on the world stage for being a green city.
- Hinder, as there are no guarantees this will result in a net economic benefit. We have enough existing debt, debt that continues to climb amongst increasing taxes.
- Help. More near-term jobs.
- The Olympics will help our economy by bringing in tourism revenue prior to, during and after the event. We also need the international media exposure.
- Hinder. It will lose money.
- It will impact negatively in the projects the city may have; since there will be no funds to do them. All gone to be used in 10 days. We have been waiting for a green line and better ctrain infrastructure; lets get our city to a first class level first and then think about hosting the world.
- Our economy is not strong enough yet. There is too great a potential for the Games to have a serious negative impact on the economies of our city and our province.
- I think it will help out Tourism for a short time. It will also provide employment for a short time. We could better spend the money on more sustainable efforts, not a one shot deal.
- It would help as the boost to tourism and investment would grow
- Again, the economic impact might be positive in the short term but not worth the costs. The money would be better off spent in long term investments.
- It is not economically beneficial to host the Olympics like in the past.

- Hinder. We will have to fix and/or maintain all of the other shit mentioned above. So no.
- Hinder. Waste of tax payer money for no gain to the average person. No benefits to the average person but a huge drain on our wallets for no reason or gains. Nenshi's ego is big enough we need to throw more money at it.
- Beneficial to our future IF costs can be kept in line
- The economic benefits are not guaranteed and are short lived.
- Help...investment in the right infrastructure (field/ice stadiums, transportation) will only strength and increase Calgary's exposure to international event post olympics, it's happened since 88, it can continue and grow pre/post 2026, invest in the infrastructure that has value and use before&after the games and the justification should be attainable - need to check political motivation at the door.
- Hinder.
- Hinder. Just build the infrastructure if you need it. Don't tie it to the olympics. Plow the streets instead.
- I think there will be a temporary boost in the economy, followed by years of recession due to the substantial debt we have to pay off.
- Economic benefits of Olympic games generally represent a redistribution of existing revenues and do not generate increased benefits. The argument that Calgary should coerce other levels of government to provide important funding by waving a patriotic flag is a distasteful argument.
- Hinder. There has been ZERO support for the fundamental primary industry in Calgary, Alberta, and Canada. Calgarians are concerned with putting food on the plates, and a roof over their heads - not a political add to a CV and a platform for future politically boosted career.
- Hinder as the city of Calgary has not provided any info on economic benefits
- Hinder. I don't think that the opportunity for enhanced tourism during and after the games justifies the cost for the event.
- I think there are way more efficient and whole community ways to make more economic impact with less personal need to pay and have to contribute to it in hidden ways. Impact will be initial through work, but then hinder in taxes to pay for those workers... Small economic projects that are thoughtfully planned and have the backing and potential for future stakeholders to benefit from would be better. This extravaganza for the elite is not seen by many as connected to building a safe, caring, vibrant, and healthy community. Looking at less elitist events, such as more regular ones that could occur in sport would have a greater and more long lasting economic and social impact.
- Hinder
- "Schools. Roadway and rapid transit. Hospitals. Infrastructure. Seniors care. Homeless.
- Get a grip. Pretty much EVERYTHING that allows a city to operate is more important than the Olympics."
- I think we will go into debt from the games, but over time we could recover costs. And governments are always in debt anyways.
- They will be a very short term benefit with a long term pain (ie. indebtedness for decades).
- Hinder due to onerous debt burden. Thankfully Calgary won't actually be awarded the games as everyone in town seems to be assuming. The IOC is an European organization, and Calgarians think the Winter games awarded to Canada (2010), Russia (2014), Korea (2018), China (2022), and then Canada again in 2026 instead of Europe?
- It will bring lots of opportunities to the city. Increased tourism, an injection of jobs. The upgraded facilities will also allow Calgarians to benefit from newer facilities and should boost participation amongst youth.
- Hinder. It will give people jobs for a while but it will be quickly gone afterwards.
- Hinder as there is no evidence cost overruns would produce a profit
- Hinder. The last thing we should be thinking about right now is building housing complexes for athletes to stay in for two weeks. The apartment/condominium inventory in this city is a disaster and is already crippling our real estate market which has a negative impact on the economy.
- hinder, the cost is too much, we can even fund firewalls in new communities and now we want to spend 1B on police to sit around for 10 days...really. The majority of costs laid out in the Bid program are set costs for services and undefined "legacy funding" this is a waste of taxpayers dollars diverted away from future investment in other key areas that would have greater effect on the potential for the city to be a tourist destination.

- "Absolutely HINDER. The days of the booming oil industry will never come back. We need to diversify and build alternate industries. Taking on the debt required to host the Olympics at this time is foolhardy at best. We simply cannot start growth in new directions and splurge on an Olympic party at this time. Maybe for 2030, but not 2026.
- At the moment everyone talks about the strong GDP growth in Alberta, and Alberta being the hottest economical growth in the country. This is a seriously skewed conclusion because it is based on deficit government spending on large projects to give the appearance of growth. Alberta will be strong again when citizens are finding new and innovative industries, not when large companies have healthy ledgers because of government infrastructure projects."
- Financial ruin!
- The potential economic impacts would cripple the city, especially those most vulnerable, and would put a massive unfair burden on our youth who would be stuck with the bill. Downtown is deserted, we can't afford to properly staff our services, or improve our transit systems to keep up with the demands of the city, and we are still coming out of a huge economic downtown. These are just some of the reasons we can't afford an Olympic bid. In addition, the costs presented are far too low, completely out of keeping with the costs of every other Olympics, and the economic benefits are calculated for maximum deception, including all possible investments that would come into the city as a result of the games, even those that would occur regardless, which makes the bid make even less sense. No wonder there are whistleblowers in the council, and the treatment of these facts has been absolutely atrocious
- The economic impacts of the bid would ensure we remain in an economic slump for decades to come, would ensure the youth would be depressed in a city they can already ill afford, and be an even bigger hit to the taxpayer. The benefit of the Olympics cannot make up for that, the revenue just isn't there, we will be stuck with the bill, the worst hangover ever.
- How will this make money? Except for donations by the federal govt (which the people of Calgary contribute to) this does not help. City councillors just want to make themselves look good.
- The costs are far too high for a city that cannot perform basic municipal functions like snow clearing or traffic control, and both the federal and provincial governments are already deeply in debt. They do not have extra money to waste.
- Hinder. Costs will far exceed potential, overstated benefits.
- Hinder. The City of Calgary has enough of our money already and raising our taxes more to host this event makes no sense. The City of Calgary has a fiduciary to spend our tax dollars wisely and there is little tangible evidence that any host of any Olympics summer or winter actually realize the benefits that are proposed. The event will bring in short term economic benefits but in the long term very little
- There are mixed results in this if you listen to economists. At best we will come out even.
- There aren't any samples of evidence where \$7-12+ billion of funding helped give an economic impact to a host city. Its unbelievable there is no estimate provided of the municipal cost to the city.
- Hiner: cost over runs, which are a statistical promise will occur, IOC takes too much of the pie. Security costs are too low, considering we are having event in 3 places.
- HINDER...Calgary, the province of Alberta and Canada needs to concentrate on getting the economy back on track. Not continue to run it into the ground, with a international event to fuel egos of our leadership.
- It would strongly hinder. we will be paying for it well before and well after the games. The benefits will not help the average calgarian but we will all bear the brunt of the costs.
- Hinder
- Hinder! We are already in debt, and paying interest on the debt we accrued because of overspending on nice to have stuff, WHEN THE ECONOMY WAS GREAT! We cannot afford spending on what is basically entertainment, when things like the veteran's food bank is closing. People (the City) who are heavily in debt already should not be looking to spend or borrow more, especially for things that are not necessities.
- Sure I guess it shines the spot light on Calgary for a few weeks but if that is what it takes to get the economy going then there is bigger problems.
- Hinder. Taxes collected will be spent on consumables for a party (like security), instead of lasting investments.
- Short term gain with respect to the Olympics. Yes jobs will increase due to construction and hospitality needs. Once the Olympic Flame is extinguished then what?
- Hinder. Olympic Games never make money. Look at the actual economic history instead of pretending it will.

- Hinder, waste of money
- Olympic games are always a financial nightmare.
- Hinder. Costs are typically underestimated and benefits are typically overestimated. While the Olympics will bring in some additional tourism, most of the people who will watch the Olympics aren't likely already aware of Calgary from the last Olympics. Tourism after the Olympics will likely be negligible compared to the debt burden associated from the Olympics. We should be investing money in transit, infrastructure and the local economy - I fail to see how this plan does that.
- It would definitely hinder our future. We already pay too much in taxes and this would just put our City and Province into more debt.
- Hinder - The "potential economic impact" is not fully known, the price appears to be unreasonably low and the stated benefits are minimal for the price being quoted. The contingency being included is unreasonable and there is a hard sell being given which is extremely difficult to buy. The opportunity cost for many other important, critical items cannot be forgotten and should be focused on. There are still a lot of people without jobs and a lot of empty buildings around town. The Olympics aren't going to fill the buildings.
- Hurt. Tax burden.
- Not help
- I think it'll severely hurt our economy and leave us with large amounts of debt.
- Hinder .. short term gain for a few... Long term pain for the rest of us who have to pay for it. This is not 1988.
- Could be positive if done right. Inclusion of Calgary Next in plans could create significant positive long term impact with new types and scales of event plus year round (covered) stadium use. Current plans are inadequate to capture meaningful long-term economic benefits.
- Hinder - we still have to build a new hockey arena, and city council has shown no interest in getting this done.
- hinder, because of cost overrun, no return on investment
- Unlikely to boost economy more than they will cost taxpayers.
- It all depends how this event is organized and run in the end. It is a 50/50 answer.
- Hinder
- Hinder. Financial hit tough to come back from.
- .....again...who on earth is thinking of these questions? My lord, please, do some research. Based on how OFTEN they HURT the local economy, I will have to say that. Come on, this is where my tax dollars are going to? Give your head a shake.
- It'll be bad. Montreal might still be paying off Expo 67.
- Hinder! we don't need it.
- YES. This is the biggest concern with all of here. We do not need higher taxes as they are already HIGH... You may think everyone is a billionaire but we aren't. Some are close to living on the street as they sold almost everything they have to help support others before themselves. This is not something to just jump at because we are getting offered. There will be lots of future bids too..
- Hinder. You will raise property taxes on an already stressed community. For what? A few days of glory? DUMB. No.
- "\$1.5B of money the city doesn't have in a rising interest rate environment.
- Partnerships with other levels of government that would be difficult to enforce if circumstances change.
- IOC revenue estimates very likely padded to the upside and no guarantee NHL players will participate."
- It will have no impact or it will affect it negatively. There are many published economic studies that show this conclusively.
- This question is impossible to answer. If the economic impact is positive, it will help. If the economic impact is negative, it will hinder. But your own information that you have provided here admits that it is impossible to predict which of those will come true. My hope would be that a successful games could make Calgary look attractive to industries and investors outside of oil and gas, furthering the goal of a more diverse, sustainable economy. But you have provided no information or data that helps me decide if that would be true or not.
- Would help short term only. 2-5 years
- Obviously looking at the other game starts in the last few years it would hurt Calgary. Use the money for the games towards lowering education costs, students and graduates are drowning.

- Hinder. Those who stand to benefit from the Games are the ones who are already benefiting unevenly. Once again, this is not new information - there are plenty of studies showing that the Olympics are only economically beneficial for the wealthiest people in an industry/community. We must focus our energy on helping people who are underemployed and in precarious positions. Even if some of those people are "lucky enough" get a job during the Olympics, this is not a long term solution to addressing the enduring poverty in this city.
- Future generations will suffer from the Olympic hangover for years to come.
- Hurt in the short term, help in the long. There are large cost up front but I believe we would recoup those plus more in the years following the games with the help of the new infrastructure and tourism.
- Hinder because it would cost so much and take away from other priorities.
- It would be disastrous. Calgary's C-Train system was rushed and delivered too soon without considerable planning that we are still suffering from. Money (that we don't have) would have to be invested into fixing that just to accommodate the influx of people here for the games; it poorly accommodates Calgarians as it is. Calgary, and the province, are already so deep in debt that the thought of hosting the Olympics here seems ludicrous. Sure, there may be a small influx of money during, but then there's the additional cost once they're over of maintaining all the new facilities and structural changes left over from the Games. It is not logical nor feasible; we are still in a recession, and we absolutely cannot afford to get worse. Many Calgarians can no longer afford to buy a home anymore, and it is becoming an increasingly too-expensive-to-live-in city except for the super rich. Hosting the Olympics would only exacerbate this problem. More taxes would have to be paid, which would force many Calgarians to move out of the city just to be able to afford to live.
- There have been a lot of studies that economic impact of that games is not what it was promised. That is a big financial risk for no guarantee of an economic impact.
- Hinder, displacing taxpayer capital into one time events, vanity projects, IOC parties, are wasteful and counter to productive long term economic sustainability.
- Hinder as it would waste lots of money on temporary jobs
- Help! If we aren't going to invest in ourselves how are we ever going to attract outside investment? We need to build a reason to believe in Calgary again.
- The financial burdens of hosting an Olympic Games in Calgary would be borne by Calgary and Canadian taxpayers for years to come. The Federal and Alberta governments are both deeply in debt and should not be adding to that debt by funding what amounts to a 10 day party. This is nothing more than a vanity project the city, province and nation cannot afford.
- Hinder -- the financial risk is huge.
- Some individual company benefits MIGHT be realized during the two week period but overall, the city will not benefit economically. It must be weighed against the immediate AND long-term costs. Olympics do NOT make a city money that can be used for other needs in the future. Venues cost money to be maintained and if sold or "managed" by another party the tax payers are just lining someone else's pockets.
- Hinder. There is no way humanly possible the games will come in on budget. I'm predicting at least a 100% budget overrun. Not including a new sports arena. Taxes will go up further weakening our ability to entice new business to open or move to Calgary.
- Help of course, you have to be a moron to not realize that. If done correctly we can really benefit. As well, oil and gas is not coming back the way it was. We need to diversify our economy here
- No I don't think the short term 2 week boost will put a dent in Calgary's current economic situation
- Short term = more hotel bookings, more restaurant meals but this does not translate into long-term economic gains. Long-term = long term debt that us taxpayers will be stuck with.
- It will hinder which has been proven at all of the olympics prior. No city that hosts has seen the benefits promised. All are saddled with debt
- Hinder. I think the cost outweighs any benefit.
- I think as far as economic, it will help temporarily, prices always increase during such a huge event, because businesses are greedy and take advantage of those paying..some caps should be put on things like ticket sales, food, drink, etc. to ensure people are not gouged, I know easier said than done.
- massive debt will hurt Calgary's future.

- Definitely, it will create more jobs in Calgary and Alberta.
- If we can find a way for visitors to take their time to roam around the city, enjoy what our city can offer then yes it could be beneficial. But if visitors are just rushing from A to B then it wouldn't be. So I think it is very important how well our city can attract those visitors. We also need to consider that our stores can't be overcharged or pricey because it is a turn off for a lot of people. Make it reasonable and yet beneficial.
- It's been proven that it does not benefit the economy
- Taxies to high people wouldn't live in city move outside of it for less taxes increase of rent to pay it would make renting too hard for lower income people
- I don't think that the income derived from hosting the Games would cover the costs of doing the bid and building and upgrading venues
- "Hosting the 2026 Olympics reinforces the sports industry that Calgary has been building for 30 to 40 years, not hosting will kill it. We can't afford to not to host the Olympics, we must continue to support our sports industry. Since I was a little girl I can remember that my dad was angry that our economy was tied to the fluctuations in the price of oil and wheat. I think the Social Credit was in power at the time and he was angry that the government did nothing to diversify our economy. In the 80's probably unknowingly Calgary started an economic diversification of our economy adding a 'sports' and hosting the 88 Olympics was the launch pad. If we don't host the Olympics we are killing our sports industry, and our facilities will continue to deteriorate and fall to waste. It would be irresponsible to let this happen.
- Our legacy from 88 is not the Oval or the ski jump, our legacy from the games is our sports industry, it's our medal count, our recognition as a winter sport leader around the world.
- Calgary's sports industry is not about elite athletes those numbers are small it's about all the people that work in sports medicine, the chiropractors, physio, massage therapist, the sports psychologists who study and search for advances in medical practices. We all benefit from their expertise in advanced medical knowledge. It's about computer sciences, the equipment and technology that goes into the timing equipment as a small example. The major studies in human performance and kinesiology at our universities. We must host the Olympics so these can continue to thrive and stimulate and grow our economy."
- There are a lot of strong opinions on this and an incredible number of research papers discussing it. Hosting the games is not financially sustainable nor viable.
- You mean the higher taxes? I would say that would be a hindrance.
- It may help in the short term but I think that any benefit which would happen (construction etc) would come from crowding out other businesses making similar investments.
- Hinder. Increased taxes will make the city less attractive for company's looking to relocate here.
- Hinder, the increased taxes to fund the games would overburden city residents.
- I think Calgary will be paying for the Olympics forever. It will not enhance the economy for the long term. People will not be able to afford to live in their homes when they will not be able to afford their property taxes.
- Hinder. The potential impact of cost overruns would hurt my property tax bill
- Hinder, hurt and destroy us in the long term. There would be a short term gain in employment opportunities followed by decades of debt.
- Hinder. The costs would by far outweigh any short term or long term benefits. The "visibility" benefit is short lived and greatly exaggerated as with the infrastructure benefits. This is simply an ego / resume enhancement project for the mayor and council. Let them pay for it with their own money!!!
- Hinder. We will never get back the money that is spent. Very few businesses will see any benefit and I will not re-elect any corporate shill who voted yes for these games.
- Hinder. Which large scale Olympic or similar event has ever been delivered to budget and resulted in the projecting incomes? Let's not kid ourselves, this would be a huge cost to the taxpayer. Unless you can secure fixed price bids where the construction firms take on the risks of overruns, all the downside is with the taxpayer.
- Calgary is already "on the map" from the '88 games. I would say that considering the economic times and the fact that Calgary is still recovering from a very bad downturn, hosting the 2016 games will hinder Calgary's future economy. An extra tax burden on a struggling Calgary economy is too much.

- "Do not know. I do not have enough information
- At this point in time, the economic points that are important to me are:
- No increase in ANY tax I am paying right now ( which is excessive already)
- Very rapid return of investment. In order to support this initiative, I would like to see proposals to recover 66-75% of the investment DURING and/or before the actual games.
- Is this unreasonable? I think the current economic environment and the low credibility the city's council has, justifies these requirements."
- I am sure the City would benefit from new construction and jobs... but for a short time compared to being saddled with crushing debt after the Olympics are over.
- hinder! the cost should not be borne by taxpayers, get funding from enterprises who will benefit.
- Hurt. Economy and citizenry are already facing unmanageable tax increases.
- I don't believe that hosting the Olympics again will provide much economic impact. Calgary already hosts international events in multiple sports. I don't believe that we will host much more due to hosting another Olympics.
- Economically this will bring an insurmountable amount of money and business to Calgary - certainly at the time of the games for sure. Hopefully this will increase future tourism and investment in this city as well.
- Definitely help
- TBD. Past experience has shown economic benefit to Calgary but recent games in other countries have shown games were economic fails. Why would Calgary buck the recent trend!
- Without cost overruns it will help; otherwise will hinder
- Dubious at best. There are cheaper more effective ways to stimulate the economy. Like free transit
- This process has been a mess and has already cost millions. We would be adding debt for all levels of government. We get stuck with the bill.
- Economic benefits overstated. Previous Olympics show no significant long term impact. If anything it hurt in Vancouver where the overseas purchase of homes as investment property is leading to young families moving away.
- Will definitely hinder. The tax implications alone are frightening.
- The city has enough unfunded infrastructure projects to spend money on. We do not need the expense of an Olympic games.
- I am concerned about the costs of the games and whether or not the city will go into debt from them. I doubt that the financial benefits of hosting will outweigh the economic costs long term.
- The potential risk of cost will not help Calgary's future. We can be sure that there will not be any NHL hockey players involved until a new arena for NHL games is in place. The new arena is not in the proposal and ticket sales will be marginalized. The costs and potential cost overruns do not substantiate the risk.
- HHHHHHHNNNNDDDDDEEEERRRRRRR. I'm gonna sound like a broken record.
- "Hinder with a high cost and likely overruns at a poor time for AB
- Oil not moving without a pipeline means no money in AB"
- We will spend way more than we get back
- Hinder. While the Olympics may bring in some revenue, it takes people and their money out of the regular (local pub for example) economy. In addition, the IOC siphons all of the money out of the country and is EXTREMELY corrupt.
- Hinder - based on factors required to maintain infrastructure, as well as net cost to the tax payer. Unless the Taxpayer will see the ROI/NPV back in their pocket (i.e. if the \$2.2B taxpayer funding will be directly returned following the games)
- We will be in debt for years!!!!
- Hinder. If Calgary is overburdened with debt, we won't have funding for other projects.
- Hinder, we are in a recession, focus on keeping costs down for citizens
- The amount of money made would not overcome the costs
- Hinder. Too expensive e.
- Neutral.

- I think hosting the games would be of tremendous economic benefit to this city because of the dollars it would bring to the city for years to come in many future events.
- It would help, because it would bring in tourism dollars, it would encourage visitors from within Canada, and the venues would continue to host world-championship caliber events well into the future.
- Hinder, we will be paying off the debt for generations, the cost of servicing the debt is going to get worse.
- with the current economic state of the city, province and country I see that spending the taxpayers money required to host these games as a politician's folly. There has to be a stronger economy, more international investment and support to the whole economy so that there is a taxpayer base to pay for this political folly.
- Infrastructure provided for the Olympic games is often not included in the projected cost if it is not directly included, including massive projects. I lived in Vancouver during the Olympics in 2010 and these games diverted funding from projects that were actually important economically (such as Highway 1 expansion) to roads such as the Sea-to-Sky, which provides recreational access, but is not nearly as fundamentally important as other projects. The Olympics are also used to bundle projects that aren't immediately required or desired into an omnibus spending package.
- Hinder - Olympics typically do not make a profit. Even if we were to win the bid, Calgary would not be better off.
- Help
- Hinder. Our economy is pretty bad right now with so many people out of jobs and the ones working struggling to pay high property taxes, high utilities costs, increasing food cost, car & home costs.
- Ultimately it o be a good thing for the city and our economy.
- Help - the focus on Calgary will reflect the best of the city and surrounding area. Will definitely attract business as well as job creation
- Just makes things worse for the people that live her 360 days of the year
- Hinder. The tax payers paying for it would not be recieving any of the benefits. Or very few.
- Hinder. We are struggling in Calgary. Many people are out of work. Having to increase taxes to pay for this event should not even be a thought until we have recovered from this downturn.
- Will bring some short term economic benefits to Calgary business.
- Negative economic impact - the costs will overwhelm the potential gains.
- It will hinder because without a detailed plan of the bid the debt that will be incurred will overwhelm any good.
- Hinder. We currently don't have the capacity to support sufficient transit, low-cost housing, adequate snow removal and so on. We don't need to add another layer of debt and maintenance to the budget for a short-term event.
- Three of the City's long-term goals are economic opportunity, social development, and cultural enrichment - there many other MUCH cheaper ways to contribute to these goals with a much bigger impact on Calgarians.
- I think the economic impact could provide a huge benefit to Calgary through investment in business and infrastructure. I think this can provide Calgary with an opportunity to diversify its business investment portfolio, which is what Calgary desperately needs.
- Potential economic impacts are so overstated How come no one is mentioning the inflated prices on everything, long, long line ups, can't find tickets, travel all over the province for an hour or two of entertainment The people heading this sham were not here in 1988 I remember bare ski hills, plus 18 degree chinooks, too poor for tickets Wake up Riddled with debt for many years, passing debt onto children, No thanks
- It would help it because the Olympics are a big event and the changes needed for it would help Calgary. For example, a better more modern transit system and new facilities. Calgary is already a hub for high performance athletes and this would help them immensely as well
- The Games will just add more debt and as a result increased taxes to the home owner and small businesses.
- The cost to upgrade facilities and ensure the environment was not harmed would greatly outweigh the boost the games would bring to the city. We already encourage tourism with the stampede, why bring another Olympic games to the city when we have another much more affordable option?
- Hinder, funds diverted to the Olympics would be better spent on Facilities everyone can use and afford.
- Hinder. The overall costs for building venues ect. Will be far more than predictions as per usual. In the long run it'll be taxpayers left holding the bag that the majority of us do NOT want
- Hinder

- IF, and only if, the Games result in new facilities and infrastructure to build for the Calgary of the future, then it will help. If the bid remains as is, that is trying to do everything on the cheap, then all we'll have at the end is the fact that we hosted a games and a few better facilities, but not much. If that is the case then we've only helped to legitimize a possibly corrupt IOC.
- Definitely hinder- we do not even have the money to plow the roads in the winter, the province is running a deficit. We have hosted before and other countries should have the chance
- The games are not known to be profitable.
- We are in a recession, where do you think the money will come from? Us taxpayers really are not ATM's,
- Hinder, <https://youtu.be/U-rBxNHd2fl>
- This depends on how the games are run. It is possible to make this profitable.
- Hinder. Paying too much taxes as it is!
- We cannot afford this.
- No. The Economic Multiplier effect is exaggerated. The Olympics have no long term economic benefits based on the costs to host. Thirty million to a study and market a bid is a joke.
- It's 2 weeks. Not with 5 billion in costs.
- Help
- Hinder. The city can't afford this. It's the wrong time with us only just coming out of the decline. No one has said how we can make money out of the deal. When I see a detailed proposal of exactly how it will improve our economy I'll consider it. But just saying high level terms like "tourism", "affordable housing" and "jobs" isn't good enough. Tell us exactly what facts you're basing that on because previous Olympic cities have not hugely profited from any of those things
- Hinder. Our provincial government and Calgary city leaders are discouraging new business, and new industries by constantly increasing taxes and making it more difficult to do business. This past year we have lost several long established business because they could not afford to do business in Calgary. Please give your head a shake!!!
- I fail to see how some nice kids winning gold metals equates to someone deciding to bring their hot tech startup to a town that can barely even keep the roads clear
- It will help a small portion of Calgary: hospitality industry will see the biggest impact but they will gouge the visitors just like the very year during stampede.
- High performance sport is an industry that was created by the 1988 Games. We want to diversify the economy - sport brings athletes from all over the world to live and train in Calgary. It also brings fans to this city.
- Biased question.
- It won't help the blue collar worker or the stay at home mom
- Hinder. The Olympics will become a giant money out that will take years to crawl out of. We are just getting back in our feet. Let's not ruin it.
- Massive overruns in Costa burdening future generations
- There is the huge uncertainty in the economy and not the time for financial risk...especially when numbers have not been disclosed.
- Hurt Calgary. There is only a short term economic gain for a few. Long term the city loses
- It will hinder us enormously. The olympics with one exception have ALWAYS cost the host city- they are not profitable. This is only going to get worse due to the need for an extraordinary amount of security in this day and age. Tourism alone will not recoup our losses.
- Hinder. Massive debt offloaded to citizens in higher taxes benefits no one
- The cost is too high and unpredictable. The IOC needs a better sharing model.
- It's a massive hinder to our economic future. Recent hosts from the games have always lost money, ended up with unused facility, and stuck with massive bills
- Hinder, Olympics will be a brutal distraction for long term city health
- Waste of money.
- Hinder. We are going to be stuck with the tax bill from this vanity project.
- "If it is shown with costing analysis that Calgary/other others of government would be left with a massive debt, then this CANNOT go forward.

- I don't believe we would have quite the financial legacy like we had in '88. If the financing makes sense and doesn't leave Calgary/other others of government is massive amounts of debt, then yes, the bid will be worth it for all the spin off activity brought about from it (construction, employment, tourism, reputation etc)"
- "I think the benefits are being massively overstated with regard to attracting future business investment to the City. Hosting the Olympics seems like buying a fancy car in an attempt to impress people you don't even know. I feel that living within our means and having a fiscally-responsible government sounds boring, but that is what truly shows people we are smart and know what we're doing. Competence is what matters to investors, not fancy parties. Right now the city is doing its best to demonstrate the opposite.
- Furthermore, nothing about the Olympics promotes a long-term tourism boost. Seriously, when was the last time you picked a holiday destination based on its left-over Olympic infrastructure?"
- Hinder: If the Games were really an economic boost then Cities would be queuing up to apply!
- Hinder - the amount of debt the city will be in will be too great
- Help. Global exposure can bring in new investment. Look at what happened after the '88 Games when Al Duerr travelled the world seeking investment and partnerships. We need to transition away from natural resources (eventually) and this is an excellent opportunity to do so.
- It would help boost our economy and increase tourism and investment. It would put us on a world stage but it must be done right. Having events in Whistler and Edmonton goes against this. If we are to invest in the games, we should be able to reap the benefits, not share these benefits with Whistler and Edmonton!
- Hinder. I dont feel the economy is doing well enough, and the added strain of putting the games on. There is not enough Corporate affluence to generate enough help in covering costs
- Calgary does not need to be put 'on the global economic map' - we're already there. There is no reason to believe the economic benefits to most local businesses (not including developers and other corporations that will experience subsidized benefits from an Olympic Games) will outweigh the additional costs they will bear.
- The games will see an increase in tourism which will greatly benefit the economic landscape of Calgary due to the increase in foreign currency being spent on Canadian goods and services. With the olympic and paralympic games Alberta will receive increased international exposure and there is opportunity for increased revenues for all businesses and lead to a prosperous economy beyond the games.
- Hinder. No new arena or stadium would be a wasted opportunity. Proposed venues not enough for spend.
- I think it would help the economy with the extra tourism that would come to the city for the games but it would hurt as well with the increase in taxes and debt the city would take on for the games.
- Hinder. Too much money.
- Hinder as it will leave a large debt thereby reducing money to be spent in much needed areas of our economy.
- Hinder. It would take forever for taxpayers to cover the final cost. Olympic concept is obsolete mostly due to the cost of security. Welcome to the 21st century
- Hinder.
- Lol ..... seriously there is a reason all the other cities are dropping out. The investments never translate to large permanent change to the economy.
- Help. Brining I'm so many people will be great for Calgary businesses
- The economic impact would be short lived
- May help tourism if nothing goes wrong. Unlikely to draw new industry besides tourism and sports. Perhaps sports if less important than funding education, medicine and research.
- Likely boost short term, long term would be detrimental, given the current tax level, and sink of huge amounts of tax dollars into single-use infrastructure and sporting complexes, that will be beyond the current needs of Calgary citizens.
- Hinder. We would spend far more than we receive
- This would be a huge hinder. This will cripple our economy for years to come. From the research I've done there are countries who have done the games in the last few years who are still in financial trouble. P
- I love austerity...don't you :( Fuckface?

- Let's add on more debt that will cripple us for years to come, shall we? No one ever stays "under budget" for these things, and it will just cost us more money than it would ever make us.
- Hinder. It costs way too much. If we need affordable housing then you could have used the bid exploration money to put toward affordable housing.
- Over rated
- Hinder. It will just add to debt and take away from other uses.
- I only see evidence of proposed negative impacts. Negative impact is bad for calgary.
- It must help the economy of Calgary.
- Hinder, taxes will rise for years to come
- Not enough calgarians would benefit
- It would put us on the map once again and encourage tourism and investment in Calgary, which will help our future.
- Hinder. Will cost too much and taxpayers will be paying for it for years. Our energy industry is being suffocated. We need to focus on developing our resources.
- As soon as it will be over the business will start closing. One by one. Unemployment will be back to a all time high. City will be reeling from over spending. Locals will suffer. City hall does not have the priorities to run it like a business and turn a profit and help the locals and city with that money with tax cuts. More facilities. Instead they will over tax the locals and people will start leaving the province. We are barely making it with the economy right now. It has been 4 years of rough markets. City hall needs to see that. The oil money is gone. We need to lead in other things now.
- Waste of tax dollars
- I think this project will put the city in debt.
- Hinder. The only ones making money off of the Olympics are hotels and restaurants. The taxpayer will end up footing the bill.
- The future debt would hinder Calgary economic growth
- Hinder, by reducing funding available for other economic and development programs, and shifting the focus away from sectors and industries needed to grow the economy. Many of the benefits of hosting the games are to the service sector, which is not where economic growth primarily resides. Increased jobs in security, Transit, snow clearing, ticket takers, Etc. Are low skill, low-wage jobs that do not grow the city's economy the same way that skilled, high paying professional jobs do.
- Hinder. More civic debt. More unaffordable taxes
- Neither
- Definitely hinder Calgary's future. There are lot more other issues to contend with first.
- HINDER, way too expensive
- Having more corporations behind the Olympics would be a boost that would help.
- It could hinder Calgarians if the cost is going to be much more than we expect.
- Short term gain for local businesses, eg restaurants, taxis, hotels that is not offset by tax increases to cover costs associated with hosting the Games. Only big winners are going to be the professional sports team owners who negotiate a lease with the city for the facilities after the Games - at taxpayer expense.
- The games would significantly hurt the economy of this city, where the citizens do not need massive tax increases for our future generations. City should focus on long term priorities for the city, not just a short term popularity gain.
- Calgary did successfully make money at their last Olympics but I don't see this happening in today's economy and the infrastructure costs will outweigh the generated income.
- As stated above for the reasons I have stated, i think the costs will far outweigh the benefits
- Hinder. The Olympic Games benefit the tourism industry for a short period but overall they are a money loser as has been proven over and over and over again.
- too many facts have been hidden to answer this question. Do we want to be another Montreal and our grand children will still be paying for it.
- Short term money in the city from Tourism will help but I don't see a long term benefit. The focus should be on long term investment attraction and filling our downtown vacancies not 17 days of athletics.
- Help! Not just during the games, but fir many years after, tourist and athletes from all over the world would contribute come.

- Possible benefits are not likely to outweigh the costs, and are vague at best
- The construction industry would love it but where do they go once completed
- Hinder. Spending billions of taxpayer dollars (whether provincial, municipal or federal) on a fleeting ego-bath for Nenshi is beyond ridiculous. I will be contributing to, and working to defeat anyone on city council who supports this at the next election.
- Short term for everyone, long term will only benefit the wealthy.
- One 10 day event will not radically change Calgary's future. Do not spend on an event which has been shown to cause massive debt.
- Vancouver is a prime example hosting Olympic games can benefit a city.
- Balancing the cost benefits, I think there will be a greater economic benefit than simply dollars and cents. It provides notoriety and a chance to draw people here. In the time between now and the games it will give Calgarians a platform to showcase the transformation of an oil city without oil.
- Hinder
- Long term these games will have no lasting economic benefit to the city. The city will not make money from these games as has been shown time and time again after economic analysis of host cities.
- Hinder
- Legacy Infrastructures and jobs.
- I do not think the economic gains are even close to covering the costs!
- Help, road ways really need to be upgraded.
- Bring so many tourists to the Calgary and entice them to return
- Temporarily we'd see a boost to construction and engineering jobs, but it's not long-term and it's only beneficial to some very specific industries.
- I don't think there will be much benefit except for corporations. The average calgarian won't see any benefit - quite the opposite with a tax hike to pay the bills.
- I don't want Calgary to be ridden with debt with a foreseeable future like Montreal. I am sure a few selected will benefit from the Olympic, but I don't think it will benefit the City. The City is not forthcoming in the cost budget, if the city needs to hide something from its citizens, I am not sure we should go ahead.
- Higher costs of civic necessities would overburden most taxpayers, resulting in reduced spending in future years.
- Well we will just spend money that we hope to get or better yet we will borrow the money. We would rather spend the money in interest then wait till we have money for a project. Spend the money on an arena, stadium that should be paid for by the rich athletes and owners. Make sure we have so much debt that we will never see the light at the other end of the tunnel. Yup! Mayor wants a party he and the admin people that think they are entitled to a few days of fun and the rest of us are left to pick up the tab. Why am I even bothering with this form. It has been decided, wish I had the money to move.
- Hinder - money spent here is pure debt. There is little to no chance of breaking even on costs. The legacy becomes even more debt for the taxpayer and future generations.
- No long term benefits that would show a substantial R.O.I.
- Help. We have an opportunity to diversify.
- Hinder! We can not afford the debt this will cause, not to mention the impact on businesses. The extra traffic, people and events will make it difficult for many business to run and that impacts working. Just look at Vancouver. Many business closed during the Olympics. That's several weeks of no income and no benefit to those business. And the tax dollars we have already wasted on this is outrageous.
- Likely hinder. The games have historically lost money, this would result in greater burdens on taxpayers than not hosting.
- It would appear that potential and probable over runs will only hurt Calgary's economy. They will only make our inability to provide health care, upgrade our crumbling school infrastructure, and keep up with city infrastructure and provide jobs to our struggling citizens that much harder. Society and business are not in the financial or social position they were in leading up to the 88 games.
- "AGAIN, PRIOR TO WINNING THE 88 BID, ALL THAT WAS REITERATED THROUGH THE MEDIA AND TAXPAYERS WAS THAT WE WOULD BE ON THE HOOK FOR MILLIONS - JUST LIKE MONTREAL. NO ONE COULD SEEM TO GET PAST IT

UNTIL WE HOSTED THE MOST PROFITABLE GAMES IN WINTER OLYMPIC HISTORY WITH MONEY TO SPARE. ALL NEW FACILITIES WERE BUILT AND WE WERE NOT IN DEBT DESPITE THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AT THE TIME. NOW WE HAVE THE SAME NAYSAYERS BLOWING IT ALL OUT OF PROPORTION AGAIN AND WE ARE BASICALLY IN THE SAME TYPE OF ECONOMY WITH LESS FACILITIES TO BE BUILT FOR IT AND A POPULATION OF OVER TWICE THE SIZE TO SUPPORT IT.

- THE BENEFITS - TOURISM, NEW BUSINESS, POTENTIAL FUTURE WORLD CLASS EVENTS AND OF COURSE, POSSIBLE NEW CALGARIANS MAKING THIS THEIR HOME. NO HARM, ONLY BENEFITS."
- The Olympics would likely stimulate the local economy, but not enough to offset the inevitably increased taxes to pay off the staggering debt that will be accumulated once costs exceed those forecasted.
- Definitely hinder
- "Key word to this question is Future. The games again qualify as a hindrance economically - in every way possible in the long term. Short term, I will argue the boosted tourism and publicity for Calgary will be incredible. But after the 2 weeks pass and the IOC has profited largely at our expense - who is left holding the tab. Calgarians. We will not benefit from what will likely be a billion dollar expenditure updating infrastructure and facilities that are so specific with no general use. Spending on security that exceeds what our City probably spends in 5 years for 2 week... Every summer and winter host for the past 100 years seems to have been left in the lurches with bad debt resulting from the games. Sure Calgary WAS an exception but it seems like the security budget for today's games will be more than the total budget for the games then.
- City council isn't doing its part in boosting the Calgary economy. They spend money on useless make work projects like this and tell its people what they're doing is good for the bottom line. We don't need to be paying for Mayor Nenshi's "grand moment" or what he likely feels will immortalize him in our history books.
- If the city, the province and our leaders cannot guarantee a positive return on investment both in the short term and long term - this is bad business. Each councilman/woman and person pushing forward in the government should be equally & personally responsible for any bad debt resulting from this "grand notion". I'm sure that if this was a condition, there would be no commentary and our "bid" would be rescinded... we need to hold our politicians and ELECTED officials accountable --- remember, you guys and gals work for us, so you're responsible to produce the results we want."
- Hinder.
- The costs would saddle Calgary with an economic burden that taxpayers would be left paying for years to come. The cost estimates currently being put forth by the City of Calgary are extremely unreliable and the information being put forward in the so called community engagement is biased toward hosting the games.
- It would probably help.
- Hinder. Too much of a strain on the taxpayers
- Hinder - tax payers will not see benefits - businesses will
- Vancouver is regretting their games as a loss to taxpayers, tourism didn't even noticeably increase. Plus they weren't coming out of an economic slump and it took their larger economy four years to pay off their debts. This is not what our city needs right now, we have so many more pressing issues, and those of us who pay taxes sorely need a break, not to be squeezed even further. Leave this be, focus on something that will actually support the needs of the people.
- Hinder - I just don't see many positive economic impacts.
- Wasting tax dollars on something we don't need is a dumb decision. No Olympics in recent memory have been profitable.
- This is the chief reason for my lack of support. The cost will be substantially higher than we have been told. Only a fool would think that the security budget is realistic. How could we possibly spend less than Vancouver did 16 years later. Inflation alone would account for a huge increase, but the political situation in the world has not gotten better so I have to believe that this is an attempt to soft peddle. If we are being manipulated in this area, I find the entire proposal suspect. Since I can see clearly that the mayor and council clearly have an agenda, they are not credible either. The reality is that it is we the taxpayer that will bear the burden and I can't trust the messengers or the message.

- A two week event will have no appreciable effect on the Economy as only the wealthy and connected will profit from the games
- there is no reasonable positive economic impact for Calgary.
- N/A
- Hinder - the potential return far outways the real cost to Calgarians and Albertans. What is the total expected cost to the taxpayers. Why is this being withheld from us?
- Hinder - A great deal.
- It may bring a little more income to the city of Calgary and surrounding areas (Banff, etc) but our city is also doing fine without any more immigrants planning to move here!
- Hinder: higher tax load, higher cost of living means Calgary is a less attractive place for businesses.
- The Olympics will benefit only the high income groups. People like me, a senior, will not be able to afford tickets to any venue but I'll be asked to pay my full share so rich people can have their fun.
- Hinder.
- The tourism aspect would be great, it would bring the world to our door step again
- hinder - taxes may have to increase to cover cost over-runs
- Hinder. Spend the money on improving economic opportunities that are transferable, long term and sustainable. Ones that will support the transition to a new local green economy.
- Well would there be \$3 Billion dollars of economic impact? I doubt it. Hey, what would the economic impact be if you divided \$3 Billion dollars and gave it to Calgarians? Probably much more of an impact and no risk of cost overruns.
- I am afraid that existing limited resources could be diverted from more pressing needs toward Olympic needs. Although second use or other indirect effects would increase the usefulness of assets created for the Olympics, I do not believe that it could equate the benefits of design-for-effect projects that probably could best be tailored to actual needs.
- Definitely Hinder
- Just too high of a cost to bid. There are so many calgarians out of work, unable to feed their families. Not where our money should go. Stop wasting the money collected from tax payers on this. Be more responsible with out money.
- It may help but at what cost? My kids' kids will be paying for the overages. There are heighten security requirements. No one in crowds should feel safe with anything less. That's not cheap. IOC is feeding the hungry with their lies...let's chat about IOC or those drug performing enhancements...no. Just say no.
- There will be no effect on the GDP because public spending will be displaced from other areas of the province and country. As for tourism benefits, a post hoc study of the Vancouver Games showed they didn't even provide a significant tourism boost in the year they were held.
- we will be left with massive debt for a two week party
- Only the already rich will benefit from this, further increasing economic inequality.
- Hinder at first, but I trust the influx of tourism and investment will help in the end.
- just more debt...no good economic impact except free tickets for government officials and their friends
- Definitely help. Jobs, tourism, costs to Calgarians would be largely funded by Province, Federal and IOC. What would the costs be to Calgary taxpayers to build much needed facilities and improvements to existing facilities if we don't host the Olympics and we have to spend the money on our own without the funding from other sources. This should be made very clear to the No side. These costs will be incurred at some point in time anyways. Improvements to the old facilities have to be done and the field house and new arena are necessary. Why not piggyback on outside funding (\$1 spent by Calgarians brings in \$9 from other sources - IOC, Federal, Provincial and ticket revenues). The actual cost to Calgarians could be much higher if we build the facilities and make the improvements on our own dollar. Calgary would be spending the anticipated \$500 million cost on the fieldhouse and new stadium alone. Aside from the needed improvements to existing facilities and low income housing. If we don't host the Olympics will Calgarians also get to vote whether we need a new field house or stadium on our own dime?
- Hinder in the long run as we assumed increased taxes or lose services due to restricted budget to pay off costs at all government levels
- In the end it will make no difference.

- I don't feel there will be a positive economic impact of the games, with the Olympics being known for cost overruns and long term costs that don't reap the rewards that people think.
- Long term positive impact through job creation now and ongoing access to world class facilities and increased tourism after.
- Should costs exceed projections, who is on the hook for that?
- Economic impacts will probably be negative, as funds will be diverted from other important projects, and taxes will be higher making life less affordable in Calgary
- If the Games are well managed and the financial accounting is transparent the economic impact should be positive
- It should provide an economic boost, but a government funded one.
- The games used to bring positive tourism that had lasting impact. I don't feel that is any longer the case. I feel the spending would be rushed and result in poorly thought out designs, plans, and wastes spaces and artifacts that the local community is left on the hook to pay for without very little return.
- Almost all Olympic games are a huge loss. The economic "benefits" only affect a select few. Our roads and other public facilities get worn, costing the local taxpayers more. I doubt that was taken into account for the few games that apparently didn't lose money.
- I'm sure it would help, but we have no way of knowing. The risk of spending billions of dollars for an economic boost in 10 years doesn't help our city right now.
- Since our economy is already in a fragile state I do not think that the Games would be helpful, especially since all games in recent years have ended up costing much more than expected.
- Hinder. Short-lived burst (construction and then hosting) but the drawbacks of each of these (ie construction = my comments in Q3, and hosting = my comments in Q2) outweighs this completely. NOT worth the cost.
- I think it will hinder our future. We are looking at a tremendous amount of money (even with all the government contributions) that taxpayers will have to pay and it could amount to much more than anticipated with the rising cost of everything over the years before the Olympics. This will affect money which we need for the everyday running and future upkeep of our city. People are still hurting in this city and many people are still having a hard time keeping their homes and feeding their families. To spend money on something that those people will not benefit from is disgraceful and our priorities are not where they should be.
- Hinder. You need to spend this money on Calgary now.
- Depends on how the planners treat public money - can they be trusted to spend the money like they earned it through hard work themselves, or are they going to gamble with other people's tax dollars like they won the lottery? We need highly accountable people involved with controlling the budget and carefully auditing of expenditures so waste and excess don't occur. Money needs to be spent in very tangible ways, and people need to see value for their tax dollar long after the games end. We also need a huge army of volunteers to keep labour costs lower.
- I fall right in the middle of this. Over the two weeks, the economic impact would most certainly help the city of Calgary. However, it's the time after the Olympics that I am less sure about. The City Council naively seems to think that the good times will forever roll once the Olympics happen, but the more realistic approach is that it will most likely move back to business as usual. Again, crippling debt as the Olympics end with a fraction of the economic impact that is forecasted, and from there, the Olympics will be considered as a failure.
- If the facilities are constructed for future use, Probably as part of colleges, then yes. If no future planning is guaranteed, then it will be an albatross
- Maybe help some private businesses in the short term but not the general economy
- Hinder- Businesses whom regularly sponsor/support local events/Charities will spend it on Olympics, increase in taxes businesses already are complaining of high taxes, just had an increase in min. wages too!
- It will help boost the economy
- The cost of debt servicing will affect generations to come. Increased taxes to service the debt will place Calgary at a competitive disadvantage.
- I'm concerned that Calgary could be left with a huge deficit at a time when we hopefully are coming out of a the worst recession we have ever seen and this liability could set us back to 2015-2018 times.
- I think it would help the economic development of the city as long as the new building can be used right after the Olympics are over. We have to be smart about it.

- Hinder - you are wasting taxpayer money on something with no lasting effects.
- Help. Tourism would jump and it would increase our world exposure.
- Would be a positive on the economy
- "First of \$5.3 billions is a joke
- Call it \$10
- Then based on this of course it is going to destroy our future!!!
- When you are nearly bankrupt you dont throw yourself a giant party that you can't afford!!!"
- Be great for local business
- Hinder the cities who host the games always end up in the red
- Put the city in debt more to potentially benefit the fees back pockets brown envelopes spring to mind.
- Citizens will bear the brunt of the costs with little to gain.
- This one is one where I don't think it will hinder the Economy but it won't help either. The tourism and exposure will be a boost but it will be negated by the clean-up costs
- Hinder - paying enough taxes as it is (highest in Canada). WE CANNOT AFFORD THE GAMES.
- I think the economic impact is a positive aspect to Calgary hosting the games. It could open Calgary up to new and exciting opportunities to replace O&G.
- The debt incurred will cripple the economy.
- flash in the pan, we need to increase our overall value proposition
- While it may create short term employment and economic impact, the costs to the taxpayers is severely under represented and is a huge burden on a city already in debt.
- The massive debt would be unconscionable. All recent Games have lost money. New venues from these Games are being torn down. How can anyone in good conscience support this when there is so much more needed to provide for our City over the long term than being in the limelight for a couple of weeks. These are not good times. With the immediacy of modern technology we can find other means for bringing attention, trade, tourists and money to our City than hosting a Games that has lost its focus and meaning. The Games are an embarrassment, and definitely an embarrassment that we do not need.
- Previous Experience of other Olympic cities suggests the economic benefit is overstated
- "It is an unnecessary risk to the city's international reputation, wich is relatively good now (yes, we are in an economic slump due to oil going down, but we continue to be listed as one of the most livable cities in the world)
- The games are a drain on economic resources, and now they do not have the moral validation they had last time that Calgary hosted them."
- No, it would not help the economy. Paying interest on loans is always wasted money
- Hinder due to the excessive spending.
- Hinder
- Predicting investment is an impossible thing to do, so it's ultimately uncertain if the Games will bring long term economic fortune to Calgary or if it will just be a constant money-pit.
- Temporarily help but in the long term hinder. It will temporarily increase the economy and then it will all come crashing down when ticket sales don't go as anticipated.
- Help, but I worry about tax payers bearing the expense for the benefit of business. The many pay, but few benefit. It is one thing to pay for, say, a new hospital which is a circumstance where we all benefit. And, yes, I appreciate the net benefit if businesses do well for the overall tax bottom line. Still ...
- It may give a short term boost, but I'm deeply concerned about the long term and paying this off. I don't feel our economy is currently strong enough - municipally, provincially, or federally.
- No. There may be a short term uptick, but once the games are over, the world has a short memory.
- I LOVE redundant questions! NOT WORTH IT!!!

- The olympics no longer bring it that many people from the outside. Again the image of the olympics has changed. Hosting is no longer a driver for economic growth, it might have been when people looked at the Olympics differently. The olympics now are not the olympics of 88. this needs to be taken into account.
- Hinder, while the Olympics will cause an uptick during the games, that's all. The 1988 Olympics did not have a lasting positive economic impact on Calgary in the years following.
- No info
- Hinder - we will be paying for a long time.
- Hinder. Cost have show to be a burden, requiring many years to recover.
- Hinder, due to the costs not clearly being presented and really how much is this going increase our taxes, can we really afford this right now?
- It will stimulate jobs in the short term but am not sure about the lasting effects. It has not worked that recently for othe cities hosting the olympics
- "The debt will further cripple the economy, I pay a lot of taxes to the City, Province and Federal Governments and money any level of government spends on things we do not need just adds to the debt our children, their children and grandchildren will be crippled with. We will become a Greece, yes they held an Olympics a few years ago, it sure revived their economy didn't they!!
- I have visited over 50 countries since the 1988 Olympics only ONCE has anybody identified Calgary as a former Olympic City. The impact is grossly exaggerated by proponents who live in a bubble of elite athletes who benefit from bankrupting the rest of us and are clueless about the needs of everyday citizens. Why do 99% of the taxpayers have to pay billions so a few large hotel chains, restaurants and airlines reap huge profits and gouge Calgarians with huge price increases.
- This whole process has been rigged from the start, no critical thinkers only boosters or those with a vested interest in games going ahead on committee."
- Hindr, costs to provide the olympics will far exceed any income no
- HINDER. It has no long term benefit. Calgary should focus on revitalizing its economy not go after unicorns.
- Hinder. I do not believe that the costs and overruns, which I do not believe we can adequately control regardless of what the contractors say, can be over come to benefit us economically even in the very long run.
- Hinder people in Calgary
- This is the big issue - I can't see why the city, province and country would want to spend more money on something that will have little long term effect financially. We are already struggling to pay the bills, why go into further debt? This make no sense.
- Long term this will be a major help to the city. By up grading it's old infrastructure aka sports facilities
- Economically it is a no brainer for the short term. However Calgary will have a big hangover, when the party is done !
- Hinder. The risk of a negative economic impact is far greater than a potential positive economic impact. Calgary needs to use its resources for its citizens and for building Green infrastructure, before using it for the low potential benefit of a small percentage of its citizens.
- Hinder, I don't want to spend any money on this
- Huge hindrance. The city has been too secretive about all the potential costs. Olympic games routinely cost a lot more in the end than projected. We have enough debt here and my property taxes are high enough. I don't need to add to that burden. Especially in tough economic times when downtown vacancy is over 30% and employment is still suffering.
- Debt helps no one. This will affect young families and the lower middle income most. Council says they care about all of their citizens. If this is the case why would we be talking about increased taxes for year for a 2 week party.
- It will hinder as we will be paying for a non revenue generating expense and the debt it comes with the home owners will see increase in property taxes, some can already not afford.
- It will hinter Calgary by putting us into debt right when we've just recovered from two bad recessions in a row.
- Hinder if you read my last responses
- Hinder. Horribly hinder. Our city, provincial, and federal governments already can not hold themselves fiscally responsible, so this would be an economic train wreck for Calgary for decades.

- "We are not in any fiscal shape to host the Olympics. The City was prosperous in the 80's. We are not in that position now. Downtown has a large vacancy issue, which reflects the state of our economy.
- People are trying to find work, it's slowly improving but not enough to make it worthwhile."
- HINDER. Calgary needs to diversify its economy badly. Projections suggest that Alberta will have a shortage of technology workers by 2026. I work in technology and from a talent perspective, that shortage is already here. We also need to invest in encouraging/attracting people to the Human services sector as well as planning for a future where, by conservative estimates, 30% of retail jobs will be eliminated in the next 8 years and the transportation sector will likely be significantly impacted as well. This distraction just encourages investment in sectors that are dying or poised for dramatic shift, leaving Calgarians completely hung out to dry.
- Hinder most citizen with the exception of a few large contracting firms (and some short term employment).
- NO. Costs are too uncertain. Believe they may outweigh any benefits
- It would help. The '88 Games left a lasting impact on our city and brought us out of economic hardship.
- Will not help. Will pull us deeper into debt like Montreal. IOC offer of \$900 million is very small. It is extremely important to understand IOC does NOT care about host city's economic long-term survival. They wish to be feted during Olympics by host (this is how the European organizations work) and leave.
- Hinder. Calgary is struggling right now and this will put people further behind
- It would be a short term gain, not a long term plan for diversification and stability for the city
- Other than a 10 day spike in hotel room prices and restaurant wait line the impact will be negligible when compared to the cost of future debt servicing for a 2 week party for the rich and famous leaving the average Joe the dregs.
- Will impact the common man
- It's nice to think that the games will bring economic surety to Calgary, but the reality of that is that this will be very short lived. Our people need help now, not in 2026. Is it worth it to provide 'work' for 2 weeks while our city is in dismay now?
- Hinder - anyone who has a basic level of understanding of economics knows there is not a substantial economic impact and that cost over runs will decimate us in the long run
- I wish I knew. Obviously it brings in a lot of tourism dollars during the event but who benefits from that? Just the hospitality industry. I also like the idea of the games leading to more affordable housing.
- Hinder
- I cannot see that the Games will help our economy at all. We have so many issues to resolve. People coming to the Games will not fill vacant office space or create permanent jobs. We will spend far more money than we will ever make back. Things were very different in 1988!
- Hard to know. Right now, we're in a bad spot economically; in 2026, who knows where we'll be? My vote would be to take the plunge now and plan to be healthy economically in 2016.
- Hinder
- In the short term. Leading up to and during. Nothing afterwards
- Help, short term we are spending on infrastructure to create jobs, long term we are promoting the tourism industry of our area.
- It would create jobs in our city, even temporarily, which would have a positive impact on our economy.
- Help - all the reasons of legacy already stated
- "The potential economic impact from a Games should help YYC and YYC's future, however, our family believes the impact is significantly muted by the current proposal and may not be worth the expense. We support a bolder vision for a YYC Games which would include leveraging the offered contribution (\$500 million) of Calgary Sports and Entertainment corporation toward a Calgary Next-type of project, The relocation of the Victoria Park Bus Barns site for initially athlete/games personnel accommodation and after the Games higher end condo-type dwelling maximizing the value (in the long run property taxes of that and adjacent sites) of such a prime site along the Elbow river and full development and build out/expansion of the BMO Centre at Stampede park to accommodate Games related logistics and media for the Games and make YYC North American competitive for hosting convention, trade shows, etc.
- It seems clear to our family members that simply updating existing facilities may have economic impacts related to the updates but the likelihood of generating INCREMENTAL lasting impacts is little to nil. A bolder vision, albeit at a

high cost (but better leveraged with higher private sector contributions), holds significantly greater promise long term incremental economic benefits to YYC."

- Hinder
- It's hard to say where the economy is going right now- even one of the risks says it's hard to tell what the benefits would be. What can we invest in with certainty? Social programs, transit, infrastructure...these will have solid benefits.
- Hinder! we will be paying for this for decades. We can host many smaller events which would not require the cost but still showcase our city.
- Help, I was in Vancouver for the games. The Olympics bring in millions in tourism for businesses within the city, as much needed boost.
- I DON'T THINK IT WILL HAVE MUCH IMPACT ON OUR FUTURE AT ALL. IT'S A SHORT TERM INFUSION OF CASH , VISITORS AND ACTIVITIES BUT LONG TERM IMPACT IS MINIMAL.
- Hinder. We cannot afford it. Funding from outside would not offset costs enough
- This has no added value to Calgary's economic future
- The games will hinder. I can't believe anyone could think spending billions on games instead of helping and improving Health-care/dental care/infrastructure / poverty-stricken citizens/ homeless / disabled/ suffering is not a hindrance. Money for games instead of quality of life improvement? That's like a parent spending money on partying at a bar instead of feeding her children. The Olympics are an ignorant waste of money and resources.
- I feel costs of the game , out weight any potential economic impact.
- Hinder - increased property taxes due to it.
- Yes, people will come and spend \$.
- Hinder,the cost of hosting the Games is a big unknown as we're working with a budget taking into account costs today. It's been well documented that host cities have always ended up overspending past budgets to make the Games happen.The unknown cost would eventually trickle down to tax payers in the form of tax/service increases which the majority of the population would be unwilling to shoulder. Taxes are high enough!
- Olympic Games have been proven in the past to ruin the local economy.
- It would be good for Calgary economically but at what cost? It looks like we will be spending more than the benefits in return.
- Taking money out of the pockets of property owners for a ten-day extravaganza which could be better spent for other needs would have a negative impact.
- Hinder. The investment is too high for a gain which is not certain to occur. This is not a good investment in Calgary's future.
- The economic impact is for a small slice of businesses in this city. The many, many businesses that won't benefit from tourists would continue to suffer from another 8 years of construction and infrastructure work. Further, the additional taxes would add to an already overwhelming burden for tax payers (business and personal) with little justification.
- Negative. Very few Olympics have ever had a long term positive economic impact.
- Can't afford to maintain the infrastructure we have now, a bid will just exasperate the problem
- Hurt. Too many eggs in one basket.
- Hinder. Economically, Calgary is in a tough economic position. This will put Calgarians in years, if not a decade in debt. We can't afford this.
- Main factor of Calgary's fate - its geographical location. The Olympics can't help with that - we will remain far, small and cold city for most of the world.
- It will hinder our future. We will be faced with a massive debt.
- There are no clear economic benefits listed under the "Learn about the proposed bid" tab. As the costs for the bid are severely under-estimated, it is difficult to see how much overall economic benefit there will be. As well, the bid committee clearly cannot estimate the costs for security, which everyone expects will only go up by 2026. This could easily negate any economic benefits that are anticipated.
- Help. But I think the economic benefits are overstated. Calgary will spend more on hosting the games than it will benefit from them.
- HINDER. We simply CANNOT afford to do this at this time. Maybe down the road but most certainly not now.

- Hinder . Cost overruns: security, construction and labour costs. This is not the same economic climate as 1988. Montreal is still paying for its games. Have the IOC build permanent structures in Athens ( summer) and Oslo ( winter).
- There is inherent risk in hosting the games, and the economy is certain to take a hit without forward thinking planning for an almost certain financial loss. The city needs to present their plan to deal with potential bad economic times in the years after hosting the games. Citizens deserve to know what the risk is not just in dollars, but what services may be cut to help pay for the games.
- Hinder. There will be no positive economic benefit from these games they will just cost us more in higher taxes as Calgarians, Albertans and Canadians. All levels of government are spending beyond our means.
- The cost of these games, especially so soon after a recession, could destroy Calgary's economy for years to come.
- I do not think the olympics will help the economy. This has not been the case for other olympics held recently and to assume Calgary can do better is arrogant.
- Negative.
- People who deal with this all the time like Sports Economis say the economic benefits are over stated. I believe the people who do this sort of thing all the time. Vancouver did not get the promise Golden Ring! I have not hear of the RISKS from Council. They trying to make us drink the IOC cool aid.
- Hinder. It will cost more than we gain.
- HINDER! The cost of these games is not being factually and accurately reported to the taxpayers and the costs are likely to be far greater than reported. I will not support that.
- It might help for a very short period of time but long term might not be sustainable
- It will hinder Calgary future. The sky high debt (it could be 8 billion + 4.3 billion current debt) would be paid from property taxes & business taxes already ridiculously high. Businesses will leave.
- Every fourth office building in downtown Calgary is vacant , I have friends that of been unemployed for three years due to the economic downturn in Calgary Alberta , and you want to host a two week party which will cost billions of dollars ??? If I was having trouble making my mortgage payments and I went to my bank and asked for \$100,000 so I can throw a big party my bank manager would laugh in my face and show me the door! The same is true for our Calgary Olympic bid, our city and province are in dire financial straits and we want to host a party ????
- I do not think Calgary's "future "depends on hosting these games...the debt incurred would override any initial economic positive impact.
- HELP! This will get Calgary humming for years.
- It will help! Calgary businesses would hugely benefit from the crowds.
- Hinder, the games will lose money leaving taxpayers to foot the bill
- Hinder - real long term costs to taxpayers for generations will outweigh short term benefits
- I believe that by the time 2026 rolls around it will benefit us. By aligning this bid with other ongoing plans and proposals plus the tourism benefits the city will make out very well. It sounds like a lot of thought is going in to making sure this doesn't impact the economy as it has other cities
- It would make us even BROKER!!!!!!
- Hinder
- Help with people coming to the games the city will make money but that is only for 2 weeks, and it will only help if you keep all the games in calgary, not edmonton or whistler
- I can foresee a great deal of future income here
- HINDER
- We need to work towards eliminating debt and deficit spending
- This province and City of Calgary is particularly suffering from the 2014 recession after the oil crisis. Considering how this Lie-beral federal government is damaging our oil and gas industry, our city and province as well as people of Alberta cannot afford such a huge financial risk. This games would definitely hinder Calgary's future. Cost overruns would be loaded on city taxpayers adding to existing problems.
- It could improve our future by drawing international attention and investment, however that is not a given.
- Hinder. Again, that money for a moment, vs. if it were used in other long term ways? Or to reduce the tax burden or avoid tax increases?
- Hinder - costs will be prohibitive. Economic impacts are short-term.

- How about the billions of dollars gets spent to invest in diversifying and recovering a broken economy and getting thousands of people back to work sooner than 2026?
- Hinder. 7 to 10 billion for a couple week long party for the rich forcefully sponsored by the already buckling middle class will have catastrophic impact.
- Negative impact as tax payers will live with debt for a long time.
- Hinder. Way too expensive an event. Increasing taxes on the public hurts the economy.
- Will be an incredible economic boost with a positive impact for years to come
- Wouldn't help us any more than how the 88 Olympics helps our economy now. Not worth it when balanced with the cost.
- I don't think you have provided enough solid facts to make an informed comment on this issue.
- It would certainly help. Money will be invested right here in Calgary. Investment dollars from the federal government finally returned to us.
- To believe that long term effects of hosting a 2 week party is an economically sound idea, is to believe that there is a Santa. Look at making long standing events like the Stampede, or a venue for big performers as a priority instead. Heritage Park is about to close , what can be done for that venue? It saddens me to think that a few think these Olympics are what we need to be a global enticement.
- hinder - this will break us
- Hinder.
- Hinder. If the games don't pay for themselves, future generations will be paying for them.
- Cost overruns are certain. How does greater debt help anyone?
- I am no expert and am honestly unsure. If we can see the kind of potential tourism growth and investment increase mentioned in the report then it would be helpful in assisting the city to diversify its industries.
- Hinder. Games are not net profit endeavours. We need our money working on improvements, infrastructure and injections to boost economy
- Help. The long term benefit is still being seen from the 88 olympics.
- Study after study confirms zero economic gain from Olympic games. In fact, these same studies suggest cities are better off using scarce tax revenue to build infrastructure that benefits ALL citizens, not private-for-profit sports franchises.
- Hinder greatly. I have zero confidence that this current administration and management at City Hall can properly manage the costs of this project.
- HINDER, cost over runs ? covering the even expected costs still hits taxpayers on every level. the cost can not be guaranteed to not affect property taxes.
- Short term pain for a gamble on long term gain. Do not gamble with taxpayer money.
- Hinder. It's called debt. We already have enough. End of story.
- There may be a positive effect for some businesses before and during the games. Worried about increased tax burden to pay for the games and what that would do to suppress economic recovery and growth. The games should be held in Alberta - don't understand why some events would be the other side of BC- there is no benefit to Calgary in that.
- Hinder
- I think the taxpayers are going to regret this for a long time if we are successful
- Would strain budgets for already underfunded basic community needs
- Hinder. We are set to lose millions. How does that help us
- Zero benefit to our economy. Cost vs Revenue. Look at any other Olympic games ever...
- I can't see a true benefit at this time while the city is dying. if our economy improved, we were vibrant, then it would help create awareness and then benefit. right now there is nothing to promote
- I don't believe we get the economic lift we hope for. Between volatile external political and economic forces that could create cost over runs to no support from provincial, federal or IOC for those cost over runs the risk is too great. The risk of the games financially threatens our future financial health. There is no proof the games bring any economic prosperity to a region. In Brazil poor neighbourhoods are far worse off than before the games.

- Most definitely help. The economy is not improving in Calgary - getting worse I feel. Hosting the Olympics would bring short and long term economic benefit. From increased revenue for restaurants, hotels, transportation and shops to potential businesses moving here or conducting future business. Would also create jobs, short and long term.
- They will help, but not as much as their supporters think they will.
- Anything that costs taxpayers money with no benefit for everyone and only a benefit for a select few is bad for the economy.
- We have been riding on the 88 wave of tourism since then. We have held and continue to hold world class events in every major venue since 88. This has brought countless athletes, coaches and fans from around the world. We forget, as Calgarians, that our economy is not strictly oil and gas.
- Taking construction workers away from other projects to work on Olympic-related venues and facility upgrades doesn't increase employment. It simply moves people around, leaving other local projects to suffer for lack of bodies to complete them. And talk of a big boom in tourism is overblown. That's like the IOC expecting a large payday on broadcasting revenues just because the Games are in North America. Once again, the greedy IOC is looking out for its own best interests, and is goading Calgary into continuing down this disastrous road. Any truth to the rumor that the IOC is in talks with Salt Lake City to see if it would be willing to pick up the "torch" if Calgary falls out of contention.
- Hinder. Significant increased municipal debt
- HINDER. Commerce will increase which will employ more, true. But the costs of everything will increase too: all builders will have to compete for labour taken for Games venues; services will be dedicated to Games and ongoing operations will suffer.
- Hinder. Taxes!! Property taxes are already sky high in this city. As someone who would like to purchase a home in the next decade I would never be able to afford one with yet another huge ding.
- I strongly believe it will hinder Calgary's future.
- It would help in the short term to a limited portion of the public. Not everyone will benefit from these games but we will all pay
- The olympics have cost every single country that has hosted them more than they have ever made. There is no economy benefit to hosting the olympics, only an ego boost to politicians
- The games will absolutely hinder Calgary's economic future. The costs to host the games far outweigh any future economic benefits
- If the feds kick in more money to accelerate key infrastructure projects (green line, housing, 5G communications, etc) it could help boost the economy in the short and longer run while bringing some Alberta money back home (re: equalization).
- Hinder.
- Who can afford it? Not me I'm already living below the poverty line and will soon be living on the street as I can't afford rent.
- Hinder due to resulting debt.
- I still believe their wouldn't be benefits because I believe they will cost way more than what our council or IOC or the committee are sharing with us.
- Benefit during the games but people come to Calgary to visit the mountains or Stampede. With talk of restricting access to Banff because of too many visitors already may reduce long term tourism benefits if people think they can't get into Banff
- The olympics will hinder the city because of no balance. For the amount of revenue within a three week span verses the years and years of taxes to pay off the debt. You can kiss the revenue from the games good bye!
- Hinder. You'll make a small boom and then the city will spend many year trying to maintain and play catch up increasing the cost of living for everyone. Again no can afford to live here
- Help - could attract some private investment, but how much? When looking at other cities such as Turin, economic impacts were null.
- Hinder, the costs are underestimated, economic benefits overestimated.
- Given the unknown costs, undefined contributions from deficit ridden levels of government, and the historical tendency of Olympic organizations to want first class plus of everything, how can the Games have anything BUT a negative economic impact.

- We cannot afford this
- In my opinion the economic impact will be for the hospitality industry. They will not hire enough staff to make a boom to the economy.
- future generation will be paying higher taxes to pay for these games.
- Hinder, higher taxes to pay for them
- Just put us deeper in debt at all three levels.
- Monies for these games can and should be considered spent else where as the Province is in an economic slump.
- There may be limited economic benefit derived from hosting the games. Companies deriving benefit will only experience it during the games. A minority of businesses will be benefactors.
- The IOC always comes away from the Games with money in their pockets and the host cities always end up deeply in debt.
- Tourism seems to be growing fast, and Calgary has much to offer in this regard. It would help to highlight winter attractions.
- I think the costs far outweigh the economic benefits and that tax payers will pay for it
- History has shown there is little economic impact to the host city, in most cases it's negative.
- Would create spur economic activity leading up to the games, but questionable long term benefits.
- The high cost will hinder the future taxpayers that will pay for it all. A small proportion of the population will benefit. The poor don't care as they will not be going to any of the events nor will the majority of the working class.
- help to some small degree, but not much.
- Help - for sure. There is no doubt that the economic impact leading up to, during and for years after the games will provide a much needed economic boost to Calgary. Skeptics will argue how much this is - but no one can argue that it doesn't provide some benefit.
- No impact. If we spent the billions planned for Olympics on other infrastructure investments would create the same number of jobs and would have same long term benefits perhaps more.
- Hinder the games are too expensive estimated cost figures do not include all associated costs
- The short term gains will not benefit Calgarians long term.
- Considering that other cities that have hosted the olympics recently have been hit by economic slumps after the short boost provided by the olympics, then probably hinder. It's hard not to feel like this whole thing is just a project to benefit a small number of people who stand to make a massive profit if this bid is successful, while making sure that every other schlub in the city gets just enough of a benefit that they don't make a stink about it. If you actually care about our city's economy then you will try to actually put money back into our company communities through infrastructure expansions and housing development, without the massive burden an olympics would place on us.
- Hinder - no lasting economic benefit with costs too high.
- look at past games other than our cinderella experience in 88. Please, for gods sake! As mentioned above Montreal not paid off till 2006. Almost every olympics is a shit show of abandoned facilities, horrible costs and shoddy work. It's a corrupt process from start to finish. I honestly feel like I'm watching The Simpsons Monorail episode every time I hear some twit on the news talking about the olympic bid, or listening to my local Google representative on my phone, the grift is so obvious, how can people not see it?
- Help. The key is not to look only at the straight dollar figures. Of course, we have to be responsible but we are getting significant value for our money. Promotion of the City, maintaining and expansion of facilities, growth as an urban area, tourism and related spinoffs (before, during and after the Games).
- There will NOT be any positive economic impact from hosting the Games.
- Hinder. Hinder. Hinder. Hinder. Hinder. Hinder. Hinder. JUST SAY NO.
- Mayor is unwilling to provide all costs this alone is enough to not have olympics. I fear Calgarians are not getting honest costs.
- Please read the response to Q2. I also feel the Olympics would be a short term localized hospitality boom followed by a long term city debt pay off without a full economic expansion.
- 100 % hinder and remove any competitive advantage that Calgary has. Increased taxes will drive away business and future employment.
- Help. But again, using our power for good to help others and make an impact on IOC bid rules in the future.

- No long term economic benefit, but likely long term increased fees and taxes
- Hinder
- Hinder. Large debt load like Brazil & Sochi? No thanks.
- Help. More jobs, more exposure.
- Hinder! \$\$\$\$\$\$
- The hospitality sector would certainly benefit in a large way.
- HINDER
- It can only help with worldwide exposure of all Calgary and Alberta has to offer. It is our chance to prove to the world that we are very capable of hosting large scale events with grace and true Canadian spirit
- Definitely help
- Help. A definite and positive boost. Similar to the 80's
- The economic impact will be that ordinary taxpayers will be paying for years and rich businessmen will get richer.
- I think it will hinder as it seems almost all Olympics games go overbudget. Why not use the money to develop new industries in Calgary instead of a two-week sporting event that brings minimal economic benefits. Witness Pyeong - Chang in 2018, are they still benefitting? I really doubt it.
- The games will almost certainly run a large deficit to the detriment of current & future tax payers.
- I work in the travel sector. During the "worst" economic conditions, I have yet to witness empty hotels, poor yield on hotel rooms, empty restaurants, underutilized taxi/Uber fleets, or any such phenomena. I was there during the 1988 Olympics, and during every single Stampede. I KNOW it's an economic bonanza for all sectors. However, it is quite short lived and benefits those sectors. Whatever job creation occurs is for VERY short term employment, and essentially displaces workforce from one sector to another for the short term. The benefits are SO short term.
- Not interested in hosting the games at all.
- Rich richer and poor unable to take advantage useless
- Hinder. No Corporate interest in supporting the games. High unemployment. Nobody cares about Olympic.
- Help in the short term.
- Yes economic benefits such as jobs, tourism, global reach/exposure, economic development, and the innovative spirit of Calgary will help the city's future. Unfortunately most jobs would be temporary, but temporary jobs for 7-8 years is pretty good. Tourism if it can turn into a long term benefit is good, Canada has a hard time staying relevant on the world stage so the olympics can have a chance for Canada to be in the spot light for a while. Economic development is good because Calgary can have short and long term affects that would not happen without the olympics. It is hard to pinpoint long term benefits so you have to focus on ones you find that are. There are so many negative aspects though so cutting through the clutter is hard. Jobs are the most important thing so sell that and people will come around.
- Control spending as was done in '88 and the future economic impact can be a positive one.
- May benefit.
- Hinder
- Absolutely hinder our future. Only select businesses benefit for a short time. After, as taxes are raised to pay for Games, economic activity will be reduced as citizens like me have less money to spend in local businesses.
- Hinder. It will cost Calgarians way too much money and every legitimate study has shown that there is NO ECONOMIC BENEFIT to hosting an Olympic games
- Hinder as the cost and short term income will be imbalanced and will result in long term payments to pay off the games.
- Short term increase in economy.
- Hinder. Of course Calgary will benefit in the short term from the Olympics, but in the long term we, as citizens, will be paying for more things that we DO NOT NEED. Again it comes down to these areas being used during the Olympics and their popularity dying after the completion of the events.
- Neutral. I think it's extremely unlikely that hosting the games would lead to long term business investment in Calgary or Canada. When deciding where to locate their business, corporations do not consider whether a location has hosted an Olympic Games.
- Hinder. The taxpayer ultimately pays for any short term economic lift.

- Too expensive for too little return
- "I believe the economy would take a hit because we would be creating temporary jobs that will not last and in that time someone could have found other long term work, but now those people have have work but only for a short while.
- Also the costs of preparing for the games would heavily outweigh the benefits and we would never recoup all the money put into it. We could spend the money much better like in schooling, healthcare or many other better places to spend our cities money."
- Obviously construction would generate short term jobs. Hoteliers would also be happy for 2 weeks selling space at ridiculous rates. Restaurants would be happy too. And then it's over.....
- the games will only help a select few businesses like restaurants, rental cars, hotels. the 'costs' to Calgarians is an expense we cannot add to our already high cost for services (garbage/recycling costs). our roads are in desperate need of repairs, if you have extra money, spend some on existing infrastructure that is in need of repairs.
- Hinder. Impact will be negative.
- Hinder.
- Hinder. The cost of hosting these games will make it difficult to afford to live here. It is already more expensive than other Alberta towns and cities. Maybe that is a leftover from the last hosting.
- "Short term gain possibly. Unclear what the long term effect would be.
- Rather spend money on the pipeline!"
- Over budget hindering an already bad economy
- The games will help. Calgary is a wounded animal relying too heavily on oil and gas. The games give Calgarians time to change our image and invite new investment in emerging industries.
- The cost of the games will hinder. Tourism would be a benefit.
- Yet again irrelevant. It has been well established that the Olympics have a negative economic impact by diverting money from good and useful community services and projects.
- this is Calgary's opportunity to generate global awareness to increase tourism for years thereafter.
- Yes! With the Olympic committee taking more than the 1988 olympics and more taxes falling on Calgarians
- Hinder. No city has made a profit from the Olympics in over a decade. We will not be any different
- Hinder
- Hinder. No arena and no stadium, so forget it.
- Hugely negative. Taxes are unbearable, with the olympics taxes will go higher
- Sometimes its hard to initially assess the effects of such a large scale event on the economy. There is a short term economic boost, the key is to translate that into a long-term sustainable economic benefit to Calgary
- During the 88 games people were evicted so tourists could get their apartments. What is in place to stop this this time? What is the debt load for decades afterwards. Montreal just finished paying the debt from the 76 games. We don't have a proper convention centre. Do we have enough hotels? Prices for food and other goods will rise due to making \$\$\$ from the tourists so what happens to Calgarians?
- The games only provide negative economic impactd
- The gains won't be worth the absurd cost
- Hinder, we are still in a recession. It was announced this week that we have the highest unemployment rate in Canada. Mayor and council should be addressing our situation not spending our tax dollars on this plebiscite hoping to gain support for an event in order for Mayor Nenshi to boast.
- Inevitable cost overruns will cost me for years. I would rather have well maintained roads.
- Definitely hinder, the money seems uncertain, spending and earning wise, Vancouver JUST recovered from their last games, and the numbers seemed really glossed over
- too expensive. Expect a negative economic impact
- Hinder. Saddling Canadians with debt at all three levels of government is not positive.
- Help, right now we continue to feel that our economy is sluggish, hosting the games will generate new business opportunities and bring new interest in our city by investors and those looking for a viable location to develop their business.

- Economy will benefit by creating jobs and kickstarting the infrastructure industry
- Hinder, there is no evidence the money is there to pay for this, never mind what do we do with the leftover economic mess afterwards.
- Hinder
- Our municipal and provincial governments are facing huge debts. This will just increase that. Why would be thinking of taking more debt on at a time when our economy hasn't recovered and so many people need good full-time jobs? If I'm in debt, I don't go and buy a fancy new car, I don't expect my government to either.
- "Hinder with added tax burden from municipal, provincial and federal governments that are all spending like drunken fools and it all comes from one taxpayer.
- NO MORE MONEY !"
- The economic impact will be the ruin of Calgary. Taxes will be so high, people will move away and the city will become a ghost town. Our economy is not going to recover as long as we have to pay for the debt we will incur.
- The cost and cost overruns will affect the taxpayers for years to come. As a senior on a fixed income, I cannot afford to pay anymore taxes. I also won't have the funds available to pay for event tickets.
- Use the money for other projects, such as snow removal or reducing our property tax
- Long term the impact would be negligible.
- Help, it would create infrastructure, other construction and tourism jobs.
- hindered...what are you stupid?
- "Help it for sure. Athletes from all over Canada and the world come to train in Calgary. We need to ensure they keep coming with world class facilities.
- Better venues also draw national and international tournaments and competitions. This brings people to eat, sleep, shop and spend in our city.
- A new hockey stadium will also bring in all the huge concerts that currently don't come to Calgary because of the Saddledome also increasing the economic benefit and quality of life in the city."
- We are one of the few cities that actually came out on top from hosting the games I have no reason to think it would be any different this time
- Long term affects will be taxpayers will be paying for this for a long time and generations. I don't need anymore tax increases just for a 10 day event. We need to be smart and stop the foolish spending.
- Will help it immensely. The NDP keep saying we have to diversify our economy and 1 way to do that is through tourism. I remember that the Stampede attendance in 1988 and 1989 was way up and that was attributed to Calgary being showcased on the international stage. The spinoffs from tourism could very much help this Province's struggling economy. Venue construction and redevelopment would bring back skilled labour to Alberta and proved work for folks who are struggling currently.
- The lead up to the games will require infrastructure, thus creating jobs, which will improve our local economy directly and indirectly. The publicity we receive could grow our future economy if it shows Calgary as more than just an oil and gas city.
- Huge source of employment for the next 8 years. No possible way it could actually hurt the economy with increase in employment, tourism and infrastructure. City needs to make better economic arguments to the public.
- The short economic gains will be minimal compared to the costs to host and unknown overruns will put citizens in debt for years to come
- Hinder, crazy over the top costs to get the games going, I think that this will be something that Calgarian's will be paying for, for many years to come.
- Very helpful. In 1988 the excitement after the games resulted in increased tourism and development Calgary as a keep winter sport global site (eg speed skating)
- Help but not enough to offset costs. Also not sure if economic benefits would be long lasting
- I think there is a long term benefit
- Absolutely I believe the Games will help Calgary at one of its lowest economic times (although we all have to remember we are better now than we were in 1981 when we last bid and won the right to hold the Games...and look

at the positive story of how that turned out for us!). The Games will bring new jobs, tourism, brand-building for our City and through the Games we can "get our swagger back". Not to mention the over \$2 billion of investment from private sources and public monies Calgary would not otherwise receive.

- Huge hinder. Olympic stats don't lie. And I need you to quit looking politically at this. Votes and popularity. Mayors need to shine on a world stage. I can't afford my property tax or nanny now. How will I when your left with billions of dollars in debt
- Hinder. As previously mentioned, you are looking at wasting money on items that are not put to maximized use after the fact.
- As I mentioned previously, as a person with an Economics degree and an MBA, hosting Olympic Games are typically way over budget and do not provide the long term benefits to the City in terms of economic growth and good, stable jobs.
- When has the city been good at executing projects on budget? Council needs to focus on getting taxes down. Need to see the taxes drop in this tough times. Focus on cost control!
- They would be short lived.
- "It's a huge waste of money and it will raise future taxes, that could be much better spent elsewhere.
- Telling us the Games will cost less because the provincial and federal governments will pay for some of it, is smoke and mirrors. They will just give us less money for other things. There is only so much money to go around. If we use it for the Olympics, there WILL be less for other things. And we all pay provincial and federal taxes. Every dollar will come out of our pockets, sooner or later. Telling us the provincial and federal governments will somehow magically pay the three billion dollar short fall is outside of reality. They get their money from the taxes we pay.
- And the lady who keeps telling us that this provincial and federal money won't come our way if the Olympics don't happen, is living in a fantasy world. The money will be spent on one thing or another. The Olympics is a huge expensive egotistical show. The original benefit of the Olympics helping international relations between countries, is not there any more. The Internet, CNN, and other international communications have completely superseded it.
- The Olympics are long past their best-before-date. It's time to stop living this fantasy, and work on solving real problems that help real people."
- I hope and think that the potential economic impact of the Games would help. We are having a hard time recovering from the downturn; maybe we need an influx of 'new ideas' and 'new money' to help our recovery. It sure has taken a long time.
- Help! How would it not help?
- It will leave the city in debt so that's a hinderance.
- Help. I think the exposure would help the economy.
- There is absolutely no doubt that it will give a short term boost. And there is absolutely no doubt that In the long term, it will bankrupt the city unless oil prices recover.
- There will be some benefit during construction and while the games are on. After that, the tax payers will be stuck with upkeep and trying to get people to use the facilities. We will also be stuck with all overrun costs, and those will happen because all costs are not known or not being discussed in public. Training for volunteers, transportation of athletes, the economic loss to Calgary of having prime sports like skiing held somewhere else. It makes no sense. Athletes competing in Whistler or Edmonton have to be housed, fed, transported. Will they be attending the Opening/Closing ceremonies? How can a multi-site Olympics be cheaper than having all events in one place? I know the excuse for this is that we won't have to build facilities, but what happens to the TV revenue from prime sports held away from Calgary?
- I think there is potential for Calgary's economy to see a boost because of the Olympics, but statistically there is also a very high chance of local businesses being driven out and quashed by big-name sponsors monopolizing business opportunity in the local economy. Again examples can be seen from nearly every Olympic event of the last 20 years. Measures should be taken to ensure this does not happen.
- Help - short term cost for a longer term gain.

- Help only the very few in the short term.
- We are in a down turn like in 1981. The city can stand a boost in economic activity as well as a boost in pride and accomplishment.
- Hinder, the debt will be passed on to our future taxpayers.
- Hinder as we would have large debt to pay
- Years of economic research of many Olympic games has shown time and time again that there are NO long term economic benefits to hosting the games. We would have to bring in over 5 billion of economic growth - really is that going to happen.
- Strong 3P projects and the overall boost to tourism should on balance reap awards.
- Depends on whether the feasibility costs are realistic... if the costs are controlled they should be able to be accounted for over a long period of time versus the benefits.
- Hinder
- Our taxes are high and the cost will be put on the tax payers.
- Hinder, no economic benefit to the city
- Hinder. The cost overruns are going to be huge. You have underestimated the costs and the additional costs will be a burden to the tax payers, ALL of them Civic, Provincial and Federal for years afterwards. This is a BAD idea.
- The economic impact could help but no guarantee. Alberta's economy depends on oil, not on overpaying billions to host an Olympics
- Only reason Calgary made money on last games the Alberta Tax payers and Canadian Tax payers paid the full hit on buildings and events being held. now the rules have changed and Calgary Tax payers have to kick in Money that the Economy can not support because of the oil and gas industry being hit by shut downs of plant expansions and failure in building much needed pipe lines to carry oil to market.
- The economic impact is overstated.
- I am concerned that the economic benefits will be short-term so I don't see them as ultimately helping Calgary's future.
- The costs will escalate and the resulting overruns will come from the taxpayers either in the form of increased taxes or decreases in spending in other areas. Only a small minority of businesses will benefit in the short term but they will feel the impact of the taxes/reduced spending in the long term.
- The economic impact would be a net negative for Calgary taxpayers and a net positive for a small number of merchants and suppliers of products and services.
- Negative impact as it is completely being put on the shoulders of the taxpayers
- Hinder, harm, destroy! The cost for holding this 2-week party will increase taxes for future generations (and not just Calgary taxes but Provincially and Federally as well - Calgaryans pay taxes to those governments as well!...)
- While there might be some economic impact in the immediate future, the long-term impact would extremely hinder Calgary's future because of the risk of a huge unplanned for debt not being covered by any other government level. Yes, our former Olympic bid resulted in a pretty good balanced budget to actual costs. But with skyrocketing costs in our current economy being the norm, this is not being considered enough in the rosy picture of the Olympic bid committee's cost projections. This would only negatively impact Calgary--both its citizens now, and their children for several generations thereafter!!
- Somewhat
- Hinder. It is completely unrealistic in our economic times to think this would be adding value to anyone but the builders and politicians who would be the only people getting any benefit
- The economic impacts will be short term and the burden of the cost overruns will be long term
- Hinder - we the taxpayers will end up paying for it
- Hinder. Massive understatement of costs. Hello Vancouver 2010. Why don't we see them bidding on these games again ?
- Hinder. The money is not there to support
- At this point in time Albertans are struggling. It is hard to think about spending billions on sport
- The short term gain of new construction and services required during the games will be drowned by the waterfall of costs to pay for the games.

- Hinder!!
- Hinder Calgary by diverting attention from manufacturing, industry, education - university and schools, arts performance. Already not enough \$ to go round so why throw some expensive party when we can't afford basic services of a million + city already?
- Help, many people fear the taxes and debt burden this would bring, but I think that's only because of our recent hardships in this city. I know we need more facilities and the olympics is a means to an end in this regard. Building all of these facilities or even upgrading will not be given priority for spending for decades if ever and we may never get another opportunity to have the province and feds kick in significantly without the Olympic bid. So I'm the long run, the Olympics will enable this city to acquire the state of the art facilities we desperately need, on a much faster time frame and with a reduced amount paid by Calgarians overall. Furthermore these costs will be offset by the ability to host future events, sporting and entertainment, draw tourism and elevate our city overall. Thinking long term, this is a no brainer!
- Look at the Olympic stadium in Montreal. How many years did it take to pay off? Enough said.
- Help. Let's jumpstart our economy
- Calgary can't even afford to run our own sanders and crews without the help of Edmonton. If that tells me anything, City services are already suffering. This is going to bankrupt a City that is already doing poorly. I'm certainly not going to vote for my Councilor if he votes yes to these games...but maybe he can get one of those short term Olympic construction jobs when he gets voted out.
- Games will help the Calgary economy! We will receive significant federal cash into local economy, get revitalized 88 legacy assets, strong economic spinoff in terms of momentum, pull us out of this lethargic downturn.
- I think there is potential to help, but in recent history there has been no economic benefit to hosting the games, and I see no reason why Calgary would be the exception to that. I do not believe hosting would improve our economy.
- I think the games will help bring recognition to Calgary globally however as long as costs are reasonable. Plus a small infrastructure boost will help us through this downturn. I do think investments into an entertainment district and a new arena are number 1 priorities over the olympics.
- Difficult to quantify and every host city would agree
- I think it will be a lot of cost, without long term benefit.
- It's difficult to focus on the future when the present is sucking the life out of us as it is.
- The games rarely make money for the host city. The legacy of the games is debt, with little benefit from new infrastructure, venues or tourism. More debt is never a benefit.
- It will help. We will have access to funds we would not otherwise have
- Hinder as taxes will rise for businesses and people
- There would be short term economic benefit but not long term as indicated by various past host cities and past studies.
- I think it would bring down Calgary's economy even further. Most people I know in Calgary today are living paycheque to paycheque already...an increase in taxes could put a lot of them in such huge debt that they may not recover.
- Numbers are always thrown around about how the economy is affected by large events. However, money spent by tourists, businesses and Calgarians is going to be spent anyway. I would rather be the one to decide how my money is being used, not the IOC.
- Hinder! John Oliver's piece about how buying a new sports venue for billionaires does not increase the value to a city and I can't see how throwing that kind of money for a 2 week event is a good idea.
- A lot of money for a few weeks of economic gain because of your limited vision of what the bid should be. You should be bidding for the next three winters games that way it would have years of impact to the economy. You have no vision of how to make this a truly game changing event.
- It would help! Whether or not the 2026 Olympics make money or not when taking into account ALL business revenue. I believe future revenues from tourism, business exposure to the World and future winter sporting events at these venues will far exceed any cost we incur now.

- The Olympics are a burden on taxpayers that we should not move forward with. While I enjoy watching the Olympics I would rather another city and country is saddled with the debt that will undoubtedly occur should Calgary host the Olympics. This debt will not only be Calgary taxpayers but taxpayers in all provinces not just Alberta.
- I think during construction and the actual games would benefit Calgary's economy short term but in the long run the debt will put weigh both of those.
- hinder because of the mega costs for a short term event will take potential monies away from long term investments for the city
- "Hinder
- Calgary can not afford to host the games"
- Most games tend to benefit cities who host such games but only for the short haul and certainly not thr long haul as has been witnessed by past games in my opinion.
- "Are you kidding? Taxpayer already stretched to the max will be unable to spend if taxed even more for a 10 day sporting event.
- People need to pull their heads out of the sand and take an economics 101 course!"
- The debt left will hinder!
- Help
- Hinder. I resent the fact that I will be paying higher taxes for years to come for something that will have absolutely no benefit to me. I believe that the City and Council have grossly overestimated the so-call economic benefit and grossly underestimated the true and actual cost. The money which would be spent on this elitest dream, if put into Calgary's infrastructure, could have an economic impact but there will be no permanent positive economic impact from the Games.
- WE CANT AFFORD THIS. Of course it will hinder.
- I do not know for certain but i cannot imagine the impact would be anywhere near enough to offset the costs of the games, and it would not equally or immediately give back to the citizens who's taxes help pay for the games and have to contend with the disturbance and annoyance of the unwanted preparations.
- I don't believe the long term impact will be any offer much help to Calgary's future. Annual events such as the Calgary Stampede and investing in convention facilities to attract events like the Rotary International conference will do more than the Olympics.
- Help
- "They would hinder. First off we would incur cost inflation for other projects in the lead up. This would make civic projects more expensive and lower the competitiveness of private projects.
- It is important to remember the Olympics are held with public money from all three levels of government. Any economic boost for the tourism and construction sectors is merely a subsidy for those sectors."
- Hinder... spending a lot for a 14 day party.
- There is no long-term economic value to this. Once the games are finished, away go all the short-term minimum wage services jobs too.
- No economic impact for most people. Besides paying for it for generations to come.
- Hinder. Maybe an influx for a year or two but will have no long term impact except for dept.
- Hire locals!!!
- hinder.
- "This is the easiest question of them all: virtually every single games in the last century has been net negative for the economy. Some businesses benefit, others suffer as ordinary shopping habits are disrupted. Olympic tourism only succeeds in displacing tourists who would otherwise visit but who take a pass on the city and area while it's busy. The Games are the most risky big capital project a city can undertake, they basically never come out in the black. Virtually all of the jobs created are temporary.
- Any economic boost is fleeting, if it even exists. There's no economic case for hosting the games."
- Hinder. How many studies of past Olympics do we need to look at to understand this?

- I feel it would only temporary help Calgary's future. Merchants would prosper while we had the high tourism in for the Olympic games, then either dwindle out or be the same as they were before the Olympic games.
- Hinder. There is nothing to show that any additional long-lasting economic benefits would result from holding the Olympics, its all speculative and we already have 95% of the jobs and opportunities this Olympics claims to bring.
- Help!!! more jobs more money... have to spend money to make money
- I don't believe the economic impact is nearly as much as people believe, my guess is much of it would awarded to companies outside Alberta putting everyone up in hotels when they arrive so let's be honest about how many jobs would actually be created!
- "I think that economic values will be over come by what I think will be large over budget bills.
- City government don't have the smarts to keep this with in budget. If you really want to over pay for something then let a government pay for it."
- HINDER!!! The citizens of Calgary do not deserve to pay for these games for years and years to come via increased taxes.
- There would be a bunch of one shot companies hauling the money out of Calgary at best and we don't have the infrastructure to support this.
- I believe it would create jobs and bring in tourism money that always helps the city. I would expect the people in charge would be responsible in handling that money, as well as how much money is spent.
- Hinder. Our economy is shaky and barely recovering 10 years after the last financial crisis.
- "The games would hinder our economy. We would be hosting the games using borrowed money, increasing the debt of all three levels of government. Debt costs money to service, which comes from taxes. Higher taxes hurt the economy.
- The jobs that the Olympics would create are temporary construction jobs, and mostly minimum wage jobs operating the facilities after the Olympics. It is not real economic growth, and any gains would evaporate as soon as the government stops spending the additional money.
- As for the Olympics generating international investment - please name me one corporation that has decided to invest someone because they hosted the Olympics in that city. Investment is driven by returns and attractive business climates, not by the nostalgia of a city having hosted the Olympics."
- It depends on what costs taxpayers are on the hook for. More information is needed with time running out. We are less than a month away from voting and still don't know how the budget will break down. How we don't yet know who will be responsible for cost overruns is terrible. If we build a new hockey arena it would be helpful. If we are left with thousands of vacant units left for low income housing it will hinder our housing predicament even further.
- Reports on past Olympics show no economic benefit. Why would Calgary be different. Pipelines would make a difference to our economy.
- Hinder. It would help minimum wage earners in restaurants, retail, etc for the short term but it won't create any new careers or assist anyone in finding a career.
- Hinder. Too much cost for too little return. Against.
- The economy would suffer because the net cost would be negative.
- Games always end up diverting funding from genuine grassroots activities and the arts. Always. The legacy of the games will be empty venues, sky-high rentals and zero grassroots sports or arts provision for the less well off.
- Hinder. They will go over budget and the tax payers are going to be on the hook.
- The potential economic impact may be good during the games but it will not continue. Tourism is only increased for a short time as how many people will really come to visit a city that held the games? Any cost overrun that we as taxpayers have to cover (and this is a high probability) will far outweigh any short term beneficial gain.
- hinder - will have massive cost over runs - not only infrastructure but now security in this new reality - taxes are now exorbitant - why should all Calgarians have to pay when so few will benefit?
- would have a huge economic benefit to the city and the province
- Hinder. We won't have any money left to get the things we really need in Calgary.
- "Hinder

- Increased taxes would be inevitable"
- A bunch of BS jobs that offer no pension.
- "No. Sure it will create jobs building all this double infrastructure but we won't maintain it or use it after.
- Such a waste."
- Hinder in the long run.
- "Hinder
- Calgary is no position to carry this debt and nor should we put it on the backs of the younger generation"
- This would be a horrible and irresponsible decision. Once the games are over we would be left with more unemployment & more debt.
- 10 days of drinking coolaid will not help the economy. If we have the cash, why don't we use it to reduce taxes for more investment to come and invest in Calgary? It's easy to say we want to become the silicon valley of Canada, but please show it with concrete action of attracting new investment.
- Research consistently indicates that economic returns from Olympics are over-stated, misattributed, and/or temporary in nature. Nothing about Calgary's bid is different from what others have projected and failed to produce.
- It is only going to add extra taxes.it would be useless. 10 years to repay it back.
- The economic impact would be temporary. Why doesn't city council try investing in long term infrastructure. How about having a transit system that's functional!!
- The economic impact of the games would potentially be to a narrow group of businesses that have low paying jobs so I believe this is ill-advised and will hinder Calgary's future.
- Infrastructure = equals jobs which = money into the economy.
- We will be drowning in debt for generations after this little party is over. The IOC is corrupt and will continue its track record of leaving host cities riddled with expenses tax payers inherit.
- hinder - at first seems like more money will flow into the economy. however, the taxpayers will get stuck with all the bills like always.
- The economic impact will be mostly very short term. Long term we may have athletes train here since we'll have new facilities, but I see this impact as being minimal
- Obviously hinder. That is what debt does.
- I think the economic risk is not worth it for Calgary and would hinder Calgary's future. There will almost certainly be cost overruns and the city will have to cover them.
- Hinder, money could be much better spent diversifying economy
- Help. Increase tourism for years after the games
- They are a proven economic drain. Always. Everywhere.
- Hinder, as the costs/taxes required to pay for the Games would create additional debt that would have to be paid by the local tax payer.
- Hinder, economy is fragile right now. The games will not boost things enough this time but would only further burden us
- The economic impact could be disastrous for Tax payers in the long run. Short term gain and long term pain.
- We will be paying for these games in the form of property taxes and provincial taxes for years to come.
- I don't think taking on debt for a 2 week boondoggle is good for the economy.
- I think the planners think it will help, but there are very few profitable Olympics in history. I think costs run over on projected spending frequently.
- help - tourism
- Hinder. Tax payers may or may not have the money to cover higher taxes
- Spending this kind of money will hinder Calgary
- We get very little long term benefit - not enough to justify the costs or burden on tax payers
- Definitely hinder. Today's news that the Tokyo 2020 games have exceeded estimates by 350% and they aren't finished. I trust our bid expense numbers are grossly understated.
- There is very little evidence that the games ever boost the economies of host cities outside of the event.
- It would be a short term economic boom. Followed by the bust

- May be a boost but it won't sustain
- Hinder, economy is still trying to recover. Not in a position to take on more debt or responsibility when rules, funding continues to change
- The economic impact would be higher taxes at the local, provincial and federal level. I estimate the \$5.2 billion dollar cost estimate will actually come closer to \$25 billion and that is scary.
- We are at a pivot point as a city economically - the games could help shape our future trajectory in a positive way through investment in critical infrastructure and enhancement of our brand as a cosmopolitan city.
- I think they would only help Calgary. The amount of businesses who would benefit is substantial.
- Calgary's future would not be helped by the enormous debt left for taxpayers to bear
- Hurt the Economy long term. We would get a short term boost sure, but the costs and increased taxes in the future will further send capital elsewhere.
- higher taxes to pay for these cost overruns..can't afford proper snow clearing and equipment now..
- The 1988 games are held up as a shining example of how to profit off the games, but the economic climate is different now. Tokyo spent 5 times what you're budgeting. If you think you can do this for 5 billion you're dreaming. This city is still on its knees, the taxpayers want nothing to do with it.
- Help. Tourism dollars. International awareness. New jobs.
- the meagre economic impact multiplier hardly seems worth the expense and risk
- No long term effects. Short term construction jobs and event jobs. All low paying. not worth it.
- I suspect this will hinder Calgary's future, we will likely loose money or break even, as most games go way over budget and countries, cities end up paying for the for generations to come. Isn't Montreal still paying for the Olympic Stadium from 1976?
- It's our tax dollars, use them for something better
- Hinder, the Olympic games will be a one time blip where the economy will be buzzing before during and will not sustain itself afterwards. Numerous other host cities are proof that building facilities and having tourist attend a single event do not provide long term economic returns.
- The economic benefit would be minimal at best and only temporary.
- It won't help the average calgarian. Only business from tourist dollars and some companies that will help build venues etc. don't use my tax dollars for this! Help the people that need it.
- Hinder, it is going to cost too much
- Hinder. The next 7 years the focus will be on Olympic spending instead of actually addressing the issues with Calgary's economy. After the Olympics the bust will be even bigger than it's ever been. Address the actual issues instead of trying for bandage solutions.
- I believe long-term, it would be a boost to the city's economy as a result of the injection of \$ into facilities and potential new investment
- Hinder
- Studies show there is NO benefit.
- Help. Diversification, positioning ourselves as a place people want to visit, work, invest.
- The Winter Games cost 60% of the Summer Games. Athletes quota should be 6000 (it is 2900) and event 180 ( it is 109). Too expensive sports and too little sport for the money.
- I think there will be no net economic impact except for a small bit during the games.
- Help, but as started previously, the long game will better benefit a new Dome and Stadium for Calgary. seriously, why is this still in discussion, we're a large North American city... these are mandatory and the ante in the game for an International city - get on it!. (That said, I'd like to be able to take the family to a game for under \$600...)
- HINDER, we obviously won't make back the fictional amount you made up spending on this, and the real cost not only affects Calgarians, but now you expect The provincial governments help affecting all Albertans AND the federal government now affecting all Canadians. Jesus, you are asking for so much from everyone and for what? Really, what are the benefits for the rest of Canadians seeing the games (not even) in Calgary? Oh that's right, you have to have events in other cities, thus making it harder for these 'rich tourists' you expect to bring in profit to travel all over Alberta and BC to watch these games. Please, GET REAL.
- None whatsoever except for the political donors.

- The games would not help Calgary in the long run as most of the GDP generated for it would go to companies and shareholders outside of the region. If you want to improve the economy get pipelines completed or attract manufacturing away from slave-driver economies overseas. The games are not a long term investment. It's a short term party with a hell of a hangover.
- We are already experiencing economic hardships, why ask for more money the people don't have.
- too much risk of debt burden and high maintenance costs therefore hinder
- HINDER - many costs not included in the budget projection - no help from Oil and Gas companies as there was in the 88 Olympics
- help, construction and improvements will create jobs and opportunities
- Hinder. We cannot afford it and our grandchildren will be paying for it for years to come
- Short term help - long term debt
- Not sure
- the benefit in tourism dollars will not offset the long term costs of the Olympics.
- Spending billions to make millions would negatively impact our economy. Tax payers would have to pay for the difference
- HINDER. We would be in DEBT for YEARS. TAX PAYERS will be footing the bill for this NOT city council.
- Any potential benefits are minuscule compared to the cost. Because of the outrageous costs the games will be a hindrance to Calgary's future.
- Help
- If we get more affordable housing and revenue building facilities, it should benefit the city in the long run. Not to mention the building and facility improvement will provide jobs.
- It would help a small amount but will not turn Calgary around from its current economic slump. We need to resolve pipeline issues and improve the investment climate in Alberta and Canada to turn things around in Calgary.
- Hinder as we the taxpayers will be paying more for it
- There will be a short-term benefit to our economy from tourist and athletes, but once they are gone, will that international interest stay high enough to cover the costs of the Games?
- Economic impact will be felt short term. The amount brought in won't be near enough to cover the costs to bring Olympics here.
- Hinder. Because we cannot afford it.
- I think it will seriously hinder Calgary's future. If we look at the games over the last 20 years, the costs are always higher than projected in the bids and the returns/benefits are never as high as projected. The money we waste on the bid (and potentially hosting) would be better served if we just invested it directly into municipal services and infrastructure. The debt incurred by potentially hosting the Olympics could have long term negative impacts on Calgary's economy.
- On balance, what made the 1988 games profitable was the TV contract. The long-term exposure for the city minimal. The short-, medium- and long-term cost to the taxpayers is unacceptable and not to be repeated.
- hinder - the risk is too great that it will keep costing us years after the games have completed
- This is a risk and an opportunity. If we play our cards right it could be an opportunity.
- This is THE BIG QUESTION, that can't be answered without details on accurate cost estimates, and responsibilities / dollars from the three levels of government. There could be an extremely negative impact on Calgary's future if there is a large deficit and Calgarians are left responsible.
- I think having projects that improve or update public infrastructure during a time of economic "recession" IS an investment in the community and job creation and helping an economy recover. However, these are very short term positive impacts and since the current Calgary economy is based on short term economic cycles I don't see how it will make any significant impact. There will, of course, be lots of short term expenses making it even harder to assess (from my non-professional perspective) if there is any economic gain in a medium or short term. (and I do feel like there is little to no chance this will have a positive economic impact in the long term)
- The cost of the games does not generate economic impact past the 2 weeks that people are in the city, staying in hotels and eating out. That is a temp blimp on the radar and is not even comparable to the bill that will be left for paying off the games. NO GAMES !!

- Hinder. Stop cutting back on parks and other departments and raising taxes.
- Our seven generations times seven ( 49 ! ) will be paying for the games . so just throw them out of the city Hall agenda . There is no chance that our next generations will have time to retire with this kind of spending .
- hinder. Costs will be extremely high and taxpayer debt is already going to be too high.
- I think the best guess would be this turns out to be a wash. Neither positive nor negative in the long run, IF its managed well.
- INCREDIBLY STUPID QUESTION if you do your research. STOP WASTING MONEY AND TIME AND TRY TO FOCUS ON CITY PRIORITIES
- Provide us with undisputed proof of profit made by previous cities hosting the Olympic games. I don't think we could get enough income from the games to cover the expenses of preparing the city with new venues and infrastructure which always costs a lot more than the estimates.
- Not even close to any benefit, we will be paying for this for years. No Olympics!!
- During this recent recession, tourism has helped us weather the storm. Not completely, but this Olympics would renew many citizen's optimism for Calgary's future. Judging by some of the comments on this website , Optimism is at an all time low . I am normally very positive person, but lately the slow economy is starting to weigh on me. I often wonder is there a future in Calgary for my children anymore?
- The billions wasted on an Olympic games would not benefit the Calgary economy, no Olympic games have had a financial benefit, just left deficits that host cities have spent years paying back. As for suggesting that athlete housing would go towards ending homelessness, there is no way that spending millions on housing and then putting 200 or so of those units to house the homeless is laughable. Are the homeless going to wait 8 years for the possibility that they will be housed by a few units? We have 3000 homeless in Calgary, do something with some of those millions of dollars and do it now.
- Potential economic impact is a misnomer. From the lack of credible information provided there will be a negative impact on all Canadians for generations to come.
- Hinder. The extra cost of hosting the games will be added to the burden of cost we are already carrying due to our irresponsible municipal â œleadersâ œ .
- It would bring a tremendous amount to the local economy but it seems like a short-term gain for long-term pain.
- Hinder, definitely. The IOC is a monopoly bent on maximizing rent from us through the use of a competitive bid program. Unless we have the leverage similar to LA in â œ84, being the only bidder, then we are at risk of winner's curse. The only way we can win is to beat the cost (low) and value (high) of other bidders. Typically there is someone willing to fool themselves. If we propose a responsible bid, be prepared to lose. I don't think we are prepared to accept a loss and will escalate our bid to a point where we will win the bid, but lose our shirts.
- hinder. Money that would be spent on the olympics would be better spent upgrading current infrastructure.
- We will be in Debt - hurt Calgary
- Hinder - the tax payers of Calgary are already paying for poor choices from all levels of government. 10 days of Olympic parties will not bring enough economic benefit of the huge costs to tax payers. This is simply bad timing to be chasing an Olympic bid.
- I DO NOT SUPPORT A BID FOR THE OLYMPICS! They would create an ongoing tax liability to Calgary taxpayers
- Some positive impact for sure. We would be able to host many national and international competitions with these facilities. Please add up the lost term benefit of these events so I can make an informed decision on pay back period.
- It'll hurt
- Hinder. We don't need that amount of debt. Take a portion of what is being proposed and just build/fix new arenas and training facilities without the Olympic hoopla and IOC corruption.
- Hinder. I think there is too much risk that costs will be much higher than predicted based on recent games data, and the economic benefit will not be realized.
- Hinder - we will be paying for cost overruns for years to come - the track record from all previous games is clear, gov't is inefficient with taxpayer resources and our Calgary economy is not yet recovered from the recent recession. This money could be directed in numerous areas with better effect and impact on our economy. Leave the money in taxpayers pockets being the most effective.

- The economic benefit for Albertans would help. However most benefits will go to people not linked to our area. Companies and people will come in and make a lot of money off of the project, and leave. Those left here will lose their benefit by having to pay off the debt left behind.
- Economic impact? All negative. Much less corporate sponsorship now than in 1988. Companies don't have the cash to sponsor. A total economic hindrance and will devastate Calgary further.
- Severely hurt our future. The Games (aka Nenshis party) is a complete waste of money. There is absolutely ZERO historical proof that the benefits outway the costs
- By bringing investment and focus to our city, it will achieve something the city government and Calgary economic development have massively failed to do: Shine a spotlight and attract talent to our smart, young, and educated city. We need the games to move forward and not stay behind....as we are today.
- There is a lot of talk of "legacy" involved in hosting an Olympics. In my opinion this is over-rated. Economically it may have helped Calgary in 1988 but I think because of the obscurity of the facts surrounding costs, that this also relates to the economic outcomes that may or may not be beneficial. I think it is still a very big risk to assume that the Olympics will have a beneficial impact on Calgary's economic future. I think the IOC is not to be totally trusted and they seem to be pushing too hard for Calgary to make a bid. This doesn't seem like impartiality to me. I was under the impression that unless and until a city makes a bid they are to maintain an impartial view; only perhaps revealing what their contribution would be. I believe costs vs economic benefits to Calgary are not clear enough to be comfortable going ahead with a bid to host 2026 Olympics.
- Absolutely, it could be devastating to our future generations.
- Hinder. The hotel and restaurants will do well for a month and there will be some construction jobs. In the long term the economic impact will be minimal.
- I think immediately it would help, but economic benefits should not be the driving force behind the Olympics. Past Games have shown the benefits are not typically sustained.
- Overall, hinder our economy, because although there will be more people coming here to spend money; Calgarians will feel the brunt of the costs to set everything up and build this event. It is fiscally irresponsible of us to host this huge event to the taxpayers here.
- It might help the economy, but the cost burden is not worth it
- The benefits are maybe only to a few industries and are likely short term. I don't think it will be as beneficial as the city is trying to convey. If it is so beneficial then the previous Olympics would have been adequate in that case.
- The economic benefit will be long lasting. We are still benefiting from 1988 Olympics. The 2026 Olympics will just add to these benefits.
- Hinder. Don't think we'll ever recoup these outrageous costs
- help
- HINDER, we don't have the money, we are just getting over a recession, this is the last thing we need for the city
- The impact will be in the longer term -- improving sustainability will lower costs in the longer run; accessibility to housing will help move people into new situations where it will be possible for them to contribute more fully to the economy. Engaging with Indigenous peoples may bring new entrepreneurs into the local economy.
- this is what i need to get more numbers about. i am only in favor if the city makes a net profit from the games. this should be easy to assess since the games were held in vancouver, and in russia. so someone should ahve some ideas of the economic impact of games like these.
- Alberta's economy is volatile since it has boom and bust phases with its relation to the oil and gas industry. When 2026 comes along, Calgary could once again be booming, or may still, or once again be in a struggling phase. With the Olympics, it could be a positive contributor either way the local economy is with tourism contributions helping out our local economy.
- Calgary has the true potential to be world class if only instead of doing things in half measures it would look at other places that get it right and follow their lead. The Games is not a viable strategy for establishing longterm (the fuuture generations) 'stardom'.
- This will not help our future economy!
- Hinder, you are expecting tax payers to pay for the Olympics when the city already has struggling families. You want to host the Olympics, then the mayor can pay.

- There has not in the past been any lasting economic benefit to host cities.
- Hinder their is no benefit and it will put us in debt which taxpayers and their children will have to deal with for the next 20years. It is also another reason to increase taxes and hinder local businesses.
- Hinder
- It would put the next four generations of Calgarians in Debt..., Someone must get to Nemshi and tell him Calgary is not Little Dubai..
- Hinder. Heavy debt.
- Undecided. Would be good to get more information and potential figures.
- There will not be a big economic impact for general Calgarians except we will be in debit. We are not willing to have tax increases to cover the costs
- If the â œeconomic developmentâ plan for Calgary hinges on the Olympics god help us. That is a very flimsy argument. The issue for Calgary is the impact all levels of government have had on our core industry. The Olympics nonsense is wrapped in the same delusion as the Amazon bid. Calgary isn't playing to its strengths as an energy and finance centre of excellence. Talent, including high tech talent is leaving the city in droves. The Olympics won't fix that. A change of government will.
- Hinder. The games historically are a net cost. Sometimes an enormous one if not managed properly. A biased, secretive and fiscally irresponsible city council gives no confidence a project like this can be managed competently.
- How much money did the city make last time because I do not see as big of a crowd this time.
- Yes. Government deficits should come first.
- We won't see anything approaching a return on this investment.
- HINDER. Short term jobs in trade for massive tax increases on an already struggling City.
- Help
- "It can only help. Both short and longtime employment. Facilities will continuously need staff. If like the 88 Olympics many competing Athletes for all over the world will train in Calgary before & after the games. Some even choosing to live here after.
- New athletes coming up will also be attracted to the city, facilities & programs going forward."
- I have already stated my feelings that this is financial burden the taxpayers of this city can ill afford!
- The economic impact will be overall negative and hinder the City. Calgary already has a robust tourism industry and will not grow significantly from additional exposure. A heavy tax burden on citizens and businesses from guaranteed cost overruns will harm the city and make it less attractive for tourists.
- A very select few will benefit at the expense of the masses.
- Hinder. Calgary will be financially ruined
- Hinder....there are soooooooo many people out of work and the jobs or Spencer ship will never be the same as Oil biz.
- It will have both short term and long term negative impacts on the economy. It will force multiple layers of government to incur debt that we can ill afford, debt that will act as a leech on taxpayer's pockets for years to come.
- Hinder. Plenty of examples of former Olympic cities in serious debt, and venues going unused afterwards.
- Hinder - because we'll be struggling to pay for the Games long after they are over.
- No real benefit relative to cost.
- It would not have a positive impact. It's too short of a time to have a lasting impact.
- Help in the short run, hurt in the long run. How expensive will new facilities be to maintain, how long will other priorities be pushed back dealing with costs/debt?
- No
- I think this would help our economy short term - possibly long term - depending on how we stand in the oil industry by 2026. Right now things are still sluggish and out housing market is completely flooded with interest rates getting higher. If our economy is standing still by 2026 or if we end up on another economy collapse (we know things could rise and fall again any time) then it could potentially help us through a rough period while we get our rise again. Look at what has happened in other cities that have held the games that are comparable to Calgary. What happened to them post Games?

- Help. Hosting the Olympic helps put Calgary on the world stage. When I travel abroad, people rarely know of Calgary, despite it being a major city in Canada. When I tell people about it, and show them pictures, people always want to come visit, so why not give them another reason to?
- It would give a short term boost to Calgary's economy, but until Calgary addresses the underlying problems with relying on one industry and continuing to rely on one industry, the economic benefits of an Olympics would be short lived, overshadowed by massive debt, and ultimately swallowed up by the city's refusal or inability to meaningfully diversify its economy.
- Hinder
- I think the Olympics will ultimately hurt the economic future of Calgary. The city is not in good economic condition currently. The Oil industry is being attacked by federal and provincial governments. The Provincial debt is out of control, we should not go further into debt. The Olympics do not make money. The common tax payer pays regardless. If my taxes go up much further i will have to reconsider staying in my home town because the cost of living in Calgary will be higher then many other great communities.
- I want to believe it'll help but there's a lot of money being spent on things that have no benefit, like security, so I'm not really sure.
- we are looking at the 88 olympics and thinking hey we can do it again, the world has moved on now and it would be crippling to Calgary for many many years to come , a fool hardy plan so that a few people can make a lot of money at the expense of the majority of people in calgary and a few politicians can stroke their egos , sorry but the people of calgary elected them and we can also remove them.
- I think different forms of investment in infrastructure would have a similar economic impact with much much less debt
- I'm not sure it will help at all. Building other projects could help more because we have short falls in many areas yet this seems to be a priority.
- Hinder.
- Hinder - different economical climate than we had in 1988
- "We haven't had raises in years. Yet the bills keep going up and up.
- Recycling costs, gas, groceries, property taxes.
- We as the people can't afford more money going out with nothing coming in."
- Calgarians can't with more taxes, we're bearily getting by as it is. Transit is a joke and one of the most expensive in the world, fix that first. Calgarian children are going to school hungry, that's way more important than the Olympics. Dental care, eye care and medicine is unaffordable. I'm more concerned about fixing these problems before we host the Olympics. University is not for free like other first World countries. I could go on an on about what's more important to invest in, like the people of Calgary before we host the Olympics for our Mayor's ego.
- There is no beneficial economic impact. You all forget that all of the cost are funded by tax dollars. Whose pockets do you think those \$\$\$ come from. You are shell game players here and we are not baffled by your gab
- Hinder. I have heard sev "Olympics economists" speak about past Olympics and without exception they have not been a financial success for the communities. That's one reason why a number of cities have dropped out lately.
- Hinder. If the Bidco and City Council isn't transparent now it'll just get worse.
- Hinder. Calgarians su should not have to carry the burden of cost overruns.
- In the long run, hinder. We would be left holding the bill for most cost over runs and and potential damages arising from the event itself.
- I strongly feel the key negative issue potentially impacting the future economy of Calgary and both the fed and prov levels of govt is the â œfluidâ cost estimates for hosting the games. History does not speak well of cost over runs. Calgary is still struggling to pull out a deep recession, is consideing raising taxes and/or cutting services. Both the prov and fed levels of govt are running (and projecting) major deficits and priority for both those levels should be getting their fiscal house in order. Economically for Calgary, AB and Can this is clearly not the time to spend scarce tax dollars on this event
- Hinder: The potential economic impact of the Games could be catastrophic with costs being higher than revenue. Our future could consist of paying for a negative impact for many years.
- Hinder 5 times more than your budget? My great great grand children will be paying it off!

- long term impact is negative with outstanding costs paid by Calgarians
- "creating jobs" to build facilities for these games is not long term employment and will stunt our economy in a fake way. We do not have the fund to pay for this and its offensive for the city to be pursuing this.
- \$5.0 billion for a two week party... isn't going to help the economy over the long run.
- 100% hinder - the increase tax burden would cripple a lot of families economicqly and businesses would suffer when taxes ultimately rise to cover the cost
- 1988 turned a profit, the world economy has changed. Prognosis is heavy debt load
- 2 week spike in the economy...
- 3 Billion for a 2 week party will only have short term benefits. Studies show, no real boost after the olympics ( Vancouver reported this recently )
- a bad financial outcome (foreseeable) could / would bankrupt Calgary.
- a deficit is inevitable - that this is bad should be obvious even to Council
- A good multiplier effect is welcomed
- A lotto people around the world don't know about Calgary. When people think of Canada only come to mind Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.
- a short term boost but not worth the cost. The games are a money loser.
- A short term boost to the economy simply does not justify the expense.
- A short term economic benefit - benefit will be for security companies, IOC, not Calgarians. It will be a huge cost to us
- A temporary influx of tourists isn't a long term economic strategy. And that is without the added garbage, security, police, and mayhem that it would add.
- Absolutely benefit in the longer term - read my comments above!
- Absolutely help, we are still seeing the beneficial impact of 1988, I see foreign bobsleigh and ski jumping teams regularly in Calgary, Nakiska hosts foreign teams throughout the winter and they all stay in hotels in Calgary and eat at Calgary restaurants
- Absolutely help. Not only local businesses who benefit from a major bump during Games' time, but also the international investment and attention that is drawn to an Olympic city (which actually has industries and the rule of law). Calgary would not be the city it is without the '88 Games, due the infrastructure upgrades it brought, the attention it gained in the years leading in to the Games, and its reputation post-Games which continues to resonate.
- Absolutely hinder Calgary's future. This city has the second highest unemployment rate of all major Canadian cities and still has over 27% commercial vacancy rate in the core. The cost of the games will absolutely increase and the provincial gov has committed \$700M and the federal gov not saying anything. Both these commitments will be a maximum contribution, leaving Calgary to pick up the huge balance, whatever that may end up being, which is basically a blank cheque. The tax burden from hosting the Olympics is just plain too much for this city at this time. I understand that the Olympics are a few years away, and there is a possibility that the economic climate for Calgary could improve, but there are no guarantees on that, and we are being asked to commit to this massive financial burden now. I was laid off from my work in Engineering, two years ago and still have not found work in my field. If I were to agree to take my kids to Disneyland because they really want to, knowing I am really struggling financially, it would be completely irresponsible of me to put my family in a far worse financial situation than we are already in. I see Calgary hosting the Olympics in the same light. It is absolutely irresponsible to even consider a bid.
- Absolutely hinder. All the money spent on extravaganzas and security could be better spent on NEEDED facilities. The risks / added tax burden for the costs is unacceptable.
- Absolutely not. It is TOO big a risk for leaving us with a huge tax burden
- Actual cost of this party will be, based on historical costs, \$13 - 18 billion, and possibly higher, and will bankrupt us for generations. The IOC will not approve mere renovations of existing 30 year old facilities!
- Additional Debt is a Hindrance to the City, Province and Country. The City is wasting my money on there Pro Games Proaganda Campaign
- Again hard to say on how our future economy could be by then
- Again HINDER. Huge debt load on future generations.
- Again it could go either way. It will help bring money during the games but what about the facilities after?
- Again tax increase on business and residential for something like this is not a good thing.

- Again yes, there is no guarantee for economic benefit only more taxes
- Again, '88 was a bigger investment in terms of infrastructure in happier financial times and we are still enjoying the benefits provided by the facilities built from that time. The new project pales in comparison with respect to legacy facilities. The IOC likes to travel first class and we simply cannot afford their benchmark for spending simply to say, 'LOOK AT US'. Makes no sense. The employment and cash flow from the games are a short term shot that will simply be absorbed into the costs that inevitably come in over budget (whatever that 'actual' budget might be).
- "again, spending billions of dollars on some crazy party to dance with the sheiks can only hurt us and
- maybe destroy us like Detroit. Where are the thinking people? Who is ruling this city.... not the people."
- Again...too much debt to have a positive economic impact.
- Almost all recent Olympics hosts have been left grappling with unused venue capacity, deficits and unaddressed social issues like jobs and affordable housing. I am also not convinced that there will be demonstrable economic boosts as it has been shown in Vancouver 2010 and other recent Olympics members that the tourism and economic after effects have not materialized so what is the evidence that we would use to think we are different?
- Although the Olympics would generate much needed employment with new infrastructure and upgrades, the cost does not make sense in the end to me. The 2 week economic boom seems a poor return for investment. Our City already is on the map.
- Any economic benefits would be only temporary. We need more long term industries, especially more local manufacturing
- Any economic impact will be short lived and minor. If there is so much money why not create long term jobs instead of fly by night, expensive initiatives.
- Any job creation would be short term, unsustainable. We will be repaying a debt with interest. We do not have the money.
- Any short term stimulus will be offset long term tax increases to pay for the games
- Any time we have jobs for people and construction it's a good thing
- Approximately 3B in "free" advertising for the city; not to mention, the 3B in upgrades and infrastructure to current facilities.
- As above.
- As an ex-Montrealer, I warn Calgarians that it is no fun living with decades of cost overruns and blatant corruption.
- As long as the development is done on time, on budget and to a high standard, then yes it can help Calgary's future.
- As long as the tax payers don't foot the bill it should be good for the economy.
- As we already have only about half of what the green line LRT extension budget requires and constant concerns about new schools and flood mitigation projects and revitalizing the downtown core or figuring out new ways to alter the taxes to handle the future (at least as far as can be predicted in this world), claiming a lowball figure of about \$5 billion for hosting the Olympics veers dangerously close to madness. As it is, I get regular emails wanting money to put books in our libraries while we spend millions on working up a bid. Very hard to understand.
- Aside from these all being heavily biased questions the point of contention is what can we get for a few billion dollars? That money would go much further on other projects that increase our community and city's stature. You could upgrade one or two of the facilities to maintain the presence of athletes and still have flexibility to splurge on other things instead of lining the pockets of the IOC
- At this point of time, there is no guarantee that the governments will support nor will businesses support to cover the cost of these games. Security is much higher than 1988 - a huge cost...and buildings & venues will be cost overrides...
- At this time, I do not believe that the economic impact on Calgary will be positive. The Games are short term and do not guarantee any form of further investment in Alberta. As such, I do not see them contributing to the economy in the longer term. The benefit would primarily be for the Olympic athletes in providing up to date training facilities.
- Based on the current economics, I think hosting would be a good boost to the Calgary economy. Whether the boost is sustainable and would help the city's future is questionable. The Olympics are always a risk economically because of the enormous cost in getting all the facilities built or upgraded. It would serve Calgarians better to understand what this economic risk would be rather than just presenting the cost - what would it mean for tax payers? What happens if there isn't a boost in the economy as anticipated?
- Benefit as it would bring in tourism and events in the future

- Big time help. It will help Calgary because if we don't do something major like the Olympic bid, the economy will still struggle, and the city might not be able to pay for planned infrastructures anyway. If we bid, city will still incur the same level of investment but it was leveraged by other funding sources. which will help create jobs and boost the economy. Once economy is strong, city doesn't have to rely on the Olympic itself (2 weeks) to generate income.
- Bankrupting a city is a bad economic impact, we just cannot afford such an expense footed by the average under paid over taxed citizen
- Businesses may have a good season during the Olympics but it is short term and taxpayers will have to pay in the long term.
- Calgarians need a full cost benefit analysis that is comprehensive, i.e. a complete business plan with probabilistic outcomes
- Calgary can get an economic boost from tourism and the global spotlight that the Olympics and Paralympics will bring. Provincial and federal government policy have killed Calgary's competitiveness and the Games can help bring that back.
- "Calgary is already a known city. Our economy will not be saved by a single sporting event. Better government policies, better fiscal management and less economy crippling taxes are needed.
- More debt is not what Calgary's economy needs.
- The money being proposed to be spent on the olympics could be better used to address current civic needs."
- Calgary is already known internationally...economic impact will not be much of a help. Could potentially be a major impact, as the Olympics are notorious for not making a positive economic impact on an area
- Calgary is already on the map from the 88 Olympics, so putting them on the map again is redundant.
- Calgary is well positioned to be a world class city, based on economic potential and geographic location. The city is currently hurting and stagnant and I believe the Olympics are a great opportunity to put us back in the world spotlight and return us to former greatness.
- Calgary previously demonstrated it can host the world's largest winter events with low cost overruns and great longterm benefits. The incredible amount of free advertising a Winter Olympic city receives has a very different impact than the advertising a Summer Olympic city has. Winter Olympic cities ARE major destinations for their sporting/natural venues, where as summer Olympic cities are often destinations for other reasons.
- Calgary will be running a deficit under the new City Charter. We do not need to add to all three levels of Government debt with the Olympics.
- Calgary's economy didn't boom due to 88 - it was about oil - however misappropriation of government funds could hurt for years
- Calgary's economic future depends on the oil and gas sector. The city needs to focus on how it can help industry get it's product to other markets. Instead of this, city council is focused on this expensive vanity project.
- Calgary's economy has not rebounded to where it was back in 2015. Our unemployment rate is still high. Our downtown vacancy rate is still high. Calgary, as a city, needs to look after itself and some of its issues rather than be distracted by a short-term event. We have Little League baseball diamonds that are bordering on unsafe due to the lack of attention the City pays to its inter-city diamonds. Our city's economy does not have the foundation to build upon right now. The City needs to refocus on getting people back to work and encouraging long-lasting investment into the city.
- Can only loose money and make Calgarians pay for it for yearssssss
- Can't even build a ring road within a reasonable time span.
- Certainly hinder Calgary's future. NO DOUBT. It's obvious except for city council.
- Certainly hinder. I would like to see harder evidence rather than "the true benefits aren't seen for a few years after" (like Montreal? Et al) or the international visibility will spur businesses to relocate to Calgary because of the Games. Not very likely and if a few companies move (minus an Amazon-type which probably doesn't happen) then the economic benefit is fairly limited when considering the costs to generate the few million potential dollars more from tourism, new business, etc. It should be a fairly easy but a rough estimate if you use Vancouver numbers (ie 25% more tourism, 1 year later, 15% more 2 years later) to come up with Calgary benefit numbers after 2026. People can respond to the benefit if we say ROI if putting in \$5.2B costs then the city/province/etc sees \$5.2B in 5 years in additional tourism, new business taxes, etc. The problem is nobody wants to admit those numbers because the economic

benefit is probably more like \$3B or less and then we're wasting \$2.2B on what? A 3-week party and some athletic events. I'd be able to host a great sporting event for \$1B and then return \$4.2B to taxpayers / private investors.

- Certainly not for everyone. Sure, businesses might get a boost, but I doubt citizens who are impacted by cuts to municipal services would be helped. Most of us don't own businesses.
- Certainly will not improve our community, will increase traffic volume, noise from Helicopters, Police services,
- Certainly won't help other than to create some short term construction jobs which could be created just the same if we committed the \$500 million we would be contributing to other priority infrastructure initiatives.
- City taxes will increase anyway. If some big companies will cash in, it will not make my life standard any better, gas and utilities, education won't be more affordable, food prices won't go down
- Complete hinder. I see inflated taxes for an unforgiving future. I see cutbacks in every aspect of city services in saving money in the future, as well as more tax increases, but I can guarantee you that city council will get a raise.
- concerned about a cost overrun legacy (as with the Montreal Games)
- Cost over runs are a scary issue, the average Calgary household cannot afford the tax increase to pay for over runs. The province has stated they will not offset over runs.
- Cost over runs risk increasing the cost of doing business to the point of making Calgary less competitive and inattentive to new investment. Calgary is already an expensive and over regulated place to do business.
- Cost overruns average over 160% for the last several olympics, knowing the actual cost of implementation in Calgary is unlikely. This will be a long term financial sink-hole that we can't back out of and considering how unstable our current economic climate is in the city it would be beyond foolish to sign ourselves up for an ever increasing bill for absolutely no economic benefit to the average citizen.
- Cost overs are a certainty. It will hinder.
- Cost to hold event too great and will have adverse effect on our economy.
- Costs to the tax payers would hinder the economy of Calgary
- Costs will not help Calgary
- Could be a mixed bag, but if we're considered in how we allocate for infrastructure, facilities, and community improvements, there's a solid chance this will be a net-gain for the city
- Could go either way! If there aren't any problems it could help BUT if there is ONE or MORE problems particularly if there is a major problem risking lives or causing death(s) it could be a disaster for Calgary's future
- DEBT = HINDER DEBT = HINDER DEBT = HINDER DEBT = HINDER DEBT = HINDER
- Debt from overruns would hinder the city for years to come. I understand from research that future increase in tourism after the Olympic is negligible.
- Debt on top of debt
- Debt risk is too high. I don't care which level of government funds it - all comes out of the taxpayer's pocket - eg mine!
- Debt servicing will kill city
- Definitely could hurt Calgary's future. Has the potential to hurt a lot. Calgary is already a known commodity, and well known tourist destination within Canada. The Olympic Games will reinforce this but not increase it significantly.
- Definitely hinder! Costs a fortune and our taxes have done nothing but skyrocket every year already. Almost every city that hosted the Olympics has been hit hard by hosting them. The Olympic organization makes millions of dollars and the hosts suffer from it... a few get rich or have their egos boosted.
- Definitely hinder. We would be in debt but for a very long time
- Definitely hinder. I will have to move out of Calgary if the Games go ahead, as I can barely afford my property taxes as it is now that I have been forced to retire much earlier than planned due to the downturn in the economy. My taxes have gone up 3% over inflation annually ever since Mayor Nenshi first came in, and the Games will increase what we have to pay. WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS. OUR CHILDREN CANNOT AFFORD THIS EITHER.
- "Definitely hinder.
- Calgary's economic status is still shaky with people who are still losing their jobs in oil and gas. We need to diversify but this is not the way. Hosting Olympic Games are proven time and time again to saddle a city with huge debt. For what? 15 minutes of fame on a world stage? Let alone the cost itself to submit that bid."
- Definitely hinder. Cost overruns will be a nightmare for a long time.

- Definitely hinder. There is no way the games cost will be covered by 3 levels of broke governments. Tax payers will be asked to pay for cost overruns either directly through increased fees and taxation or indirectly through cuts in support and services by all levels of government.
- Definitely is going to help, but it needs to be regulated and supervised in order to be a great success.
- Definitely hinder .. The Council on one hand is talking about another budget deficit but on the other talking about the benefit the games will provide . Hopefully Calgary citizens realized we are being deceived
- Do I believe that spending 5+ BILLION dollars will be recovered by a 10 day event? Not a chance. Our economy will be worse off, even in the long run.
- Don't see how it will benefit the average Calgarian. However, it could come at a huge cost to Calgarians if left with large overruns!
- Don't wanna sick of hearing about it
- Duh. It will put us in so big a hole that it will take ages to recover.
- Economic Benefits for some in the short term but not the taxpayer in the long run.
- Economic impact at what cost . The money spent on Olympics if spent entirely upon Economic Business growth related projects would benefit Calgary sooner do more for the city than the Olympics ever could . Lower Taxes attract Factories Warehouses centres create jobs get higher volume of taxes from wages spent in calgary . Gee create a business attractive city environment that then results in Jobs what a novel way to do something good for your public taxpayer .
- Economic impact is always framed as being a long term positive outcome, when in fact studies show the opposite; Olympics hosting costs the economy in the long term.
- Economic impact is temporary
- Economic impact will be very short term. For as long as the tourists are here. The bills will remain long after they're gone.
- Economic impact will hinder our future because of the huge debt we will incur in hosting the games
- Economic impact would HINDER Calgary's future as we would be saddled with a massive debt for decades to come.
- Economic impact would hinder the future. We're having enough trouble just making ends meet as it is. A lot of the jobs are voluntary, which won't help the unemployment numbers (perhaps just in the short term with more construction) but in the long run I don't see the Games helping at all.
- Economic impacts will have a long-term adverse effect on Calgarians.
- Economic impacts would likely be short term and surrounding tourism during and after the games.
- Economically positive due to exposure and tourism
- Economically, the exposure of the Olympics will help the city with foreign investments and talent.
- Economically, there is no question that it will help the economic growth within Calgary, support local business, and promote Calgary on the world stage.
- Every report & academic study that's been conducted into the economic viability of Olympic hosting invariably comes back with the same conclusions -- the games have no real economic impact to the host community. Sure, there's a short term boost due to facilities construction, but the hype that gets thrown around, that tourism will explode for years and decades afterwards never materializes. The only true beneficiary to see any improved economics is the IOC itself, which stands to rake in a few more billion.
- "Evidence shows the short-term positive tourism impacts don't last, it was the case for the last few cities that hosted. Are we so special that it will be different here?
- Spending 5 billions (will probably end up being in the 10-15 billions when everything is said and done!), it's really hard to get that much increased income out of it...
- The outlandish costs will drown the small short-term benefits."
- Except for the elite, there's been no long term benefit. Look up the word, "volunteer" that was used, ad nauseam, in '88!
- Exploiting taxpayers locally and nationwide to provide a legacy event with a small economic activity that only provides worldwide spotlight for few minutes seems kind of rash. The IOC should pay for 100% of the cost for their event where they take the lion share of the money.

- Feel it will be a negative impact and not help our future
- For a short period of time, it will help Calgary's economy, due to the additional employment created from construction and labour requirements to staff the Games - but post Olympics will be the challenge
- For me cost is the most important factor. I don't believe the economic benefits will outweigh the long-term costs. Calgary has more important things to spend taxpayer dollars on. And I have zero faith in the city's ability to responsibly budget without passing on deficits to the taxpayers. Taxes go up every single year.
- Frighteningly expensive, and we will again have to pay to keep facilities functional... with what? We can't afford them
- Funding the games appears to be a major drain on an already struggling tax base. Even though the city is projected to not be on the hook for the majority of the costs, tax payers will stay be burdend through federal and provincial taxes. These taxes could be reinvested into the community to improve services or to aid in the diversification of the city economy. By moving the city away from an oil-centric economic model, it would be less susceptible to boom-and-bust cycles and fluctuations in global oil prices, like it is currently experiencing.
- Future? Nope. Length of the 'Games' only.
- Games always overrun in cost. Calagary taxpayers will be paying this for years.
- Games will help as it takes the local economy a step towards diversification.
- "Geeze. You would think this is an obvious question. Look around at all the cost over-runs globally.
- Only one other city is considering a bid. Wholly crap, open your eyes. There is no money. We are broke and you want to make us more broke. Of course there are lotsa cheerleaders who want to spend OUR money. They have no real skin in the game and many are PAID to promote. Then the city is very non-transparent. Imagine, presenting the city budget AFTER the plebisite? Ahem, I want to see @ budgets WELL before vote date. One with olympics and one without. You have both scenarios already. Show the citizens. If you don't have both budgets then you should be fired yesterday. If you have no confidence in the budgets, then tell us. Regardless we can read between the lines. Farkas and Chu are the only ones who seem to give a crap about taxpayers."
- Good question. And I have one in return, several actually. So if Whistler (900 kms away) hosts the ski event, what are the plans to shuttle the European/American tourists back and forth, and who stands to gain the largest economic impact from that? And will the medal ceremonies for ski event be held in Calgary or Whistler? And if hockey events are held in Edmonton, how can this possibly benefit Calgary? I believe the highest positive economic impacts will be in other centers, not Calgary but yet we'll get left with paying the bills. The negative impact could be devastating and I don't think we should be gambling our sons and daughters and granddaughters financial future on 2 weeks of 'fun'.
- Governments borrowing money to build unnecessary infrastructure that supports very few long-term jobs is never an economic win. It may boost things a bit in the short-term, but we will more than pay for it in the long-term while our governments service that added debt.
- Hard to know
- hard to say depends on the costs
- Hard to say. My biggest concern is the opportunity cost of hosting the Olympics. Calgary trails other Canadian cities in terms of tech i.e AI, Biomedical, etc. I question what would be the economic benefit of spending the same amount of money on trying to develop a community for tech in the city.
- Has very little impact.except for some athletes and a few events it's not worth it
- Have we not learned any lessons. Remember the economic and social funk after the gaudy 88 Olympics. Building sport infrastructure is not going to help Calgary diversify off oil and gas industry.
- Have yet to se a cost benefit plan, so I can't say
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- Help Establish jobs during current downtown in Calgary. Uncertain of financial impact on city as City has not shown what financing would look like and financial impact on city, What projects might have to be deferred. Talk about deferral of projects an financial risk but no facts or numbers. Current presentations are all just nice statements. Need facts numbers behind statements
- Help - in the long run. If the facilities were worth it, we could draw larger acts and shows and more tourism.
- Help - increased world awareness of our city would lead to increased tourism and the facilities can lead to more world events coming to our city with the resulting economic boost by bringing more people yes
- Help - it has been a tough few years for those of us working in oil and gas in Calgary. It is exciting and motivating to think about Calgary 2026 Olympics for the city!
- Help - it will bring jobs to prepare for the Games - building/refurbishing venues and accommodations; during the Games we will have substantially increased commercial/retail transactions and following the Games we will have new facilities to leverage to new markets, and new hosting/accommodations to use for needed populations
- Help - the tourism dollars, the jobs created by hosting the games, the legacy after - all positive impacts over the next 30 years.
- HELP - There's a lot of potential benefits to our economy, but the costs of an unsuccessful games would quickly throw water onto those flames. That impact would be severely impacted if other cities were to participate in that revenue sharing.
- Help - this is a longterm investment. Those that oppose are only seeing the short-term impacts of infrastructure investment - the longterm gains are immeasurable
- "Help - we are a beautiful area of the world and media exposure would be beneficial
- New and updated facilities will continue to bring world competitions to our city"
- Help as long as the committee stays on budget and hold themselves accountable.
- help as most/all needed facilities are required now/soon anyway. Providing lots of affordable housing is high priority to support economic growth and mitigate social problems
- Help but it is temporary
- Help by putting Calgary on the world stage once again and renewing interest in visiting the city.
- Help if costs we're defined but they aren't & we know cost overruns are expected
- Help if, and only if, the facilities are usable by all. Example large stadium replacement for Stampeders and a new arena for the Flames.
- Help in the Short Term and Hinder in the Long Term. Obvious economic impacts due to visitors during the games and potentially immediately after the games. But once that is over, it's forgotten. The shift to the new host happens and the former host is literally forgotten. Unless revenues DURING the games is enough to COVER the cost to Calgarians to host the games, this SEVERELY Hinders Calgary in the Economy component. The same amount proposed on the Olympic Bid could have been used to "entice" Amazon (in either subsidies) would have more Long Term beneficial economic effects, as that would have been a catalyst to attract other tech industries to emerge in Calgary and diversity out of O&G.
- Help with the influx of cash into the city.
- Help! Winning a bid, building facilities will drive the economy. It will attract investment and new business. It can't do anything but help.
- Help! This will be great for Alberta's tourism economy, as seen with Vancouver and Whistler since the 2010 games. Tourism is also a great way to diversify our economy, especially since the downturn of oil and gas.
- "Help!
- Another great reason to get Calgary on the map and attract more tourists."
- Help!! Calgary would be showcased to the world. People would see the best place to live in North America and the fourth best place in the world

- Help, bring back tourism and investment
- Help, but temporary. Oils and gas commodity price brings business, not games.
- Help, diversify the sectors and improve future tourism opportunities, potential corporate deals as globally known where Calgary is
- Help, exposure to world will help us to grow many industries like tourism and retail.
- Help, in the long term. Being a world class high altitude training facility would be beneficial to all. But this can only happen if we spend the money to make them world class. If we pinch the dollars and don't go all out, we will have little to no legacy as the venues will be useless.
- Help, major economic impact for games and future
- Help, self inherent
- Help, with volunteers we can have our games be profitable.
- Help. We still reap the legacy from 1988.
- Help. At least in the short term as the Games bring athletes and fans from all over the world.
- Help. Despite the high budget even if contingencies are not needed, a lot of these funds are pumped directly back into the local economy resulting in Jobs, purchasing power, etc.. This is also an opportune time to carry out mega projects since construction labour and material costs are no where near highs of recent years. With 2026 the first opportunity to bid with new IOC 2020 vision, public skepticism until proven after 2026 of the fundamental change, and lack of competing cities, subsequent games bids will have stiffer competition from other cities with the games being an attractive venture once again, and will result in less likelihood of being awarded games.
- Help. It will drive growth and recovery.
- Help. People are crazy if they say otherwise, the amount of tourists that will be in this city and that will come back. Investors will follow.
- Help. People will come to see our city. World events will draw spectators and athletes.
- Help. The preparations for the games, the games themselves and the legacy of the games will bring a significant economic benefit for Calgary in terms of jobs, infrastructure and tourism. Calgary is facing tough times with the slump in the oil industry and that is not about to change anytime soon. We are trying to attract new businesses to replace that lost business but it takes time. We need an economic stimulus to tide us over and I believe the Olympic Games will do that.
- Help. Big boost to infrastructure spending and job creation leading up to the games. During the games massive tourism dollars will be spent across all industries.
- Help. Big boost to investment and city brand. Offset, of course, by debt load.
- Help. Brings in lots of revenue.
- Help. Brings in tourism, and promotes the city. But economic benefits are overrated.
- Help. Businesses are struggling everywhere. When you see 20year restaurants closing down you know we have issues with tourism and citizens out enjoying life
- Help. But to what degree? Are the costs worth it? Waiting for E&Y study.
- Help. Calgary has changed a lot since 1988. Show the world...
- Help. Calgary is desperate to rid itself of small town mentality and put itself on the map for being world class and an international city. Business leaders will become looking at Calgary as a potential home for their businesses.
- HELP. Calgary needs to attract new talent to our city and diversify our economy. People around the world will see how much Calgary has changed in a positive way since the '88 games and will be impressed. They will consider it as a great place to come work, go to school, vacation, etc.
- Help. Even short term construction jobs will be a huge boost to a sector that needs a boost. New facilities will all require staff. Tourism will increase.
- Help. Huge help. Not only the influx of cash the city would see during the games, but the chance to advertise our city to the world is a huge one. Also the infrastructure built would be a nice boost to the local economy.
- Help. Increased economic activity and development of our tourism industry. We must diversify our economy.
- Help. Infusion of activity during construction and the event. Critical increase in non oil & gas economic activity later. This diversification is much needed.
- Help. It will create jobs and put Calgary on the map.

- Help. It will give a temporary boost in the economy that could carry longer term.
- Help. It would create jobs and bring tourism for decades.
- Help. Jobs and tourism, obvs.
- Help. More cash.
- Help. More people more money.
- Help. More tourism
- Help. Positive economic impact.
- Help. Promote stampede, promote Alberta parks (still cheaper to stay in Calgary than Banff), promote the rest of Alberta -most flights go to Calgary first!
- Help. Sure there will be costs. But there will also be great benefits to local businesses and even to regular citizens who are interested in profiting via Uber & AirB&B. There will also be social and cultural benefits that will be difficult if not impossible to measure in economic terms that I feel are out important
- Help. Tourism is a major part of our economy, and a good back up when oil and gas is in recession.
- Help. Tourism!
- Help. Tourism, advertising, and a generally busier city will bring in some money. I don't believe it will be enough money to justify the cost, there are better ways to turn \$2b+ to help the economy.
- Help. With smart planning it can be an economic boost
- Help. With so many cities pulling out of bidding it provides Calgary with a strong negotiating point with the IOC for revenue and cost sharing.
- Help. With the fall of the oil & gas starting in 2008 tourism dropped significantly from the stampede. More money into the economy would help in profits all around as people would see how amazing Calgary is and would return during the summer months
- "Help.
- As long as it is cost inclined and
- Stays on budget"
- Help... it will help every sector.. if not directly then in directly by putting us on the map around the world... can't let Vancouver and Toronto take all the credit
- Help... tourist dollars (both during the Olympics, and in the future), investment from the Federal government, economic diversity, igniting our economy.
- Help...Instantly increases the number of jobs in the city. We need new venues or renovating the existing ones.
- HELP: Do the maths!!! most of the costs would have to occur anyway (other than security) and at least they can be shared. many jobs would be created; in the current economical trend, even temporary jobs are valuable.
- Helps in the short term. Is it worth \$7+ billion? Likely not.
- Helps the wealthy who own land and property for rent, etc. Average family will gain nothing except more taxes.
- Higher taxes always impacts economic future
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- HINDER - a financial disaster would have far reaching effects.
- Hinder - because the costs will never be made up in the lifetime of any adult presently living in Calgary - it will be left to our children and grandchildren to clean up and pay up long after this proposed party is over. If the bid/event proceeds, it will pull volunteer time, charitable funding and other finite resources away from Calgarians in the next 6 years who have already been impacted by a tough economy of the past few years. If the bid goes forward, and subsequently the 2026 games (because really, there's only one other city/country in the world stupid enough to consider bidding on it), the focus will very quickly switch from the (current) needs of Calgarians to the needs of the IOC. Will the Olympics draw more business interest to Calgary? Maybe. But the right kind of business, and many more people moving here? On a personal note, I lived in Vancouver before their Olympics, but wouldn't even consider living there now. For many reasons, not the least of which, I couldn't afford it now! I think I share the thought with many Calgarians that it's kinda nice to be not-so-big on the world stage.
- HINDER - Calgary CANNOT afford these games!
- "Hinder - Calgary needs to shake the mentality that \$100/bbl oil is going to come back so we can afford to do anything we want. This city needs a lifestyle change that focuses on effective use of taxpayer dollars that supports the highest priority needs of the citizens.
- Would the olympics be fun? Sure they would. But that fun is only going to be experienced by the people that can afford the events. If the cost for olympic events is comparable to the cost for Flames hockey tickets, only the top percentile earners in the city will be able to afford to attend.
- There is a reason why there was such passionate division between Calgarians on the idea of the Calgary Flames building a new arena funded by the taxpayers. Calgarians have other priorities they want to see their money spent on an councillors need to start recognizing that. First we need to fund the baseline infrastructure, social programs, and facilities that Calgarians will use and benefit from in their daily lives. After that, if there is money leftover, host the games.
- The long-term cost burden of fancy new facilities will put a major dent in Calgary's ability to fund what is truly important to Calgarians. Calgary should be run for Calgarians, not for tourists or corrupt local and international sports organizations."
- Hinder - distraction. Focus people on the possible future options while ignoring existing crisis and issues that need attention today - not eight years from now.
- Hinder - From my very limited knowledge base - seems like the average Calgarian (who is not a sports fanatic) would receive little direct benefit - I see those who are on the olympic payroll, doing the building, or renting rooms for the games or renting the facilities once built as receiving the most of the economics gain - in other words make the economic winners pay the bills, not the average Calgarian/Albertan.
- Hinder - hardship for taxpayers already paying high taxes.

- HINDER- <https://entertainment.howstuffworks.com/olympic-games-generate-profit.htm> Proof they dont make money.
- Hinder - I don't think we'll get the uptick we are hoping for
- Hinder - I really can't see any upside here, as we will be so far in debt it will take generations to crawl out. There WILL be cost overruns. No one trusts government to stick to a budget or promises anymore, so no one believes the people in charge when they have cost estimates or budgets.
- Hinder - in a big way. Calgary's economic future would be severely limited after the inevitable cost overruns of putting on another Olympic Games.
- HINDER - it only fills the pockets of the hotels and restaurants for a few days and leaves us with a big DEBT.
- Hinder - it will most definitely run over budget and the venues will not be used to the same capacity afterwards as well as then requiring maintenance.
- Hinder - let's spend dollars on at home on causes that matter - rather than an international spectacle.
- Hinder - multiple investigations have shown economic depression after hosting the Olympics. May create jobs in the short term but in the long term likely to see very high unemployment as people who moved here seeking work on the Olympics will be out of employment and draining the city.
- Hinder - paying long-term debt
- Hinder - so we build a couple new buildings, then what? the only real lasting project that has the same price tag is a new LRT line, which would actually benefit Calgarians.
- Hinder - something that should be obvious based on other Olympics
- Hinder - the cost burden will be a drag on the economy
- Hinder - the financial costs and risks are too great for any perceived benefit
- Hinder - The games are temporary.
- Hinder - there is significant evidence to show the excessive cost of Olympic hosting, but no concrete numbers to show any type of measurable positive economic impact
- Hinder - there will be no re-coup on the money spent and we will pay for this for years to come
- Hinder - there will only be a negative economic impact other than a few corps who win bids for construction.
- Hinder - very short term economic gains would be hugely offset by massive tax increases for property owners
- Hinder - we cannot afford the corruption, cost overruns, and inability to get things done in this city and country.
- Hinder - we have no money in the province to spend on this without incurring debt.
- Hinder - we will be in the hole finacally for years
- Hinder - We'll have a huge financial burden with a pile of structures to pay for that will go un-utilized and fall into a state of decay and disrepair. What is the point (Other than politician's legacies)?
- "Hinder
- Distract from real peiorities"
- Hinder again its a celebration for elites. Lowly taxpayer assumes the risks on any overruns. And there will be overuns as sure as Russia's thugs will cheat.
- Hinder as all of AB, and Albertans, struggle financially. I'm a senior, have seen three recessions. I believe Calgary & Alberta will recover, but not immediately. Personally, I can absorb a tax hike, but I'm not so sure it is good for lower income citizens.
- Hinder as Calgary is already trying to elevate itself out of a recession, and I feel like this will not help the situation.
- Hinder as cost of games is too high
- Hinder as it will divert attention from doing what needs to be done. Prolong our economic woes.
- hinder as it will saddle us with debt
- Hinder as money makers curling and skiing not in Calgary. Drops benefit to city by half.
- hinder as taxpayers are cash strapped
- Hinder as the cost overruns will add one or two billion in debt for the city
- Hinder as the costs will never be recovered
- Hinder as the huge debt which hasn't been honestly set out will seriously impact Calgary's ability to construct important infrastructure and maintain existing.

- Hinder as we will be left with a huge debt to pay for.
- Hinder as we would very likely be left with debt and it is tax dollars that make up the initial 3 billion dollar government commitment
- Hinder because costs will far outweigh any benefits
- Hinder because increase in the already high taxes will prevent new business and probably break existing struggling business.
- Hinder because it will burden the city with the spending associated with the games.
- Hinder because its a lot of debt we already have and plus that we will go worse then up
- Hinder because many people are suffering due to the economy and adding huge costs for very little benefit will only hurt Calgarians who are already suffering.
- Hinder because we are still recovering for the past few years. We still have empty spaces downtown.
- Hinder because would drain already broke economiea
- Hinder big time, we can't afford this!
- Hinder by a lasting debt that would cost taxpayers for at least a decade
- Hinder by creating debt and tax payers have to foot the bill while other priorities remain untouched
- Hinder Calgary
- Hinder Calgary's future because hosting the games will lead to higher debt.
- hinder Calgary's future
- Hinder Calgary's future. Now is not the time. Olympics are always over budget and presently all governments are running deficits and incurring huge debt. City property taxes have increased 5 - 6% per year for past seven years. Ridiculous, and Olympics would certainly increase taxes even more as well as saddle our children with more debt. Time for council to grow up and face the current fiscal situation responsively and quit treating taxpayers as a never ending source of more money to waste.
- "Hinder Calgary's future. We already have thousands of tourists come here, any more and the enviro impact would be horrific. Too many people, tramping on our mountains, forests, rivers,lakes and animals.
- You are asking us to spend money to devastate our city and province. Enough is enough!"
- Hinder considering the track record of host cities.
- Hinder due to increased tax burden going forward driving away businesses and families
- Hinder for generations to come, our taxes are to high already caused by over spending and wasteful spending
- Hinder from all the taxpayers that will have to pay for this...I see debt
- Hinder hinder....would you do this on your home budget with all the info....and have your family suffer for years after just for a few days of fun and for the world to pay attention to you. Very stupid...where is the common sense!!
- Hinder- I think it would take a hit to an already low economy and be a while to recover
- Hinder -if games don't repay themselves, and we're taking away from current programs, and it "affects our capital budget in the future" what steps are we planning to keep growing the economy in alk the other areas after the olympics?
- Hinder in a major way. There is no way that the city, province, or country can host these games without increasing the tax burden on it citizens. The cost, cost overruns, debt, and cost of servicing that debt are not worth the minimal benefits.
- Hinder majority of Calgarians are struggling enough to pay all bills as well as expenses
- Hinder our futuure alot of the events wont be held in Calgary yet we will bw the ones paying the bill
- Hinder- the costs don't seem realistic. All other cities/countries who host the games end up spending much more than they estimate. Why would it be different here? The province says they won't pay any cost overruns- who will be responsible? The city is already strapped for money to pay for basic services. Try again when we fund CADA properly, have excellent public transit and plentiful affordable housing.
- hinder the economy as the amount of debt required to host the olympics is outrageously high. This coupled with Calgary's current debt levels amazes me that council even considers to host the 2026 games.
- Hinder- the two week tourism bump from the Olympics will not be sustained. This leaves the taxpayers of Calgary on the hook for all the expenses associated with the games (three times, actually, considering we pay taxes to every level

of government). Inner city residents in particular are already overtaxed in relation to the services we receive back- if the city is willing to make home owners in new communities pay in tax what it actually COSTS to install, maintain and operate the infrastructure they require (everything from roads to snow clearing to utilities, schools and recreation facilities), then we may have a chance. Otherwise, the residents of Calgary are going to be saddled with debt for generations.

- Hinder too much debt and no guarantee of assistance on cost overruns from the other levels of government.
- Hinder unless add bigger building for concerts to bring more big concerts and keep hockey team
- hinder us for sure. People's taxes in calgary go up every single year. Council as shown they refuse to control costs and that is the result. The olympics would be a spending spree for them and costs would escalate far to much. Calgary would be saddled with debt for a long time to come, and with so many people struggling already in this economic climate, how will exponentially increasing their taxes to pay for it help?
- Hinder with debt
- "Hinder
- High cost of borrowing will be a burden for many future years"
- "Hinder
- Will cost more than it brings in"
- Hinder!
- Hinder! PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO PAY FOR THIS. I'll say it again more clearly- PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO PAY FOR THIS!!!
- Hinder! Put the available money to better use! Not a 2 week party for the rich!
- Hinder! The majority of the residents of Calgary can't afford to pay for this. Very few will be able to enjoy any potential economic benefits.
- HINDER! This is a massive amount of debt that we will not pay off. Olympics do not generate money.
- Hinder! Who will pay?
- HINDER!!! We property tax payers are on the hook for cost over runs. You haven't addressed that we MAY change provincial gov't by then and what if they cut back the games. Does that mean Calgary is fully responsible? NO NO NO
- HINDER!!!! The cost of the games will cripple the residents of Calgary for many generations. Taxes for decades to pay for a two week party is a ridiculous idea.
- HINDER!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We are not even close to recovery from the downturn, and with politicians in power who are doing nothing but hurting Canada's economic outlook (especially here in Landlocked Alberta) and we want to throw a party? I have a family, i understand what it means to be fiscally responsible, i came really close to losing it all a couple years ago, and by a stroke of luck made it through, with MASSIVE debt i can tell you; with Carbon tax and mortgage approval changes, and all this issues I understand sometimes I just dont have enough money to go around, Calgary needs to start thinking this way and stop thinking of the Calgarians as their personal piggybank that they can build their legacy with. I am against ANY additional taxes then what I already have, and dont BS me that you can do this with a positive impact to me, taxes will be raised, and if not they will be raised so that they are not classified of "tax increases" the slimy politicians will find a way to "sell it" so that we arent being taxed more, but they will in one way or another get their money back ---- not to mention some of this is NOT happening in Calgary (whistler, Edmonton), why are we footing the bill if we were not getting to full economic return - just simply ridiculous
- Hinder, Money will be squandered away with little left to show for it. If we take 5B (which is laughably ignorant cost assessment) and spent it trying to entice new business es to Calgary we would be 100 times better off.
- hinder, too much would have to be spend from revocer from teh exspense repayment
- Hinder, all Olympics exceed the budget and Calgary is mortgaging the future for a short lived event.
- Hinder, as it's inevitable that taxes will have to go up for homeowners as well as businesses. The city's tax base is suffering from empty office buildings. We can't put more stress on small businesses and families. This is not worth the risk - Calgary will do fine without this.
- Hinder, as the economic impacts include cost overruns which will have us in debt for a long time. I also think we do not have the public transportation infrastructure that would be needed. E.g. I live in the west and to get to Brentwood train station from 69 street, I have to go downtown and transfer trains. This should be a one-train trip as it's really not very far.

- Hinder, because debt!!!
- Hinder, because the economy will be "impacted" by the huge debt leftover.
- Hinder, because the Olympics always burden the economy. Look at Tokyo, a city far better planned than ours. It can't even see any net economic gain from the Olympics, let alone anything at all positive. The Olympics are a flash in the pan, they won't do anything for our economy.
- Hinder, because there will be debt for years to come that tax payers must pay off.
- Hinder, benefits skew to middle upper income. Housing shortages and rising inflation in the short term. Huge boom for the events but then business slows and debt, foreclosures and bankruptcies will follow.
- Hinder, benefits will only be enjoyed by a very few and taxpayers will have the burden for many years.
- Hinder, can't recover costs in 10-20 days of the games
- Hinder, certainly. I could be wrong but Klein had this city out of debt when the Olympics came in 1988. We don't have such a luxury of good governance this time around and every precaution to secure a beneficial economy for all is of utmost importance.
- Hinder, cost, cost overruns will overtax taxpayers
- HINDER, despite the IOC lies, most cities end up in debt
- hinder, don't wish to pay for 15 days of sports for years to come
- Hinder, Due to impact of long term debt on the city's ability to fund other priorities
- Hinder, hinder, hinder. I'd rather light the money on fire than put it towards the Olympics.
- Hinder, how many times can you ask the same question? Geez. The costs are nuts compared to the benefits.
- Hinder, it will be a massive overspend crippling tax payers for a long time.
- Hinder, it's a temporary (2 week) boost to tourism.
- Hinder, lets wait until our city is back on its feet before we start spending Calgarians money like drunken sailors.
- Hinder, like always middle class foots the bill for everything. I seem to work hard to pay for everyone else and get no breaks financially.
- Hinder, long term. Only a privileged few reaped long-term benefits from the last ones.
- Hinder, massive debt.
- Hinder, more taxes, we can't afford it, many without jobs
- Hinder, no money for that
- Hinder, no no no to the Olympic bid!!!
- Hinder, obviously. The opportunity costs are unbelievable. All that money, time, and effort that could be far better spent. It literally makes me weep in sorrow and frustration.
- Hinder, Olympics have proved to always have cost overruns and we're not replacing worn out venues
- Hinder, once the games are done what do we go back to? More debt.
- Hinder, put us in too much debt as there are always cost overruns
- Hinder, so much money to build these projects with not much investment into the community.
- hinder, tax money used for these purposes have to come from somewhere, either my pocket or else business pockets. This will drive people, and business away with the inability to pay for the games without raising taxes. It has been suggested that the current property tax split between business and residential will need to shift to more residential, which will then also need to increase to pay for these games. May as well move to airdrie, dont pay for the games but get to enjoy them
- Hinder, temporary revenue in the tourism sector will not pay for this event.
- Hinder, the cap cost to build will not even come close to being covered.
- Hinder, the costs for this would push on us for a long time.
- Hinder, the economy here in sinking fast and spending more is not going to help.
- hinder, the local population can't afford the tax increases to pay for the games
- Hinder, there is absolutely NO positive impact to the economy other than a 2-4 week "blip" and then .....what?
- Hinder, there is NO POTENTIAL to make money on these games. Look at the history. By the methods of this current council, they don't have the brains to make this economical.
- Hinder, they're a waste of money

- Hinder, way to much money that will be wasted.
- Hinder, we are fixing decades old infrastructure that was already in the list to be replaced. Hundreds of million will not have the impact planned . Things done in other cities does not make sense
- Hinder, we should not be spending on frivolous things during these tough times.
- Hinder, why go into debt? There are much better ways to boost your economy.
- Hinder, will cost much more than city council tells us.
- Hinder, with a debt put on future generations
- Hinder, without knowing the economic facts, it would be foolish to go ahead. Likely more unwanted debt will be the legacy.
- Hinder,..Personal costs of living in Calgary has been rising steadily and huge projects in current development are sucking up all the collected money...Enough already...city council need manage more efficiently and hold back during this Huge economic downturn!
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- Hinder. Massive debt requires servicing.
- hinder. better use of money for community venues
- Hinder. Do not believe Olympics are profitable anywhere, as shown in the last several olympics. We would be left in debt.....
- Hinder. People can't keep paying so much to live in Calgary. WE pay city, provincial and federal taxes, so you are asking us to pay THREE TIMES for the Olympics. NO. I can't afford it, I don't value it, I am not going to do it. I will move from this city that I have lived in for 40+ years and was born in. This city administration is ruining this city and the nonsense must stop. Fire city managers, and most of city council, with the mayor being fired first!
- Hinder. A few people will benefit the restaurant and hotel industries for a few days. Hardly worth the price.
- Hinder. A few weeks of tourism for insane long term debt.
- Hinder. Although there will be short term gains during the games, the overall cost of financing the olympics will hinder the economy.
- Hinder. Benefits will not go to vulnerable populations
- Hinder. Beyond any doubt hinder. We can't afford to spend more money on a party for Nenshi's legacy.
- Hinder. Calgarians will be on the hook for the tax bill. Not cool!
- Hinder. Cost to much and impact my taxes. I don't gain anything from this.
- Hinder. Costs are not fully developed and show no linkage to improved future economy.
- Hinder. Costs will over run, to deny this reality is idiocy. Nobody comes to Calgary to use our oval except elitist athletes. The ski jumps are never used. I travel the world extensively and meet many many people. While many of them will mention that Calgary hosted the Olympics once, none of them make a trip here because of that. They have however come for the stampede.
- Hinder. Deep in debt and wasting taxpayer dollars would do nothing for the average Albertan or Calgarian.
- Hinder. Distract from more important issues.
- Hinder. Expect the lowball estimate provided by 2026 organizers to be exceeded by a factor of 2 at minimum.
- Hinder. I believe the cost is too high at this point given the economy

- Hinder. I do not trust City Council to accurately predict the price, and I expect my own property taxes to rise in order to fund this ridiculous venture. Edmonton has to send us snowplows. We don't have a train to the airport. The city-owned pathway to my child's school is never cleared in the winter. Our buses drive off the roads in the winter. Our city is falling apart. WE CAN'T AFFORD THIS.
- Hinder. I'm not convinced that the bid will not run over cost.
- Hinder. It's a bill that we will be paying for long after this Council is retired.
- Hinder. Our economy is already struggling. The people cannot afford this!
- Hinder. Overruns passed on to tax payers.
- Hinder. Remember Montreal.
- Hinder. Taxes will have to go up to pay for it for decades to come. We are already overtaxed.
- HINDER. Taxpayers will be stuck footing the bill for years to come.
- Hinder. The capital expended on hosting the Games will be unavailable for future use in other opportunities that have a better distributed societal benefit.
- Hinder. The increase in taxes would badly hurt a city still in a state of recovery from a ranked economy.
- Hinder. The increased taxes, cost of hosting games, increased cost of fuel, food, accommodations before and during games will negatively impact many people. Positive economic impact could be realized in many other ways besides hosting the games.
- Hinder. The massively-blown budget will leave us with a heritage of debt.
- HINDER. There are much more need priority work than Olympic fluff.
- Hinder. There is enough uncertainty in today's economy and adding to it by taking on a huge financial burden like the olympics with little or no return would merely demonstrate the lack of financial responsibility that needs to be demonstrated to attract investment.
- Hinder. This isn't just a Calgary issue, its a provincial issue. Every games has lost money for the decades gone by. This will be no different.
- Hinder. This will put us in debt for years to come.
- Hinder. Too expensive and too many unknowns. No proof that 'investing' in Olympic Games pays off for host cities in the long run. Proof that it does not. Spend the money on obvious current needs.
- Hinder. Too expensive. We are poor and will not be able to dig ourselves out of this grave
- Hinder. Wayyyyyy too much money and no legacy building infrastructure.
- Hinder. We absolutely cannot afford to host these games at this time.
- Hinder. We will be paying off these games for thirty years. The money should be used for other causes, such as low cost housing, the LRT line, and a new hockey arena and football stadium.
- Hinder. We'd be paying for this for decades to come...instead of paying for things that are much more pressing and important.
- Hinder. We'll go into debt, we have to rely on provincial and federal funding to foot some of the bill all for fun and Calgary's prestige.
- Hinder. We're broke and no one with a functioning cerebral cortex believes that the cost estimates provided by Calgary2026 are even remotely connected with reality. I, for one, would prefer that I not saddle my ten-year old with even more debt.
- Hinder. When cost overruns happen (which happen with almost every Olympics), all taxpayers will have the burden while only few who are interested, and have the time and money, can participate in the games and/or utilize the facilities once the games are over.
- HINDER. A bunch of short term jobs do not offset the impact on taxes. My family is struggling to make property taxes already. I think City council needs to experience UNEMPLOYMENT.
- Hinder. Alberta has still not recovered from the economic downturn. To spend taxpayer dollars on potential tourist dollars is a large gamble with scarce resources.
- Hinder. Any economic impact will likely be offset by huge costs and cost over runs with taxpayers left to pay
- Hinder. Billions of dollars spent and a return that falls far short of the investment. If the economic impact was so great cities would be climbing over each other for the games. As it stands the IOC is struggling to find cities even interested in bidding for the games anymore.

- Hinder. Bunch of temporary jobs and all we will be left with is a huge bill to pay for.
- Hinder. Calgary cant afford this right now.
- Hinder. Calgary will be having more debt, no willing to spend.
- HINDER. Calgary will be broke. We are bleeding cash with the current economic state of Alberta and we can't afford to invest a ludicrous amount of budgeted money, as well as an even more ludicrous unknown amount of money into something that will not help our economic state in the ways that we need.
- Hinder. Cost outweighs benefits. Historical low cost estimates.
- Hinder. Cost too much
- Hinder. Cost will be substantially more than the economic gain. Taxes required to pay for it will limit economic growth in the future as consumers and business have less to spend
- Hinder. Costs are alway higher than projected.
- Hinder. Costs are far too high, would hurt economy.
- Hinder. Costs are set to go up and that won't help anything.
- Hinder. Costs may not be able to be absorbed without increasing taxes
- Hinder. Debt debt debt...
- Hinder. Debt issues no olymics ever have made money quit lying to everyone
- Hinder. Debt will be carried to my children's generation.
- Hinder. Despite the revenue it will bring to the city, it will not be enough to cover the costs of hosting and building new facilities. Other cities that have hosted previously are still in debt.
- Hinder. Every host city goes into debt afterwards. We already have a lacking economy, let's not deal a death blow to it.
- Hinder. Everything will get expensive. People will have to leave Calgary to find a cheaper spot to live.
- Hinder. Greater debt caused by the games would negate making other improvements to facilities and the transportation system.
- Hinder. History has shown the Olympics is a cost negative event
- Hinder. Huge debt to the citizens of calgary and area.
- Hinder. Huge debt.
- Hinder. I am not even remotely interested in the Olympics. It benefits very few. Why would I want to spend my tax dollars on this?
- Hinder. I am worried about the costs that are not being given to us. I don't like hidden costs as it makes me concerned that this will be more expensive than we are led to believe.
- "Hinder. I believe the costs would increase taxes that are already hard enough to afford while trying to own a house.
- My biggest concern is that city hall is ignoring important facts about the cons of hosting the Olympics, thinking that its "a cool idea." I think its "a cool idea" to own a bigger house, but I'm not buying one because I cant afford it. The con of unable to afford out weighs the pro of having more garage and floor space for my family.
- To quote Jurassic park "your so busy with weather or not you could, you didn't stop to think weather or not you should.""
- Hinder. I have yet to see anything proving that myself, as a tax payer in YYC, will see any economic benefit from hosting the Olympics. This is not an economic benefit to this generation, or the next, who live in YYC.
- hinder. i think it will bring us into a deeper and longer recession.
- HINDER. I think that because I don't count puppies and rainbows as an economic benefit. Money in, money out. The Olympics is too much money out.
- Hinder. I think the budget projections are very optimistic. I see this as a financial disaster wating to happen.
- Hinder. If this initiative was truly an economic benefit, you would be able to secure private funding or be able to present a better plan with rational thinking behind the anticipated economic benefit.
- "Hinder. In what aspect would there even be a positive outcome. NO games comes in under budget. IOC is a racket. We assume all cost, they receive most the profit. Edmonton gets the hockey, Whistler gets events.... We get the burden of cost.

- It is unbelievable to me that this is even still being discussed. NO Olympics comes in under budget. If we don't have money to build adequate train lines that are city needs within a few decades, we DO NOT have billions to waste on a month long event. This proposal is extremely offensive."
- Hinder. Increased debt will require increased service costs that will restrict proper development options for the long term benefit of the community.
- Hinder. It commits public money to what may not be priorities for the citizens of Calgary in the future.
- Hinder. It will cost way too much to build new facilities, provide security
- Hinder. it would leave us with BILLIONS in cost over runs, to be paid with interest for generations to come!!! Some rich, old, white men will probably benefit, but not the remaining 99.9% of us.
- Hinder. It would mean higher taxes for citizens for a long time to come, and very little lasting benefit as any jobs would be temporary.
- Hinder. It would take too much money out of the tax base and redirect the cities priorities away from other more urgent needs.
- Hinder. Its all fluff and "maybe" or "potential" future investment.
- Hinder. It's only a few days or weeks worth of games.
- Hinder. Let's get more people permanently employed in a long term capacity before we spend billions for a 2 week event
- HINDER. Lets focus on other costs like schools & infrastructure (c-train, roads, etc)
- Hinder. Listen to what any economic expert has to say on this matter from anywhere and they have pages to support minimal gains compared to other ways moneys could be used to support Calgary economically.
- Hinder. Looking at historical Olympic host cities, they invest more than they reap.
- Hinder. Massive debt.
- Hinder. Minor temporary benefits would be overshadowed by cost overruns in things like security
- Hinder. My children will be graduating high school and college in 8 years. I don't want them to have to worry about paying back student loans AND be on the hook for budget overruns and the inevitable debt. Also it's hard enough for young people to find affordable places to live without higher taxes! Besides, the IOC is almost as corrupt as FIFA. Why get involved with them?
- Hinder. No Olympic Games have been on budget as of late.
- Hinder. No one gives a shit about what country will cheat the most any more. We will be paying this off for decades.
- Hinder. Olympics are not what they used to be . We will pens billions and waste it for the masses to watch some people play games. Waste of money and time. Use the money for environment and health
- Hinder. Our city, province, and country are spending more than they have. We are spending future generation's financial security and well being.
- Hinder. People are unemployed, and many are struggling to meet the basic needs for their family. We do not want to be paying for this sporting event.
- Hinder. Property taxes would need to increase to simply cover the 'projected' Costs of the games. 30% vacancy rate downtown only measures what is on the market. It is closer to 50%. Walk through the buildings.
- Hinder. Puts us all into debt and important things like Roads are not fixed.
- Hinder. So. Much. Debt.
- Hinder. Stuck with a huge tax burden for years
- Hinder. Taxes deter development.
- Hinder. The amount of cost for the bid, sub-par facilities, security and operations is far too much in our crippling economy (Thanks Liberals and NDP...) so our short term job creation, revenue from the olympics, and minimal revenue from smaller upgraded facilities is nowhere near enough to offset the cost to us. Im mean, why not put all this olympic money into building more sport infrastructure such as the Calgary Next project where we have large, long-term, job generating, event producing and community engaging facilities that will last us more than any of what the olympics would actually bring.
- Hinder. The bid is unrealistic and we will end up paying even more with the only way to recoup is either services slashed or taxes up. Paying off debts for 20 yrs+ for a 10 day event is not something I want to be doing
- Hinder. The city has a finite amount of capital and the Olympics is not a good use of funds

- Hinder. The cost impacts will be felt for generations. Alberta engineering and construction costs are among the highest in North America.
- Hinder. The cost of everything will make living here prohibitive
- Hinder. The costs are extremely high relative to any perceived benefit. Costs are likely under-estimated.
- Hinder. The costs are never as low as indicated, the returns are never certain. The money that goes into the Games will just come from other areas of the economy.
- Hinder. The costs associated with hosting the Olympics are not just extremely high but also underestimated (or under reported). The city is still suffering from an economic downturn and priorities of the city should focus on boosting economy and not damaging it
- Hinder. The costs will be a burden for years and monies will be taken from more important items.
- Hinder. The costs will outweigh any benefit
- Hinder. The debt load on Calgary would be too much in this current economical climate.
- Hinder. The debt load would be too high
- Hinder. The economic impact will cripple the citizens of Calgary for decades. This is flagrant theft!
- Hinder. The economy is already in the toilet. More debt is not what we need.
- Hinder. The economy is not in a good state to be put billions in debt. How long will it take to pay off will it ever be paid off? What is the interest alone on this debt?
- Hinder. The huge cost burden would increase city taxes and delay other more pressing issues from being dealt with for decades to come.
- Hinder. The middleclass get taxed to the benefit of the games
- hinder. The money received is far less than what Calgary will have to pay.
- hinder. the money would have spent to other projects alleviating unemployment and poverty in the city.
- Hinder. The Olympics bankrupt host cities.
- Hinder. The positive economic impact will be minimal and short-lived at best. Previous host cities prove this out.
- Hinder. The proposed \$5+ billion cost is a deceptive fantasy. Based on past experience, expect cost overruns of at least \$2 billion. Not an acceptable risk.
- Hinder. The reputation of Canada is already in the toilet. Hosting when it is absurd to do so, financially, will not help. And, the Games and IOC are fraught with scandal, bribery, cheating all the time. No longer an elite competition, just a money-losing waste. If anything, it will reinforce how out of touch we are vs. the needs of all Canadians. High taxes will only hurt the affordability of our city, including those needing housing.
- Hinder. The risk is too high. It is well known that hosting the Olympics does not enhance a city's economy
- Hinder. The true cost of these events is always higher than initial estimates. Local people will end up paying more for less. City services would see cuts to keep other costs down
- Hinder. The vast amount of money required to host the games will, at least partially, be funded by taxpayers, no matter whether Municipal, Provincial or Federal.
- Hinder. There is always cost over runs with the Olympics and the City has not been forthcoming with all the costs associated with the bid and hosting. Our taxes are already increasing, while services are decreasing and staff are being cut. This will just exacerbate this. Calgary is also sitting at the highest unemployment rate in Alberta and we are not experiencing the economic uptick the rest of the country is seeing. This is NOT the time to be spending billions of dollars just to make ourselves look good on the International stage.
- Hinder. There is potential for cost overruns leaving us with debt. Not interested in seeing Calgary's debt load increased!
- Hinder. There won't be much investment. Use some money to help bring businesses to Calgary instead.
- Hinder. There's \$2B of public money that is not free, it has opportunity cost that we've obviously already decided against.
- Hinder. This will be a devastating loss of valuable tax \$.
- Hinder. Time and time again the hosting city loses money and that loss is passed on to the tax payers.
- Hinder. Too high of costs out balance advantage brought to a narrow band of benefactors
- Hinder. Too costly and disruptive.

- HINDER. TOO EXPENSIVE!
- Hinder. Too much money for 10 days. Stop wasting our tax dollars on this bid.
- Hinder. Too much money. Too much debt. Calgary would be left with facilities to maintain after and would just cost too much.
- "Hinder. Two week party vs long term economic gain - instead plan & build Calgary's future. We have many things needing to be done in this fabulous city. Olympics focuses all resources one way only - Olympic organization is corrupt. Previous host cities mostly stuck with huge cost overruns citizens stuck paying for over many years.
- Strongly disagree with allowing Russians back in after Socchi doping scandal."
- Hinder. Unless you consider it a benefit to murder Calgary's prosperity in order to line the pockets of corrupt ioc officials.
- Hinder. Virtually no olympic games has had negative financial impact. The risk of massive financial damage is high, based on prior games.
- Hinder. Wasting monies that could be used for more beneficial projects. Affordable housing. Mental health decent snowclearing and removal from in front of driveways
- Hinder. We are already raising property taxes and talking about passing on more city mismanagement costs to taxpayers. Every other city has seen cost overruns for the past 50 years... so now I am paying more in taxes, energy tariffs, at the retail level because of increased min.wage a carbon tax AND paying for an olympics that has no benefit to me as a citizen. I have yet to see a solid argument that shows tangible economic benefit...everything Mary Moran spouts is presumptive
- Hinder. We are not in the same economic position we were in in 1988. I fear we will incur a big loss with the games. Look back at the stands at events in the past few Olympics. They look like ghost town so.
- Hinder. We are still hurting from the 2014 drop in oil prices and feeling the pain from cancelled energy projects. I wonder if the Olympic funds could be better spent on attracting new industries/business to Calgary.
- Hinder. We cant afford it.
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- Hinder. We can't afford this.
- Hinder. We don't have the money to support small businesses, low income, health care, roads, etc...hosting the Olympic S will make this worse. Use the money that would go towards the Olympics to better our city instead.
- Hinder. WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR THIS. WE WILL BE IN DEBT AND HAVE CUT SERVICES FOR YEARS AS A RESULT. Look at all of the past hosts in the last 10 years. Look at Vancouvers housing market. Impossible to live.
- Hinder. We got away with making a bit of money from the last Olympics, but everyone else has lost a lot. Not to mention home owners who are just paying mortgage and taxes will have a huge increase causing them to become more in debt.
- Hinder. We have no idea the cost. Spent way too much money to hire cheerleaders, no substance! Open the door, open the books
- Hinder. We have NO. Money
- Hinder. We will be paying for decades for this.
- Hinder. We will be paying off the debt for a long time.
- Hinder. We're already in a difficult financial situation with our dependence on oil money, this won't help.
- Hinder. We'd be saddled with debt.
- Hinder. We'll spend billions to make millions. Or we will spend billions to lose billions more
- Hinder. We're taking about billions of dollars to watch entertainment. Let's focus on something productive please.
- Hinder. We've been in a recession for 4 years and this will set the economy back even further.
- Hinder. Who can afford this? It's a vanity project for the mayor and his purple crew. Stephen Carter thinks he can still ski well enough to make the cut. Grow up people.
- Hinder. Will be in so much debt that companies will leave, will not invest, and will not be able to grow as everyone tries to figure out how to pay off the massive tax increase for this foolish self gratification by the mayor.
- Hinder. Will take decades to get out what is put in.
- Hinder. Without question. Unemployment is still high. Food bank use has never been higher.

- Hinder. You have already proven that you lie about the bid and then the mayor practically wants to jail the person that exposed the lie. Clearly there is no potential for positive economic impact. By the way it started there is almost a guarantee of negative impact.
- "Hinder.
- It is a waste of money. The IOC takes most of the profits leaving us with the expensive maintenance obligations."
- "Hinder.
- Cost is prohibitive. Many Calgarians cannot even afford to participate in the events as observers, let alone pay for the entertainment for elites.
- Security implications are onerous. The Olympics are a made-to-order venue for terrorists."
- Hinder... hard to say without knowing the final numbers from federal government. I think we should be focusing on solving the pipeline issues before getting into the Olympic discussion.
- Hinder... I believe there is a risk that there are organizations within the city that urgently require funding (i.e. heritage Park, Epcor Centre, etc). I question 'investing' in the Olympics when money is required for these groups now.
- hinder.....the average person as I understand is way in over their heads---show some leadership and show people how to live within their/ our civic, prov. and federal budget.
- Hinder.....economic impact cannot be realized....economists have already said so
- hinder...more taxes
- Hinder...we are not going to make money like we did in 1988. By the sounds of it Calgary is not even going to host all the events but we are expected to foot the Bill!
- Hinder..too expensive city to live in
- Hinder.There would be NO economical growth. Any City that hosts an Olympics is well aware that the small businesses do not benefit. The large chain hotels and the government do, and Calgarians will be left to pay off the debt. Research the 1988 Olympics Calgary hosted, how long it took to pay it off and the stats on who benefited.
- Hinder: We will have a lot of debt to pay off with little to show after the 13 days of partying for the city counsel.
- Hinder: because everyone knows that spending way more than you can actually afford now, on a hunch that it will pay back later is TOTALLY STUPID. There is not actual backstop for this debt, in case of future economic crises (which Alberta is so good at getting itself into). And shouldn't we be taking care of shit that ACTUALLY MATTERS TO ACTUAL ALBERTANS? I don't even know why the olympics are still a thing. No one can afford them.
- Hinder: The debt alone will surpass any benefit from jobs. Nobody has any proof that the Olympics draws investment. Businesses invest to make money. Who wants to invest in a city that can only guarantee higher taxes because they incurred a large debt for 2 weeks of events?
- Hinder? Who thinks it will help our economy? The cities fluffy vague, no real information, reports have been the only reports suggesting the games will have a positive economic impact. Obviously hosting 1 single wasteful, high cost event, has no chance of helping our economic future.
- Hinder-Long term debt to taxpayers
- Hindern
- Hinders. A construction build over a period of time is short term; once construction is done where will these workers go? I think we should be looking to stimulate the economy by getting companies that will be here long term (40+years)
- Hiprojects to be delayed or scnder- All of the recent games have had cost overruns. Even if the games came in on budget which I doubt - the cost (on budget or above budget) will result in other more pressing projects to be delayed or result in greater tax increases to cover costs of more important than a 2 week party.
- Historically there is no evidence that olympics have positively effected the economy, additionally, there is strong and recent evidence that olympics have negatively impacted the economy in the years immediately leading up to and after a city hoisting an olympics.
- Homelessness and jobs should be a long term focus but the traffic during the games would benefit the city.
- honestly, it is such a ridiculous idea and question, there is no positive financial case for the city or taxpayers to have the games. the only economic positive is to the ioc, some atheletes and definitely to some individuals and

corporations who will benefit hugely. the city of calgary will not benefit and the games their costs and subsequent debt will significantly hinder the city of calgary's future. the opportunity cost of the games is not worth it at all.

- Host cities generally incur huge cost overruns. There are better ways to spend taxpayers' money. New facilities could be built that would attract more conventions, concerts, trade shows etc to Calgary
- Hosting an Olympic Games is one of the most high risk investments of the modern age. Most recent games have had huge cost overruns in the final accounting which have cost the host city in tragic proportions. Calgary is already in a very risky economic state, this is no time to hold her beleaguered citizenry hostage for billions of dollars.
- Hosting these games will economically cripple the city and leave taxpayers with huge tax bills and precious little in the way of improved infrastructure useful to the average joe.
- Hotels, taxis, bars and food places will be the ones to benefit the most, they should pay the lions share. Small and temporary employment gains for some trades but for 2 weeks of games it isn't worth the cost.
- Huge bills to pay and plenty of debt piled on because these games never come in at budget. Google Tokyo 2020.
- HUGE help. We need investment, and this is significant. Labourers will be needed to build and upgrade the venues, employing those who have been struggling for years. The money will flow back into the city through rents/groceries/ etc. This will employ others. We were in a similar state 30 years ago, and because of the Olympics began to prosper. We need something external to start the process, we cannot rely on O&G to do it, we have to take control of our economy.
- HUGE potential. We need this to show the world that we are not just an oil and gas town
- Hurt
- Hurt - high risk of cost overruns (see Montreal's experience). IOC is out of control - let them prove their cost cutting initiatives could actually work. Average cost of just bidding (not getting) is over \$70M
- Hurt. Long term debt load
- Hurt. Higher taxes will drive people away
- Hurt. Overall cost not affordable - would probably be well over 5 billion, just to basically have a big party.
- Hurt; massive public debt.
- I am fearful that the Games could pose an economic nightmare.
- I am not going to worry about costs until I see them greatly outstripping long term revenue from the facilities, the tourism, future World Cup events etc. Don't tell me how many billions its gonna cost without telling me how many billions it is going to make for us.
- I am NOT in favour of taxpayer dollars being used for anything related to the Olympics. Calgary and Alberta have OTHER priorities to invest in.
- I am skeptical of the net benefit to calgary
- I am waiting for more facts on the cost-sharing arrangements. I would hope we can conclude that hosting these Games is an investment in our future. However that does mean being very frugal with the budget. I am not convinced that the bid process should be as costly and involve as many staff as it has. I would definitely hope that this bid work is fully applied to and significantly reduces the planning costs if Calgary is awarded the 2016 Games. Let's be sure this budget for the Games is about serving the athletes rather than the international sport organizations and politicians.
- I believe a small amount of private business owners will benefit with hosting the games. I do not see how this would flow back to the city and the average tax payer.
- I believe if done right the facilities built could create lasting revenue for the city, such as what has been done with the facilities from the 88 Olympics
- I believe it will have a positive effect like it did in 1988. We're not Brazil, we're not China, we know how to make use of our venues and the infrastructure after the games are over, and honestly I think it will attract more attention to this corner of the world which is a good thing. We are a wealthy country anyways and we can handle it.
- I believe it will hurt Calgary. it will saddle us with a huge debt. Removing taxpayer money from other infrastructure and needs of the taxpayer.
- I believe it would hinder Calgary's economic future with debt and therefore high taxes.
- I believe that any bid is going to underestimate the actual cost to local taxpayers. We need to overestimate and be realistic. And when we see how prohibitive the costs will actually be, we need to just say no, and invest our taxpayer money into infrastructure that benefits all citizens, not just lines the pockets of the already-wealthy.

- "I believe that it will hinder the economy.... The deficit caused by the unplanned overages, and the unrealistic broadcast revenues will be placed on the backs of tax payers. With taxes going to this, and future increases going to the other much needed programs, tax payers will stop spending on themselves causing an economic shrinkage over years after this 20 day event..."
- Roads and infrastructure will deteriorate and service jobs at the city will be frozen and probably cut back leading to a lower standard of living..."
- I believe that private industry will invest and fast track many projects within the City which will be significant economic boon for the City. I believe, although unorthodox, the Olympics provide a huge opportunity for major City Building initiatives.
- I believe that the local businesses during the olympics will benefit greatly with the influx of tourists in our city. Also, the hospitality industry would benefit.
- I believe the economic benefits of the Games have been overstated and the cost estimates are significantly lower than the actual numbers. This will lead to higher debt and as a result, higher taxes in the future.
- I believe the economic impact could be huge in a negative way. I like every other Olympics the game budget triples or quadruples it is the Calgary taxpayer who is saddled with the burden of the debt. I have no confidence in the current members of City council and the Mayor to control costs or be open about the process and costs.
- I believe the economic impact would not come close to off setting the costs
- I believe the economic legacy of the 1988 Olympics was largely around sports facilities being built. There were construction jobs in the short-term which took workers from other capital projects. I don't anticipate any lasting economic impact, so my answer would be hinder since the costs diverted funding from other capital projects and social initiatives. If the commitment to proceed is made, the Olympics must be delivered even if taxpayers have to assume the entire amount and governments must agree to additional debt.
- I believe the potential economic benefit will be positive and provide a boost to local economy.
- I believe there will be lasting economic benefits and spin-offs from hosting the 2026 Winter Olympics. The success of these Games will attract world class people from around the globe for the opportunity to work in Calgary.
- I can't imagine that the olympics will run within the projected budget. We should prioritize infrastructure that will give calgarians the best possible facilities that can be used my many.
- I can't see any positive economic impact unless it includes a new arena as part of an entertainment district
- I do not believe it will be a profitable venue
- I do not believe that we can put on an opening or closing show that would not be an embarrassment after the one in Korea last year. As long as I see beggars on the streets, funding cuts for social programs, bus fares increasing, food bank needs, I think we should put any money into glamorizing the city for the Games.
- I do not believe there will be a long term positive economic impact from these games. The long term impact will be the resultant increase in taxes over the next 10 years to pay for it - and that's assuming the very unlikely scenario in which the games come in on budget.
- I do not believe there will be a positive economic impact that will help Calgary's future.
- I do not see any compelling evidence that there are long term positive impacts economically. Increased tourism drives up the cost of tourist services making them less accessible to locals. I see no safeguards to prevent cost overruns from leaving future Calgarians with unreasonable debt.
- "I do not think the potential economic impact would help Calgary's future.
- I do not see the Games creating any positive sustainable impacts. There has been the suggestion the international exposure would result in increased tourism. This is highly questionable for a number of reasons.
- Calgarians fondly remember the 88 Games and how they brought Calgary to the world. Things have substantially changed since then. In the Internet age, potential visitors from around the world have much expanded access to travel related information. More and more tourists are looking for experiential tourism travel and a Winter Olympic Games centered around a two week event is not going to create any long term cultural or recreational tourism opportunities. Is there really any capacity to increase the number of winter tourists to Calgary and surrounding areas?

Once the competition is over, what are the experiences we are expecting visitors to come to Calgary to do? Skate at the Olympic Oval? Ski at the Canmore Nordic Centre? There is little doubt the actual summer travel experiences and activities are near or at capacity? Is it a wise move to think there is a long term potential increase in tourism as a result of the Winter Olympics.

- Of the overall costs of hosting the Olympics, only a small percentage of the money spent will actually result in increased or improved infrastructure in Calgary. Is there any long term benefit to the huge expenditures for things like security? Or promotion and hospitality? I do not think so,"
- I do not want to be paying this project off in the long term it is not a wise use of my money. I would rather have my community playground updated, and more indoor facilities for track and field.
- "I do realize that the visitors to our city will provide a short term burst, but the money spent by both the city and the province will far exceed any money brought in.
- I also cannot get past the bloated, arrogant behavior of the committee and its counterparts here, do they think they are royalty?"
- I don't think they would have any significant impact on Calgary's future.
- I don't believe it would help Calgary's economy to host the games. I believe any job creation is very temporary and costly and that it would not improve tourism over all, again only for a very short period of time.
- I don't believe the numbers are accurate to host the games and the vague commitment to funding does not give me confidence that the benefit has been estimated correctly.
- I don't think we will see enough gains to justify the expense and will not have any money for other city needs
- I don't want to be paying higher taxes to have the games here. I would only support a bid if there were no tax dollars funding it.
- I don't believe there will be enough of a broad potential economic impact. London Olympic example - Corporations were firmly encouraged to buy the venue tickets and never passed them to their staff. Kept them for their corporate clients. If staff was given tickets were not given time off to see the venues. Cost of average ticket too steep for average person to buy considering all other costs - time off work-travel. Venues sat mostly empty.
- I don't know anything about the sharing of revenues. The IOC does not have a great reputation. I do not think that they should be getting rich on the backs of the hosting cities. Greater exposure will help the city economically, but if we have to manage a huge debt, then do the math. It probably won't be worthwhile.
- I don't see tourists dollars being worth the cost of hosting. It's a short lived event and the bills will linger for a long time for the residents of Calgary.
- I don't think the economic benefits will outweigh the costs
- I don't think the economic impact is enough to justify the costs
- I doubt Calgary would benefit all that much in economic terms once all the bills are paid and the visitors have left the city. Ghost stadiums and facilities once the crowds have left and TV broadcasts have ceased. Just look at past cities that staged the games ... specially Brazil and Greece.
- I doubt it will impact will help as much as some think.
- I feel it would hinder our future as the projected return on such a large investment is negligible.
- I feel that hosting the Olympics would very much hinder Calgary's (and Alberta's) economic future. Cost over runs are a huge mitigating factor. And I feel the Yes side doesn't even mention this.
- I had been through the last Olympics and it is a gain for a small minority and a legacy for the politicians and a party for tourists. The athletes should have world class facilities open to them anyways
- I have grave concerns that while there will be an economic spinoff from the games (lets use restaurants as an example). they will be busy and generate a lot of additional revenue during the games themselves, but if the city taxes end up going up to help pay for any games deficit, what is the point? Better to have a steady reoccurring revenue then making a windfall for 1 year and then end up paying out the entirety of that windfall over the next 10 years due to increased taxes.
- I have not seen a single report showing that any past Olympics games have net positively impacted the host city. They are a bloated concept that needs complete overhaul. Please don't put our city in the red for years to come, or burden our kids with unnecessarily high city tax bills in the future.

- I have zero expectation that the potential economic impact of the games will be positive.
- I highly doubt that any potential economic benefits of the games will be higher than the costs to host the game. The financial risks of holding the games outweighs everything.
- I know there is a lot of uncertainty, and the reason '88 was so successful was due to the community volunteering. I believe the value the games can bring to kickstarting our stagnant economy is greater than any other proposal being brought forward.
- I really do not believe there can be that much of a far-reaching economic impact for a two week event.
- I see little economic benefit coming from these games.
- I see little positive impact to the overall Calgary or Canada economy from hosting this event. Tourism will have a small boost, but it will not be long term. Besides that, no business or individual will base their decision on whether to invest in Calgary based on this event. The potential cost overruns could easily make this a net negative investment in our economy.
- I see no benefit . city council has a track record of wasting tax money . affordable living is becoming out of reach and tax from all levels is one of the reasons .
- I see no benefits . Simply unaffordable cost spent on the wrong things. We need to get our priorities straight. Where are the corporate sponsors for Calgary 2026. There are likely none as they are fighting for survival.
- I see no financial gain in the long term
- I see very short term economic gain for a very few businesses and incredibly long term pain for the tax payers who will be hung with the costs through long term tax increases.
- I strongly believe the economic impact will be negative. The Games historically go way over budget and I feel Calgary is myopic at best in projecting costs, especially security.
- I think any economic impact of the Games would be short-term. Also, economic could be negligible if costs are underestimated.
- I think any economic impact will all but a blip on the radar and have zero net effect in the long term.
- I think as nearly all games, we wouldn't 'make' money but the economic gains are long term such as improving infrastructure and attracting investment
- I think bringing diverse views together can only help spur conversations and potential investment in Calgary
- I think in both the short- and long-term, the Games would have a negative impact on our economy. We are not booming. We are still recovering from the downturn of oil and gas. We need to focus on diversifying and stimulating our economy, and an Olympic bid would stifle our already limited growth. I feel like this Olympic bid is very irresponsible and disrespectful to the taxpayers of Calgary. Calgary is already on the map—already on the world stage. We don't need to do much more to show that we are a big player. Let's focus on building our economy. The Games is the wrong way of going about this and it is putting the burden on the future of many families,
- I think in the long term, the impact will be a benefit. We may not see it right away, but the overall improvements to facilities will eventually make it worthwhile.
- I think it could bring potential money into the economy do to the tourism. I think this profit would be greatly outweighed by the costs put towards the olympics.
- I think it is a 0 sum game
- I think it might hinder it, due to previous games not having been proven to have yeilded economic net benefit
- I think it will be an economic disaster with zero benefit for Calgaruians.
- I think it will have a negative impact so it will end up hindering our efforts to recover from the most recent recession.
- I think it will help. It will create more jobs and get the whole city involved with all kinds of volunteer groups. And with the recent legalization of cannabis I'm sure that will interest many travelers and with the taxation in turn make lots of revenue.
- i think it will hinder Calgary's future (and Alberta's) to have a huge debt to pay off. The upside of # of visitors will last only short to medium term and will not bring the economic dollars council is saying it will. It's like a wedding.... a short party that you spend the next 20 yrs paying off. Maybe if our council had been stingy with our tax dollars - putting money aside the last few years instead of spending like idiots, we would have a nest egg to contribute. but like society there are no savings and this proposal is about ratching up the credit cards so future taxpayers can pay it off.

- "I think it will hinder the economy. We are already in a financial tough spot to say the least. Now, we want to spend a whole bunch of money that really won't benefit everybody? What about temporary housing for athletes? Look what happened in Vancouver... The low cost housing tenants have been forced out in favor of rich people. And what else do I hear about Montreal? They only just finished paying for their games? Weren't they in 1967?
- I'm not an economist, but all of this just seems like a bad, bad idea."
- I think it will hinder the overall economic well being. The city is struggling to balance a budget with out relying on tax increases every year. I don't see this as a solution.
- I think it will hurt as there will no longer be funds for local projects/initiatives that were needed before the bid.
- I think it will hurt.
- I think it would be an even huger millstone than we already carry. Successive local and provincial governments seem to believe that the economy will fix itself, which is, at least, naive and, at worst, negligent.
- I think it would be completely irresponsible to even consider spending this kind of taxpayer money in the current economy. It's a vanity project for the Mayor and special interest groups.
- I think it would be neutral, however I don't want my tax dollars to be used for the Games. Look at how much of a distraction the Games have been to Calgary City Council when the City has a lot of other priorities and issues that should be addressed instead.
- I think it would hinder our future as we will go further in debt for no returns
- I think it would hinder. We would be liable for cost overruns and this could hurt us many years into the future.
- I think it would make rich people richer and leave poor people poorer, just like the Games usually do.  
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- I think it's risky as with any economical decision. However I feel there are more benefits than risks and that having these new facilities and the media coverage, tourists etc will give people more of a reason to come back. We can use these facilities with our hockey teams and football teams. Not every country has multi use for these massive facilities and they go to waste and never build revenue
- I think overall hosting the games will be good for our economy, with it will bring many tourists and revenue to businesses. I dont believe this is enough of a reason though to spend that much though.
- I think that the economic impact of the games will be vastly overestimated, whereas the costs will be underestimated. I think that this will NOT be of net economic benefit to Calgary, but it is difficult to put a price on exposure. If you look at it from the perspective that this is advertising on a world scale, then there might be future upside that is hard to quantify. I see this as being a hindrance in the short term, with the potential to help long term. but there is a lot of risk there.
- "I think that this has possibility for a huge economic benfit.
- Any opportunity to boost calgary on the world stage will have a lasting effect. In order to take advantage we need a strong marketing plan to sell the benefits of calgary from business to tourism while the games are happening. We should add this to the overall costs of Olympics. I see several commercials/pamphlets promoting calgary as a business hub and travel and tourism show casing stampede, close proximity to the mountains to city events."
- I think the cost would hinder Calgary's future.
- I think the costs of these games could sink Calgary financially.
- I think the downside risk is greater than the upside potential
- I think the economic benefits of the games are highly overrated. I do not think numerous hi tech firms are going to rush to set up offices in Calgary because of the games. Most businesses already know the advantages Calgary will offer to set up a business.
- I think the economic benefits will be short lived but the potential financial impact might be borne by citizens for years.
- I think the economic benefits would be tangible but also are being overblown to try and sway voters to yes. No doubt there would be some economic benefit but only if the budget stays in check and that's very very unlikely.
- I think the economic impact will be short-lived, as seen in the vast majority of other former Olympic cities.

- I think the economic impact will show a temporary improvement during the games. However, the amount of debt incurred will be much longer lasting than any benefits the games would bring.
- I think the economic impact would only be positive during the games. Later operational costs would not be offset by any found benefit
- I think the economic impact would put a burden on the citizens that are left to carry the burden. I would consider moving out of Calgary if the games get approved.
- I think the games will help Calgary's economy in the future. As a result of the games there will be a short term influx of tourism which brings revenue to existing and pop-up business. World wide exposure of Calgary will allow businesses to showcase themselves. Long term we will see a domino effect of industry created based on the new types of events that the city can host.
- I think the games will hinder Calgary's future. The short term bump of the games will be offset by constrained spending or debt if the project goes over.
- I think the influx of tourists over the longterm due to the Olympics will not happen. Other investments would likely pay off with higher return.
- I think the Olympic games would hinder Calgary's economic future. The games provide employment and jobs to a limited number of people (on a percentage basis) given the size of Calgary and as often happens many of the jobs go to people from outside the City. It sounds like all the bid is, is a way to stimulate the economy indirectly without considering the potential downside - cost and future tax burden on Calgarians.
- I think the Olympics will benefit a few but will end up being a financial burden (hardship) for the rest of us.
- I think the potential economic impact of the Games is greatly exaggerated and completely theoretical. There are too many factors that can come into play to greatly increase the actual total cost and/or greatly decrease the predicted (i.e. guesses) economic gains.
- I think the total cost would be much higher than stated and paying for them would hinder Calgary's ability to invest in other areas.
- "I think there will be cost over runs. I am not confident that Nenshi and company have the project management skills and expertise to manage a project of this size. Also all the major companies in Alberta are on life support and would not be able to help in a meaningful way.
- The IOC model of host countries taken on this financial risk is broken. It is too big a burden for anyone City.
- Look at hosting this down the road when our economy and industry is healthy, the IOC changes its model and we have a competent and transparent City Council"
- I think they would hinder Calgary greatly. Our money is better spent elsewhere and not just trying to bring Calgary to the world stage
- I think this will hinder our future as a city. I believe it will leave us debt-laden and handcuffed for the future.
- I think we need to believe that the games are a celebration of our culture and society. We need to assume that we have a great place to live and we want to welcome people to experience our place. They might like it and they might not.
- I understand that construction would increase this providing jobs, but again it's calgarians paying for it thru taxes. I respected the council standing up to the flames and their ridiculous arena demands, so it's extremely disappointing to see the council now ready to waste billions of dollars on the olympics.
- I would be happy if it was neutral, any gain would be a bonus. It is a large event, I expect it to cost...just not handicap the future.
- I would speculate that based on past games and the short nature of the games themselves that the overall economic impact will be negative. Tax payers will inventively be on the hook for underutilized infrastructure used by a niche group of athletes such as the ski jump.
- I'm neutral.
- I'd rather spend the money on roads or getting rid of the bike paths
- If costs are covered, help. If we are left in debt, hinder. Things are bad enough in Calgary for the average person without council removing more needed services to cover debt repayment.

- If done properly, it would be beneficial. There is considerable risk, however, if the financial numbers/costs are off, the benefits could easily become detriments.
- If history repeats itself, the Games will leave Calgary with a huge debt. Can anyone's household survive with a big olympic size debt ? Hopefully, I will be able to move out of town by then.
- If our economy wasn't in a recession maybe but its not anywhere close to being out of it.
- If proper budgetary controls are put in place, it will have a positive impact.
- If there were any benefit from the last games the proponents would be shouting them from the roof tops - they aren't because there weren't. This time will be reduced from that highpoint.
- If there's a benefit to tax payers, I can't think of what it would be. All the burden and no reward.
- If we are strategic and communicate with partners to invest wisely it can have lasting positive effects...ie: future tourism & investment
- If we believe the results of other Olympics, the two week event doesn't always bring the number of visitors expected and the jobs required to build and support the Olympics are over when the Olympics end. We could be left with massive debt and that will be passed on to the next generation.
- If we weren't already in debt or dealing with the economic downturn, the Games would be pretty cool to host but not at the cost of Calgarians who are already struggling. So as of right now, the Games would hinder Calgary.
- If we're reeling under increased debt because of what's now beginning to look like underfunding and cost overruns that are defianately going to happen, Progress in this city will be hindered far more than if we were to not host the games.
- I'm betting that it would put a huge whole in the budgets of Calgary and Alberta with the cost overruns.
- Im sure it would help tourism out in the short-term, but if we wanted that we could just give people \$3B. This will do nothing for us.
- Impact will be negative.
- In general it doesn't seem like the Games provide overall benefits to the host cities' economies. Many cities are left worse off than before (hello Athens). I realize Calgary would handle things better than Athens and Rio. However, the fact that any potential economic benefit is simply "potential" with absolutely no way to make even an extremely basic estimate (because it is all hypothetical) means that I see no reason to hope for international investment etc. due to hosting the Games. It is hypothetical wishful thinking.
- In the long term it will increase tourism.
- In the long term, the Games may help Calgary's future by gaining more world recognition of the city. However, one should carefully weigh this benefit against the cost to the current citizens of Calgary.
- In the short term I think it would help, since it would create jobs, bring in more tourism dollars and attract investment, but long term I think it would hinder us. From what I've read, no games have ever been economically viable; the cost has always outweighed the economic benefit, and I can't see that changing.
- In the short term it might be tight given the economic environment however, you have to invest in yourselves to expand and reap the rewards. If we remain a stagnant city in decay then we are not going to be attracting anyone. Many detractors call for more money to be spent on social welfare but many millions are already spent on that and with little or no reward. Tourism dollars are important, let's give them something to visit. The building and construction will give contracts to existing firms along with the service industry which will get a massive boost. The games will again give the city and the province major international exposure and a heightened profile. A new ski resort to challenge the monopoly of Sunshine and Lake Louise? Yes please!
- In the short term there would be employment opportunities and a subsequent economic boost
- In the short term, it would be a positive impact for our economy. In the long term, higher taxes, social programs being underfunded and cut, its a major hindrance. My view is long term.
- Information on the actual costs has been murky at best. I have no faith that we are being given the whole picture and I don't trust the IOC.
- Initially it might give a boost to the construction/hotel and bar business' but it would be short lived.
- Initially the games would benefit Calgary with the influx of people spending money and temporary jobs but that will decline substantially after the games and continue to decline back to normal as the novelty wares of over the years.
- IOC historically leaves hosting cities in debt and ruin. Obviously this will hinder us. Don't do it.

- is needed right now with oil and gas low we need something to jump start the economy. my home value has gone down 80,000 in the past 4 years, where values in other parts of the country are going up 17% per year.
- It can only hurt with high taxes which make us less competitive
- It can seriously harm calgary's future if we get into too much debt.
- It could attract some businesses, but has potential to be a much larger strain on city taxpayers.
- It could be a toss up. Calgary was the only city to make money on games , but now they always run over budget
- It could go either way. It might stimulate the economy in the short term but how do we sustain that? What if something goes wrong, we have to pay for that.
- It could help- if successful. But no way to tell. Would bring in jobs, but how many and for how long? What types? Could the \$\$\$ be used for other projects, or projects we should do anyway, without having to pay game security costs? Use the BILLIONS of \$ to achieve the goals we already have. Do we need the games to spend it, if the game come with more costs? Use the Billions for green line, airport train, train to edmonton and national parks, low income housing, heritage and art, increased cultural institutions. Why do we need the games to do this?
- It could help stimulate the local economy, but only if contracts are given to, and work is done by local companies.
- It definitely would hinder Calgary's future! We don't have enough money for everyday needs of Calgarians. Taxes increases every year, new taxes appear, life is getting more expensive everyday for regular Calgarian person.. City should stop wasting our money for the fancy projects like that!! If City Council wants that Games so much - spend your own money not taxpayers money! Such a huge irresponsibility of City Council give us a thought that maybe these people are not good and honest enough to be there and do this job for US! Are they ready to be liable for debts of future Calgary?? Are they liable for the full extent of all their own assets?
- It doesn't matter. We can't afford it.
- It is a guarantee that the games would mean higher taxes. Higher taxes mean less jobs and less investment. Hosting that sports tournament is the last thing Calgary needs to do right now.
- It is helpful to have more international attention on Calgary for future investment.
- It just pulls some positive forward to the party at hand and then the hangover sets in and there will be nothing left other than how to be pay for this mess and it did not go as well.
- It might help
- It might help in the moment but not longterm
- It might help, but there's no guarantee. There's other more certain ways to help the economy we should focus on.
- It seems unlikely that the Games will produce any sort of substantial economic gain for Calgary, given analysis of past Olympic Games
- It should help. But how many billions have to be spent first, during & after the games?
- It sure won't help it.
- It will be a burden to the public as the cost is too high for an economy that is suffering
- It will be a tragedy for Canmore and put Calgary in a ton of debt and still needing a new arena
- It will be net positive increase in the economy
- It will be very minimal and not enough to offset the total costs.
- It will benefit Calgary economy ,
- It will break us on security costs alone. Spend our money on snow removal instead
- It will cripple an already devastated economic engine
- It will definitely hurt us financially. We are guaranteed to have cost overruns and debt - which, of course, the IOC will not help us cover. The city and the IOC have already been caught lying and misrepresenting the financial figures. How can we trust the final bill? Bidding on and hosting the Olympics, given the current fiscal climate of Calgary, is a very bad idea. The city and IOC cannot build a convincing case or argument that proves that there will be any positive economic impact. They only offer "inspiration" and "legacy", and other charismatic sounding soundbites. Rhetoric does not equal financial facts, and having arrogant, pompous political spin-doctors, and 'preachy' former olympians tell the public that we have to do this for our own good, and that we need to be "educated" on the benefits of being the host (when all of the empirical facts show otherwise), does not help the matter. It only adds to the foolishness contained within this venture. Every economist that has studied this has told us to walk away (if not, run away) from

the table. The "elite" people who are pushing this proposal do not know what they are talking about, or what they are doing.

- It will financially destroy this city. We don't get any return from the games. We are a bank account to fund the IOC's party. That is it. They keep the proceeds and destroy communities for generations. The fact that our city officials are having closed meetings because they do not want to expose pillaging our economy is a joke. And let's not forget the "we need volunteers". So free labor because the IOC is too cheap to pay people for their work. The money goes out of our community and never returns. It does not bring long term investment or job growth. It does increase our debt. Where do you make that up to pay for your short falls? Let me guess more taxes...the whole this is plain stupidity.
- It will have a short term effect but when costs get out of control the long term effect will drive business from Calgary as the taxes to operate in the city will sore.
- It will help
- It will help - more jobs, spending, sponsorships, tourism.
- It will help Calgary to promote itself for tourism and investment. it will help the City to diversify its economy. Calgary is not a well known city at international stage comparing to Vancouver and Toronto.
- It will help Calgary's economy as international money is being spent in the city from tourists as well as in the form of IOC grants. Additionally the Federal money involved will be spent somewhere and it might as well help Calgarians and our facilities rather than communities like Toronto, Montreal, or Vancouver that already have enough federal support.
- It will help Calgary's future. It will provide much-needed capital infrastructure upgrades that would otherwise solely be funded by Calgarians. Through the Olympics, other orders of government are contributing.
- It will help for sure, but economic impact is only one of the factors. For me it is an opportunity that I hope we don't squander, but is not the reason I am a proponent of the Games.
- It will help for years to come. Basically same as previous 2 answers
- It will help the economy
- it will help. even if temporary (10 years), it's nothing to spit on.
- It will hinder Calgary's future, by placing us in debt.
- It will hinder it due to the resulting huge tax burden which will kill investment.
- It will hinder it. Taxes will go up and services will be cut to pay for it. Even if the budget comes in at \$5.2B (it will be higher though), the City's share will be \$600M to \$1 Billion. That money will come out of property taxes and cuts to existing services and programs. The city cannot run a deficit so this WILL happen. It will ultimately drive investment away from Calgary as our quality of life will erode over time.
- It will hinder our economic future because we will have to pay for years and years after it's over.
- It will hinder our economy as we keep high business taxes in order to pay off the Olympic debt.
- It will hinder. Why? Because we cannot afford them. So we stand to gain nothing financially from the Games. If we think that this will drive more international business and raise our reputation on the global stage to offset this hideous lack of ROI, best of luck. It's riverboat gambling and with a corrupt organization like the IOC. Who do YOU think is going to come out on top here?
- It will hurt our future, first due to the debt load that we will have to bear well into the future, but the up-front costs will place a burden on our tax-base. Every single credible economist or accounting professional that has looked at the current plan (and the IOC's current history and deal-making) is telling us not to do this. The only people who profit from this is about 2% of key businesses, and a small, elite group of athletes, ex-athletes, a few business people, and the IOC. The inherent corruption within the process will no doubt cost us in various unseen ways as well. Private interests profit, but the taxpayer will be paying exorbitantly for most of this 10 day party. This is economically dangerous for the majority of Calgary's citizens.
- It will hurt us. Vote no.
- It will impose unnecessary tax burden on citizens of Calgary and the generations to come.
- It will make this a much more expensive city to live in. It is already costly. Spend this money helping the city recover, getting new businesses in, rather than trying to buy a legacy for the Mayor
- It will neither hinder nor help the local economy in the long run. Any economic benefit will be short term and die before the taxpayer pays off the debt.

- "It will only hinder. We cant even afford a pipe dream. [pun intended]
- Again people arent going to be visiting calgary en-mass just because we had the olympics here. I know calgary is beautiful and has alot of attractions, tourist know this too. But an olympic bid wont add to that at all. As a small business owner who owns a martial art academy. The prosperity of the average person is what keeps my doors open. The economic recession was hard on us and we need money pumped back into the pockets of our locals. Supporting local business stimulates economy not lofty goals."
- It will revitalize our world exposure and tourism
- It will severely impact our economy in a negative way.
- It won't help
- It would be a little upward blip
- It would be like borrowing \$100 for your children to pay back over a 20 year period, then getting a bonus loonie sometime during the period.
- It would cripple our children's ability to earn a living because taxes would be so high.
- It would definitely boost our tourism industries, especially in calgary which is often skipped by tourists who are heading directly to the mountains. Other local industries like construction would benefit greatly in the immediate timeline. I don't know how it would help or hinder in the future, or if it would have any long term effect.
- It would definitely hinder Calgary's future. There will be cost overruns and we'll be footing the bill for at least a decade afterwards. The world's economy isn't doing very well so tourism will not increase with the games.
- It would depend on how high the benefit is compared to the cost.
- It would drag Calgary's economy downward, with higher taxes required to pay for cost overruns
- It would give us a small boost short term and then what? We're an oil and gas economy. Do you think Amazon will suddenly move here? Nope. They won't. We are in the middle of nowhere.
- It would have very few positive repercussions! While facilities are being built it may encourage a few construction jobs. During and immediately after there will be an increase in tourism but that will be a small blip. Any tourist who would be coming because we had held the games would already be coming because we've already held them. If we have huge cost overruns which most games do, it will paralyze our ability to even meet our commitments now.
- It would help
- It would help
- It would help in the short-term but the long-term benefits are questionable if we don't have new modern facilities that will attract major events.
- It would help stimulate spending and pick up our spirits.
- It would help, as it would be a "pared down" games
- It would hinder because the short term benefits and revenue would not make up for years and years of debt
- It would hinder in my view. The added costs to taxpayers cannot be justified.
- It would hurt Calgary's future. We will be left with debt and higher taxes.
- It would likely hinder Calgary's future based on the research on recent Olympic games hosts' cities.
- It would not help as many have tried to imply.
- It would only be a short term success during the lead up to and during the games. After that, people will forget Calgary as a destination. Looking at Salt Lake City hosted the games, stores closed and shopping areas became ghost towns. The games are too short to create a meaningful economic benefit.
- It would tank the economy as taxes are raised to more than anyone can afford to pay for this "Legacy Project" for Mayor Nenshi.
- It's a gamble during these uncertain economic times, but it would be an incentive to improve our infrastructure as long as there are no total Olympic budget overruns. Definitely, Calgary should not go into debt over it.
- It's anybody's guess... for a couple of weeks the city might be flooded with tourists/ terrorists...yes, terrorists. It's the society we live in now, take off the rose coloured glasses and really understand the risks that will be encountered. What happens when everyone goes home ...
- it'll make the rich developers richer, it will be bad
- It's a gamble that really hurts us if we lose, and mildly rewards us if we win. Why not pursue more lucrative gambles?

- Its a two week party and then the economic benefit will be debt debt and more debt
- It's a zero sum game. It definitely won't bring investment to the city because no company has ever based their decision on where to locate on, "hey, did they host the Olympics?!"
- It's not worth the cost. That's all that matters.
- Just don't do it - too expensive- if we are not making money on it - then will be taxed to death - you're going to kill people Economically period
- Largesse to criminal contractors is an economy of plunder not resilience.
- Lets not beggar the city with little to no positive impacts to the city. Many economists have shown hosting the olympics has many more negative aspects than positive ones.
- Likely hinder because anytime the current city administration is involved with my money they waste it!
- Little evidence historically to support the theory that the olympics benefits the economy.
- Little long term difference
- LONG TERM DEBT. The city is already in debt and we the tax payers are paying taxes out the hook has as is.
- Long term hinder
- Long term I think the debt burden will hinder Calgary's economy
- Look at Brazil.
- Looking at vancouver's 2010 Olympics, calgary could get in great debt and that is concerning.
- Lotsa booze sold, lotsa hotel rooms rented. Then what? Long-term jobs? Not so much.
- Major costs incurred and it is all funded by taxes and debt. No thank you.
- Many studies show that the economic benefits of events like these are overstated and are short term in nature. Benefits would largely accrue to the very few, not Calgary at large.
- Massive benefit to the city for the reasons previously mentioned. The business case is strong.
- Massive debt is a hindrance.
- Massive debt will be crushing to Calgary for a very long time.
- Massive negative economic impact. Multiple detailed reports expose corruption at the IOC, cost overruns, and debt to cities that far outweighs any economic benefits.
- Massive public funds lost with partial recovery, at best. We will have white elephants to maintain and bills to pay.
- May help boost tourism particularly for Banff, but infrastructure (Highway 1, parking spaces around Banff and trails) seems inadequate as it is.
- Maybe debt spending will hinder our future.
- Might diversify economy a bit, but at a cost.
- Might get some useful infrastructure such as a field house and subsidized housing for low income people and families out of it. We will also be saddled with the ongoing operating costs of all the facilities built or upgraded. From past experience we know that many/most are not self sufficient because they are used by such a small number of people. City taxpayers will be on the hook for this. The biggest issue is who pays for the inevitable huge cost over runs? If the federal and Provincial contributions are fixed as they appear to be I guess the risk of the overruns sits with the taxpayers from the City of Calgary. This is not an acceptable risk based on recent track records.
- Might moderately help, but so would investing in poverty and basic services to improve and repair our existing municipal infrastructure.
- mild assistance temporarily.
- minimal impact to unemployment rate as most job creation is for volunteers. Minimal tourism dollars. Not worth the long term costs
- moderate impact for training and events at facilities post-Olympics.
- Money diverted to hosting the games will be a conomic drain for decades
- More debt and future maintenance of facilities that do not generate positive net income will be a huge hindrance on Calgary's future.
- "Most economic impact is short lived based on strictly on benefits brought in via tourism, the overall cost outlay is massive and little or no trickle down effect exist's long term. The only way to make the games have lasting economic impact is the dilute the cost across both the federal government , provincial and civic governments and too also have

a comprehensive tax on foreign sponsors and organisations benefiting from the games . Television, manufacturing sponsors, licensing sponsors , etc.

- Otherwise the cost overruns ( yes we have no control over those !!!! ) will enslave hosting city Calgary with decades of debt to be paid by local taxpayers .
- So the answer is that the Olympics could likely hinder Calgary's overall economic progress for years to come."
- Must ensure local/regional contractors, service providers get the work. Too many times Calgary contracts have gone to international companies i.e. - bridge design.
- My grandchildren should not be saddled with the debt that will occur. Estimates are always low balled and weak excuses made after the event.
- Negative effect to city economy
- Negative impact due to the average 150% cost overruns of recent games. Tokyo is a great example of mismanagement of major events by planning committees
- Negative Impact would happen if Calgary hosted the Olympics
- Negative impact. Government costs are out of control and no accountability by all three levels.
- Negative impact. I was in Montreal for the olympics and they are still paying for it
- Negative impacts WAY outweigh the positive.
- Negative to economy overall to tax payers. Why not reduce property taxes, tax on gasoline, and income tax.
- Negative. Nothing good comes from further taxing an already heavily over taxed population.
- Negative. We will be paying for it for years and years to come and my taxes will increase to pay for something that no one wants. Council is in the dark with the opinions of calgarians.
- "Negativity impact. Costs greatly underestimated, revenue greatly over estimated.
- Consistent "hiding" of costs, reports, non-foipable, in-camera meetings only adds to concerns. Lack of transparency is feeding conspiracy theories.
- I've no doubt that if the news were as positive as city and bid committee claimed, they would not be so secretive"
- Neither
- neither
- Neither help or hinder. Calgary's future is based on oil prices and a vision of diversity in the economy. Along with this a proud city can host events, concerts, if they have a vision to spend money on facilities that impact us in the long term,
- Neither. It depends on what you believe Calgary's future should look like. Biggest beneficiaries are the developers. I'm tired of subsidizing.
- Neutral
- Neutral at best
- neutral, take a look at Vancouver, they had less visitors after their Olympics
- Neutral. As a international City Calgary has other way of creating economic opportunities
- Neutral. The beneficial economic impact will only be felt by a few sectors for a short time. The vast majority of citizens will only see an increase in costs of everything, including their taxes.
- No
- No
- NO
- no
- No - only a few who have connections with the city hall elite will benefit. We are broke. People need tax cuts. Oil is gone, it is not coming back.
- No benefit. More debt means higher tax..means harder for business. = net LOSS!
- No benefits
- no benifit for anyone but greedy elites
- No business will move here because of high taxes to pay for everything.

- "No economic benefit what so ever. People won't be flocking to Calgary just because the olympics were held here!!! Minimal benefit if hoards of athletes make Calgary their primary training centre in the future.
- If international events were guaranteed to be held here, using the facilities, for many years to come, then perhaps."
- No financial benefit only expense
- No impact either way. Lots of "motherhood" benefit statements, not tangible nor actionable.
- No impact long term. There has been no study or few if any examples to support an economic benefit from hosting the games.
- No long term benefits to the city
- No long term economic plus side
- No material change.
- No studies show any increase in tourism past the Olympics.
- No there is no long term benefit to hosting the Olympics except for those rich enough to use the facilities that are left behind. Of course ordinary tax payers will get to pay for the up keep of these facilities - that will have an impact - increase in all of our taxes.
- No to little future economic benefit is typical for cities, risk of hindrance to future development is high due to diverting capital spending and cost overruns
- No, because historically there is more money spent than gained.
- No, it might bring in more money, but it's not going to benefit the average Calgarian. We will be paying for it for years.
- No, it won't help. It has no connection to oil drilling.
- No, olympics for 2 weeks is the stupidest idea Nenshi has supported
- No, please look at the trending g statistics. It's not going to be beneficial. If Calgary is hosting, I am moving. It's going to be the tax payer who is paying for it. And it's going to lose So much money. Just look at Vancouver, south Korea and etc..
- No. That is not our problem. Urrenttly. We need pipelines and jobs not the olympics
- No. We are being fed BS about the benefits. Like the stampede we all joke it time to leave the city for a few weeks.
- No. Already province has not agreed to full amount asked. You have limited corporate sector to tap into because of oil bust. City already is aware that this bid is going to cost dramatically over and is hiding details. Can't trust that we have any of the right information that would be valid around costs vs benefits. City already knows that we are unlikely going to reap strong enough economic benefits and costs are all ready out of control.
- No. Any benefit would be a temporary impact from visitors coming for two weeks.
- "No. Calgary should have diversified the economy a long time ago but short-sighted thinking on the part of our politicians and big oil hindered that. The Games are for 10 days and not all of the events will be held here. In the unlikely event that the Games made a profit it will not translate into long term economic stability. As for increase to tourism, Banff is already over crowded and that doesn't benefit Calgary."
- No. Look at the collective history of games and ask why host cities are dropping like flies. There realizing the games are smoke and mirrors. There is no economy when the games are based on spending taxpayer dollars poorly.
- Non residential property taxes are through the roof and continuing to increase for no reason other than Reduction of number of businesses operating, so less paying into the coffers. The economy is TERRIBLE!
- Nope
- Nope helps you the mayor and hotels and restaurants but how dose that help me
- Not at all, Calgary needs to reevaluate where they are spending money.
- Not help for sure, at least not in general. Just a few would benefit.
- Not help.
- Not if it increases our debt and taxes.
- Not many Olympic Games cities have been able to balance the books so far...
- Not sure
- Not sure about this. I know the games would bring in a lot of revenue for the services industry but at what expense?
- Not sure.

- Of course it would hinder. How could it not. Can't put lipstick on this question.
- "Oh Gawd it won't help. If you want to help Calgarys economy, build a world class convention centre!
- So many lost opportunities and spin off revenues! We have to leave to find adequate facilities..."
- Oh sure, more fluid cash will be a short-term benefit to the city and its businesses, but it will just be offset by higher taxes and then, when the tourists flock to the next great world event, that debt will need to be carried by the local economy for years.
- Olympic games do not make money, many don't even recover costs. With the current state of economics in Calgary I don't believe that now is the time to be spending on Olympics. I have no problem with Calgary having the Olympics at a time in the future when the city and province are both in a stable economic situation.
- Olympic host cities loses money. If you think otherwise you should stop lying to yourself.
- Olympics bring in not only event-related financial gains but also future related financial gains. This is not said to ignore the financial strains of hosting such event but to highlight the fact that the World will see Calgary as a first class destination.
- Olympics have been a money loser for years
- Olympics have never been known to boost an economy long term. Its a short term, infrastructure industry mini boom that is isolated and last for a few brief yrs leading up to the games.
- On balance it would likely hurt. There would be some additional investment and visitor \$\$, but this would be weighted against interest payments on billions of dollars into the future.
- Only a small segment will benefit too small in my opinion
- Only corrupt Olympic officials and politicians and their back room deals will benefit. Calgary will suffer as taxpayers pay for it.
- Only few hotel and restaurant owners will benefit for three weeks.
- Only help. The initial cash outlay will be painful but in the long term the benefits will outweigh the negatives.
- only slightly help, not worth the cost.
- only temporary
- "Our economy is in the toilet.
- WCS Oil is selling for \$16/bbl. It's a complete joke to even SUGGEST that we can afford \$10 billion on an Olympic games.
- Not that anyone from the City is going to listen anyway. You are all corrupted people. More interested in giving the IOC everything they want and taking all from the taxpayer forcefully."
- Our economy is too fragile to support an outlay of billions of dollars for a one time event. We can build the sports plex without holding the games or going into debt.
- Our economy nationally, provincially and civically is not good right now and I'm concerned about our future. Our deficits are out of control and it will cost future generations way too much already! We do not need to add billions to where things are at now. These games are just going to add to the tax payer's burden. Let's focus on important long term issues that we already have.
- Our economy needs a boost and I think this venue would do just that.
- Our economy needs a long term boost that could be achieved with much less money. A 2 week party that costs billions won't do it.
- Participating in a corrupt system (see the documentary "Icarus") that has a track record of outrageous costs that are devastating to the financial health of the host city/country is foolishness of the highest order, perhaps even criminal.
- People bring money that I'll be spent in our businesses.
- Please do not bid for the 2026 Olympics, they will bring no economic value to Calgary. In fact it seems clear they will be a huge expense on the tax payer at all levels.
- Plenty of money will be brought into the city while the games are on, but no lasting benefit to the city.
- positive impact on the economy

- Positive impact on the economy will be negligible and short term - debt required to support the games would be a major hindrance to average Calgary families for years to come, while also negatively impacting our ability to economically borrow for useful projects in the future.
- positives will be more than offset by costs
- Possibly the local spending at local businesses (primarily food/lodging establishments) will be good for the 2 weeks- that is all. There will be no long term benefits. We already have an amazing Tourism base here, and the Olympics will not enhance that any further than the 2 weeks duration.
- Potential is there for higher visibility on the world stage, however investment potential is not based on television viewership of a sporting event.
- Potential to help by stimulating the city economy.
- Potentially a benefit, however it will always be the taxpayers money you end up spending, so The average calgarian won't have anything to show for it but a bigger tax bill
- Probably help. But the businesses that gain won't necessarily outweigh the costs overall.
- Probably hinder, taxes are already going up without this added expense.
- Professional economists have stated that economic benefits are continuously and constantly overstated by those locations which bid.
- Projections often fall short. While getting ready and during the games will bring in short term employment it's not sustainable.
- Put Clagarians in debt for years. Different times than 1988 when there was a huge surplus of heritage money.
- right now in this economy would hinder
- Ruin it with debt and heavy taxation by Spendshi
- Same answer. These are all loaded questions geared to a positive response. Hinder, the cost of the games will increase tax burden on the many. Those in privileged positions will enjoy the benefit but it will be limited to few people. The majority will see higher taxes.
- Security and safely costs are escalating every year. With more and more fringe groups (and even some groups who are closer to the mainstream) willing and planning violent demonstrations or acts, the price will grow in money and human costs
- see all the answers above..money should go to more social based needs, not the glamour of the games
- Short term 10 day maybe the next 20 yr waste of money
- Short term benefit to the economy. Once the games are over, no high income jobs would result.
- short term blip followed by long term debt.
- Short term boost but minimal impact long term
- Short term economic boost with no long-term impacts. Like a jar of Jube/jubes I think you get a nice sugar rush, but crash soon after. Look at Sochi, Sarajevo, Lillehammer, Albertville, Innsbruck, Salt Lake City, Grenoble, Turin etc...non are exactly "on the map" and swimming in worldly benefits from hosting the games. In fact, since Calgary. If the cost, debt and high taxes is worth the short term rush with the inevitable crash, then knock yourself out. If not, maybe it's time to either abandon the plan, or figure out how to pay for it another way without reaching into the taxpayers pockets. Corporate sponsorships, entry fees/tax/security levies for competing counties entering the games, increased ticket prices, partnerships, etc...
- Short term economic impact once people go home or turn off their TV's
- Short term gain and long term pain from the dept caused by coast overruns
- Short term gain for businesses but long term pain for residents.
- Short term help although the costs necessary to gain the positive impact are prohibitive
- short term help in terms of short term jobs, but in the long run given the costs it's so not worth it.
- Short term help. Long term hinder. We need to have realistic expectations of the long term cost implications. We will be paying more taxes.
- Short term immediate gain only, which doesn't out weigh the end result and cost that we all pay for.. for years.
- Short term it will not help but long term the city the reap great benefits. Economical benefits will come as new businesses will emerge. New or upgrades to hotels businesses will be making and spending money and all this money

will be circulating in the city. Not to mention the new taxes that will be collected as more people will be employed and it will help to push down Calgary's unemployment rate.

- Short term stimulus would help but benefit would be to provincial tourism
- Short term the construction industry will benefit, but only if there is a commitment to support Calgary based contractors and workers.
- Short term uptick, followed by a wall of debt.
- Significantly help. I came to Calgary in 1976 after university, and certainly remember the deep recession here in the early 80's. For at least that far back, the province has wanted to reduce our dependency on the energy industry. In conjunction with Calgary Economic Development, the Olympics give us a global stage we can't get otherwise. And if the IOC ever decided to limit the number of host cities for future Winter Games, Calgary would have a good chance of being able to host every generation. Imagine the uplift in the perception of others in terms of Calgary's place as a global city.
- Since this Council is doing so much behind closed doors, and then threatening those who are trying to inform the taxpayers and citizens, it's not easy to see that even council feels they need to hide the truth. Too many unknown costs, especially with security, as we have no idea what terrorism will look like in the next decade.
- Skip
- Small/short lived benefit but long term hinder.
- Some local businesses would experience a brief windfall during the games, probably offset by a rise in their taxes. The real beneficiaries, as in other cities that have hosted the Olympics, would be large corporate sponsors with little to no stake in Calgary.
- Sometimes we have to expand our boundaries in order to grow, it may be scary but the benefits in the end are immeasurable.
- Sort term during the games it would help small businesses/tourism, but gains would be lost when the later tax bills come in.
- Spend people money where they don't really need to.. Like the art on 16 ave (the bow gate) half a million on rocks.. Good job city
- "Spend taxpayer's money on child care overcrowded and un affordable day cares , health care, youth development, education skill building programs roads infrastructures new industry.
- Diversifying Alberta's economy should be the primary goal of the government for next 5-10 years"
- Spending 3 billion dollars for a whole month of increased tourism does not strike me as great economic planning.
- Spending billions for a 10 day party for the corrupt IOC will have a huge negative impact on our economy for years to come. That money is needed, and better spent, on more important projects that will benefit ALL of Calgary - not just some athletes and sports team owners who want shiny new facilities for their million players to play in.
- Stop spending money we don't have
- Studies from past Olympics have shown little to no positive, long term, sustainable economic benefits. In some cases, the impact has been negative in maintenance costs, displaced populations and other social situations.
- Study after study after study has proven that the Olympics are an economic red herring. It's all out there in black and white from unbiased sources.
- Sure we'd have some tourists for the event and then they will go away again and all that money that they spend will still not be enough to cover the costs.
- Take away from current programs that are currently underserved. Our corporate donations can't support the a Olympics & current obligations
- Taking every other city into consideration? We will be badly hurt by this and be stuck dealing with the fallout for years to come.
- Taxes will explode
- Taxes will go up. The games will not self fund. How do I as a taxpayer gain any return on my investment.
- The "potential" of hosting the games and throwing a party for the world's athletes comes with a huge price tag economically; most Calgarians simply can't afford to pay for increased infrastructure costs , regular tax hikes imposed by council and inevitable cost overruns of construction of venues and proposed housing.
- The 1988 games were actually profitable for Calgary. I think we could do it again!

- The 1988 Olympics exposed Calgary to the world. Prior to those games we were not very visible on the world stage. A second Olympic games will not increase our exposure. The 1988 games were successful for many reasons. Huge volunteerism, a very large increase in money from television rights and low security costs. Today's generation does not have the same level of volunteer spirit. Money from television rights are now paid to the IOC and only a portion is released to the host city. Security for the Vancouver games cost more than putting on all of the Calgary games. Add to this the recent announcement that the provincial government is not committing the projected amount of funding in the budget. With the upcoming election and new government, this contribution could be even lower with a UCP government. The provincial economy is still recovering with many challenges ahead. The argument that Calgary can lever more money from other sources for infrastructure that would not come without the games is misleading. Over half of the funding is coming from the three levels of government. All three levels get their funds from the same spot, the taxpayers pocket. One way or the other, we the public are still paying for it all.
- The 500 +million spent on security leaves nothing as a legacy
- The '88 Olympics made money. The facilities at Canmore, Windsport, and UofC have given the city positive economic benefits. A '26 Olympics should provide similar returns.
- The amount of debt we would have to go into in order to make this successful, especially with non-transparent budget/cost-estimates so far, would be a huge hinderance to Calgary
- The amount of operational costs could be spent in different ways, as well as the funding for new and upgrading old venues could be reconsidered. Operational costs are a clear loss with added or lost economic future value that cannot be measured until they occur. Asking Calgarians in the present the biggest concern is the economic slump we are in, and the operational costs could be saved and invested differently. At the end of the day whether the funding is coming from the city, the province, or from federal levels, it is taxpayer money. The funding to update current venues and build new arenas/ housing needs to be invested now, and if that funding is available for 2026 why can't it be available now? If we have to wait for the olympics to build affordable housing, and wait for the olympics to build venues...? Further venues that could be built now and be multifunctional could be funded through private and not solely through public funding. Build a venue that will initiate growth of Victoria Park, similar to East village through the revitalization levy, and uses funding to promote Calgary as a city that has world class venues and facilities through a marketing strategy. The total cost would still be less then what is being proposed right now to do the same thing minus victoria park development.
- The benefit does not outway the investment cost
- The benefits in the bid report are over-blown. Looking at sports/economical professions, the impact of past host cities, the impact economically was very low to non-existing. So having the bid corp say everything is rosy without looking at the past facts, is misleading.
- The benefits to small business, hotels, and restaurants would be fantastic. And when people see how beautiful it is here, they will come back! It will help... worth the investment.
- The benefits would be less than the costs. If the Alberta Advantage existed costs and benefits might be equal
- The big question mark for me. With the current disregard for debt levels at all levels of government, this is a concern for me.
- The city cant afford to continue to bid let alone host these games. Calgary is still in a deep recession. Tax revenue is down due to business closures and unemployment. Families are struggling to pay taxes now let alone after the increases to pay for the games. This bid is just one more example of wasteful spending by silly hall. The fact that so much money and time had already been put into this bid would be funny if it werent par for the course for the current city counsel.
- The city has higher priorities that it should address that would stimulate the economy directly such as building social housing, support for the arts, lrt construction. Supporting the arts and developing strategies to reduce the impact of artificial intelligence on the workforce. Supporting the corrupt ioc is so wrong!
- The City needs to get itself under control, instead of wasting all of this money
- The city will be once again be put into the spot light which will spur on the economy similar to 1988
- THE CITY'S FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS ARE WAY LESS THAN THE AVERAGE FROM PREVIOUS OLYMPIC GAMES AROUND THE WORLD. THE TAXPAYER FEDERATION ESTIMATES THAT IT COULD COST EACH HOUSEHOLD UP TO \$11000, FAR MORE THAN THE CITY ESTIMATES.

- The cost doesn't justify the means
- The cost for taxpayers wouldn't translate into benefits for the average Calgarians. Revenue from the Olympics is not going to be put into tax breaks, or improvements in snow removal, or improving accessibility issues for Calgarians with disabilities.
- The cost of the games is ridiculously expensive and bound to go into cost overruns. Calgary is already in a great big hole. How would we ever recover?
- The cost of the games, when compared to the cost of investing in and developing local arts, culture, and sports, is completely outrageous. The Calgary Children's Festival closed after decades due to lack of funding.
- The cost outweighs the benefit
- The cost outweighs the benefits. Simple.
- The cost would be a hinderance and there is no economic benefit!
- the costs of hosting are always higher then the economic gains predicted.
- The costs will surely run over budget and calgarian's will be stuck footing the bill thus hindering Calgary's future
- The debt burden will outweigh any potential benefit.
- The debt caused by these fames will hinder the economy. Calgary Buisness is taxed to death already. How on earth can the ecomy improve when faced with the debt caused by these games.
- The Dept from it would be a huge hinderance to future growth
- The economic benefit would be limited to the two weeks of the Olympics.
- The economic benefits of the games is naught but a guess. There is no certainty as to whether the games will or will not make money BUT historically it has in most cases created a massive loss that has cost the taxpayers dearly.
- The economic costs to taxpayers when alot of people are still out of work, nervous about the oil sector and for many live paycheck to paycheck with hugh household debt loads is astronomical. The City is cutting Disabled Transit cause they can't afford to fund it.....how are the disabled supposed to get around?? How can the City afford the expense of an Olympics but can't affored to provide transit to the disabled.
- the economic harm of debt far outweighs any tourism.
- The economic impact for sure will help calgary's future but mostly to the realty? And citizen has to burden higher housing cost.
- The economic impact I believe has been developed using unrealistic budgets and will likely naturally grow to similar heights without the Olympics
- The economic impact I believe will neither help nor hinder in the long run but will definitely hinder calgarians in the short run. Many of us can't afford to take on more financial burden via taxes considering how vulnerable rates are currently.
- The economic impact is a two week gain for hotels, restaurants and bars. The long-term impact is significantly increased taxes and a crushing debt that will definitely HINDER our future.
- The economic impact of the Games is positive because spending that much money is generally positive. But we would not normally spend that on a party for the world, nor should we now. We have other needs and priorities which should be addressed, which could have the same or greater economic impact.
- The economic impact of the Games would HINDER Calgary's future by increasing Calgary's debt and hurt the small businesses and individuals that comprise most of the tax base for the city of calgary and who will be asked to repay the cost of the games.
- The economic impact on Calgary is a diverse topic. And in most cases, those discussing it are not really looking at the big picture. It's human nature to view things through our own eyes. Do you suspect that those who own restaurants, coffee shops, hotels, and the like are more likely to support the games than those who will not have a direct influx of income? But if you strip it down to the root of the situation, it is basically a question of how much money the governments are willing to subsidize our lives. Take a ride on any C-Train and ask everyone on board if they would rather have the Olympics in Calgary (without offering any of the propaganda message one way or the other), or not have free transit in Calgary for 6 years. Or ask a small business owner if he would rather have the Olympics or eliminate municipal property and business taxes for 6 years. What would they rather have governments subsidize?
- The economic impact on taxpayers will hurt us all.
- The economic impact will be more taxes.

- The economic impact will be negative for Calgary's future, we do not need this. There is not long-term financial gain in hosting the Olympics and a lot of immediate debt. City of Calgary needs to focus on boosting the industries that made Alberta prosperous in the past and also reduce taxes for the home owners who are struggling.
- The economic impact will be short, temporary and minimal. The costs will be long and painful for future Calgarians (including those that are unable to vote yet).
- The economic impact will definitely hinder Calgary's future by leaving us with a huge debt afterwards and not a lot to show for it. A field house??? For Winter Games??? A small arena??? with less capacity to hold Hitman Games in? Fixed up Football Stadium and Saddledome???? will still leave Calgary with the need to fund full replacement of these facilities???? What a mess to our future economy!! Fully expect there to be huge cost over-runs and long debt after the games.
- The economic impact will likely be increased debt, a definite hindrance.
- The economic impact would be Calgary paying off this financial burden for years to come.
- The economic impact would be devastating to our City.
- The economic impact would be less than environmentally impact which would be huge.
- The economic impact would be very negative, because of the potentially out-of-control costs.
- The economic impact would hinder Calgary's future. It will take away from needed development and saddle the city with a massive debt load that will impact all of us with higher taxes.
- The economic impact, if any, is a blip in the radar and has no real impact on the future of Calgary.
- The economic trend during any world class event creates a huge spike in the local economy of businesses. But the capital outlay to be able to serve this spike is huge. Our economy as it stands pre games, and then no doubt post games, is fragile. Spending on capital projects pre games is tight as witnessed by the Provincial commitment yesterday of \$700 million. That is an amount we cannot afford Provincially. That in itself is a political gamble. I believe it is a way of supporting it just enough to look good, but not enough to trigger Federal spending. So they aren't the bad guys.
- The economics are positive for the city as the city does not operate any venues nor pay for any of the events hosted afterward. It's a win for city tax payers, if and only if they don't build fieldhouse and arena.
- The economics do not help for the expenditures that we will incur
- The economics of oil that our provinces relies on is instable, how are we going to pay for an event when we cant even afford proper infrastructure as is.
- The economics of this whole thing is why it is not a good idea! Calgary and Alberta would carry terrible debt for a generation or more following this initiative.
- The Economy is currently in horrendous shape and spending money on a want not a need is foolish. There is no room in the budget for necessities as it currently is.
- The economy is not going to benefit from a two week party!!! The cost overruns far outweigh any possible benefits!!!!
- The economy will overall help Calgary's future. The renewal of existing facilities will be beneficial prior to the Games. The service and hospitality industry would really benefit before, during and after the games.
- The expected boosts to tourism and reputation are overstated. Calgary already struggles with getting visitors to the mountains to spend an overnight in Calgary. How would an event with high-profile, visually stunning activities in the mountains help improve that underlying issue?
- The extreme spending must stop! Some day the piper must be paid. What a sad financial legacy for our children and grandchildren.
- The financial implications are huge and negative and will hinder Calgary's for years to come. The impact on other projects could be catastrophic
- The games are not an investment in key areas of the economy. If the same cash is spent in other areas such as diversification of the economy, infrastructure, pipelines etc. There is more benefit.
- The games could do either. But why invest in a dysfunctional city? Resources are needed to be invested, wringing hands, a dysfunctional council and high tax rates aren't encouraging. Solve those problems, do an analysis of attitudes and the economic responses have an opportunity to help not only this city or Province but our country. However, getting the right people to get out and involve more than the taxpayer for funds requires "out of the box" planning. Do that and it would help Calgary's future. Don't and the positive future is hindered.

- The games may decrease our high unemployment rate for the short-term but overall I believe the high cost will be detrimental to our economy for decades to come. Our local provincial and national economies have already been weakened by the Canadian oil industry glut that will never again provide the prosperity it once did. Calgary and Alberta specifically need to focus on real solutions to help improve our economy, not putting ourselves in greater debt by spending billions on two weeks of fame.
- The games MIGHT have an benefit but the cost is not worth it.
- The games so not bring in enough money to offset the costs of hosting.
- The Games will 110% be a financial burden for the city including Alberta for years to come, taxpayers will be asked to fork up more than they want to for something that the majority of people do not want given the costs.
- The games will have little no economic impact beyond their initial purpose.
- "The Games will help builders build facilities, and replace grass and trees.
- The Games will help tourism, and our "destination city".
- Then they will be gone."
- The Games will hinder Calgary's future when it has to service the burden of a huge debt. Calgarians will suffer the consequence of additional taxes.
- The games will not fill those empty office buildings and/or create many permanent jobs that we need for the next generation.
- "The games will not make Calgary a World Class City...but spending the money where it is needed will.
- NO games !!!"
- The games would be an absolute hindrance to the city's economy. The short-term benefit of increased tourism during the games will not benefit the city. We need to ask why the proclaimed long-term benefit of the infrastructure/architecture being implemented and developed is enough of a benefit that it justifies the immense cost to the city to host the IOC's corruption.
- The games would create further economic stress in Calgary especially for the middle and lower socioeconomic segments who are already struggling. We can't afford tax increases or years of excessive debt for such a frivolous endeavour.
- The Games would cripple Calgary and Alberta with debt.
- The games would have a negative impact on Calgary's economyz
- The games would hinder Calgary's economic future, as it would put Calgary taxpayers several billion dollars into debt for the next 30 years. Let's pay off the huge loans we already have, before we pile on more debt.
- The high costs of the games will be a burden on the taxpayer for generations. The jobs will be short term and then gone. Skilled workers will be brought in for construction and leave once work is done. Zero positive impact for Calgary's unemployed.
- The inevitable cost over runs cannot be overlooked
- The inevitable cost overruns pose an enormous risk.
- The large debt left will hinder the city's ability to complete projects that are actually a benefit
- The last few Olympics seems to have had a negative economic consequence for those cities. This would be of great concern to me given the challenges Alberta has faced and Calgary's particularly slow recovery
- The money spent on the game would put the city into a fiscal hole and will raise taxes. The bid would definitely hinder Calgary's future.
- The multiplier of 5 Billion dollars being spent in our city will be enormous. Wages, taxes, tourism, housing boom, etc. will have a significantly positive effect on our economy.
- "The Olympics are money losses. We aee recovering slowly from a massive recession. This is NOT
- a time we can afford to lose money on something that boosts our prestige, but not our economy or people."
- The Olympics are not a financial benefit.
- The Olympics have a history of cost overruns and financial ruin. It will greatly hinder Calgary's future
- The Olympics will be a massive burden for the tax payer and will only briefly help the construction,hospitality and security sector.
- The Olympics will create 200-300 jobs in Calgary . Employees will be an asset to /in International businesses.

- The Olympics will destroy Calgary's economy by greatly increasing debt. Younger generations aren't interested in team sports anymore. Why would you invest in a dying cultural phenomenon and put that debt on them? (I never thought I would be the person to say "Think of the children!" Lol!).
- The Olympics will hinder Calgary's future. We are already seeing a city that cannot look after it's infrastructure. I am still dodging potholes that I first noticed in April. If we have the 2026 Olympics the investment decision will always go to get the facilities built costing hundred of millions each rather than on helping those who need assistance who only require a few thousand dollars worth of services. Our tax base is shrinking, we are still having condos built that no one will want to buy and still expanding our suburbs when businesses are not thriving in Calgary. We have an economic crisis in Calgary that needs to be dealt with with creative ideas.
- The Olympics will hinder our future economics as taxes will skyrocket to pay for this short party.
- The Olympics will saddle the Calgary taxpayer with billions in debt. It's a terrible idea. STOP THIS MADNESS!!
- The Olympics would greatly hinder the economy. It costs way too much for so few benefits. The benefits won't even be shared with all calgarians. Attending an Olympic event is expensive, many of the calgarians paying for this event for years to come will not even be able to afford to go. There are so many other areas that need funding (infrastructure, arts).
- The Olympics would provide both a short-term and long-term economic boost for the city.
- The one time development and concomitant debt financing will saddle Calgarians with useless facilities and a very short-lived economic boost. The main benefit for Calgarians will be through illegal AirBNB rentals, Uber and other non-market activities.
- The only economic impact is to my wallet. And my children's wallet. And my grandchildren's wallet. You are trying to make decisions on a project 8 years out with a council that has met in secret and made it unFOIP. Shame on you!
- The only potential economic benefit will be hotels, restaurants and rental landlords (whether AirB&B or traditional). These are VERY SHORT economic benefits vs. the last effects of property owners having to pay more taxes to aid the Olympic bill.
- The only real winners are the hospitality industry which does not provide permanent, good paying jobs. The rest of us pay for their profit.
- The overwhelming conclusion of economists is that modern Olympic Games do not result in a net economic gain to the host region. Cost over runs however drain the regions ability to take care of less "sexy" initiatives and they will burden citizens for years after the party is over.
- The potential economic impact cannot be underestimated. We will run a break even games, and we will reap the rewards of having new generations of world-class facilities that will draw athletes and tourists alike from around the world.
- The potential economic impact is temporary. Propping up the economy with debt is not sustainable. If you want to do something that will impact the economy in a sustainable manner change the current investment climate by reducing taxes and reducing the bureaucratic red tape and regulations that make it difficult for investors to get the return they need.
- The potential economic impact of the Olympic games will absolutely hinder Calgary's future. At this time, Calgary is economically struggling. Add to this struggling economy the huge financial burden of the Olympic games and the future economic stability of Calgary is severely hindered. In order to enter into such a massive financial burden as this Olympic games, the host city must be on a very, very stable and prosperous economic footing. Calgary is absolutely not at that point, and it would be irresponsible to commit to such a massive debt.
- The potential economic impact would be extremely negative resulting in unprecedented taxation increases. Additionally the escalating interest payments would burden taxpayers while providing them exactly zero benefit.
- The potential economical impact is positive for Calgary for hosting the games and so is building a new arena regardless of the games.
- The province is broke and the country is raking up debt like never before. Who is going to pay for the obvious cost overruns? Vancouver cost 6.4 billion and we budget 5.4? - this does not give me a lot of comfort that the people budgeting have any credibility. We can't afford a 10 billion dollar party.
- The rich will get richer and the poor will get poorer. The average person or family would not be able to afford to even attend some of the more popular events.

- The risk is high that the economic impact could be quite negative, and the chance is low that the Games could have a short-term minimally positive impact.
- The short term economic benefits of a couple weeks of tourism do not outweigh the costs.
- The short term economic boost is heavily outweighed by the catastrophic debt.
- The short term gains in terms of job creation for those in industries that would be responsible for infrastructure/planning/transportation/hospitality will not compensate for the long term debt the city will be left with.
- The tax burden and long term maintenance costs are too high for this project
- The taxpayers of Calgary are being milked dry by the city, province and Feds. You can not tax your way to prosperity. Nenshi has taxed numerous small business out of existence with his \$2 Billion in shush funds. Sorry but the city has been a destroyer of jobs and the Olympics are just another bad idea that will add huge tax increase. Olympics just added \$300 Million to taxpayers when province showed some restraint. These are games, put the money toward real issues, not 16 days of unneeded games.
- The temporary surge would not help the economy. we would need to hire people for this short amount of time and then lay them off again.
- The uncertain cost of hosting the 2026 Olympics is too great to risk my kids and grandkids FUTURE!!!!
- "The vote for Calgarians is coming soon with advance polling Nov 6 and 7 followed by the final voting on Nov 13.
- Although i see many stating an emphatic NO in their opinion, well until one actually votes, your opinion does not count. We Calgarians tend not to get off our butts and actually vote. This one is important.
- For your consideration of just how fictitious City Hall numbers are (not including the stuff they tried to hide that got leaked), take a look at a past Olympics and an upcoming one...
- Cities tend to exclude large amounts of associated costs when they submit a bid to host the Olympics. Such bids usually include only core components such as the main facilities so that the bids are easier to compare. Building design, security measures, transportation and other costs are largely excluded.
- The 2012 London Olympics cost \$19 billion, compared with the bid estimate of \$6.5 billion
- In 2013, when they were awarded the right to host the 2020 Summer Olympics, Tokyo officials said they could stage the Games for 829 billion yen, or \$7.3 billion at the current exchange rate of 113 yen to the dollar.
- According to a report released this week by the national government's Board of Audit and reviewed by the Associated Press, Japan is likely to spend at least \$25 billion and possibly more for the 2020 Games. That figure is nearly four times the original 2013 estimate and more than doubles the number that was thrown out just 10 months ago, when the Tokyo organizing committee said the Olympic budget was about \$12 billion.
- Japanese taxpayers will foot 80 percent of the final bill, the audit found.
- "The Games overrun with 100 percent consistency," University of Oxford researchers wrote in a 2012 study. "No other type of mega project is this consistent regarding cost overrun. Other project types are typically on budget from time to time, but not the Olympics."
- There are definite economic benefits to civic pride, reputation and awareness. Sadly some councillors (Farrell, Farkas and Chu) are far too shortsighted to see them.
- There are less expensive ways to move the economy forward.
- There is a huge risk of basically torpedo-ing the Calgary's future through the unacknowledged though inevitable cost overruns and the hugely exaggerated benefits presented in this highly biased, pro-Olympics proposal.
- There is a lack of clarity on expenditures, revenues, potential funding partners, the level of investment in Calgary, the potential opportunities anticipated as a result of hosting the Games, and other financial inputs that may determine the "potential economic impact" on our city's future. So, again, insufficient detail and clarity available to objectively answer the question.
- There is an obvious Short term benefit for the tourism and hospitality industry, long term becomes very cloudy. In terms of the benefits of infra-structure construction, the money isn't going to places the public would like to see it go according to the many past polls that have been done asking the public about where they think spending should be prioritized.

- There is huge potential to use the Games around 2026 to leverage our economy. Not to mention attracting world-class talent and businesses to our city.
- There is likely to be a short term increase in some economic activity in advance and during the 2 weeks of the Games. Otherwise the long term economic impact will be negligible, or negative because it will have taken focus off other key priorities the City should have addressed.
- there is no benefit
- There is no economic benefit to hosting games. All studies show this.
- There is no economic benefit
- There is no economic impact that could offset the cost of the Olympics.
- There is no economic upside. We cannot afford the games, we do not have the transportation or infrastructure in place to host. We cannot afford the 10 billion dollars plus. Everything would lose money proven by every Olympics in every city
- There is no long term economic benefit to hosting the games. The Olympics aren't going to turn Calgary into a world renowned destination that can compete with the likes of a NYC, or Los Angeles, or Tokyo, just like it didn't in '88.
- There is no positive economic impact. The costs will outstrip any revenues.
- There is no positive potential economic benefit from hosting the Olympics.
- There is no provable long term economic impact to ANY city hosting the games. None. Other than debt.
- There is no question that the failed economics of this would definitely hinder Calgary for the future. On the CTV special from Thanksgiving Monday all the Economists and Brett Wilson were against bidding for the Games. The only people "for" it were the biased Bid Committee people with a vested interest in hosting them. When Economists and a Billionaire come out against something, you really should listen.... And that's a huge understatement.
- There is no true benefit from hosting the Games. Only costs.
- There is none
- There is the suggestion that jobs will increase in preparation for the games. I feel this is short lived, short-sighted. We have to build our community for the long term, and the Games won't do that.
- There may be a short term beneficial impact, but in the long term, our economy is not based on the Olympics. We need to diversify, and the Olympics certainly do not help with this at all.
- There will be a short term benefit to Calgary but a long term financial burden that will make it a poor financial benefit going forward. (see question 3 above)
- There will be no games impacts as there will be no games!
- There will be no lasting economic impact, other than the costs of the crushing debt required to put the games on.
- There will be no long term benefit for the average calgarian. A few athletes will benefit, and the flames will do their best to get their new arena, a few businesses will have a short term boom, but I see no long term economic gains.
- There will be no long-term potential positive impact to the economy
- "There will be very little economic benefit to Calgary outside of the direct impact of the games themselves while they take place.
- It is a fallacy that tourism will increase. The Olympics won't do that for Calgary: 1. the world knows where Calgary is, 2. Because there has to be a real reason to visit - stats show that tourists to Calgary stay one night and go to the mountains. The Olympics won't change that, certainly not when we are looking to repurpose buildings and spend as little as possible - there is no grand remaking/beautification of Calgary that would attract tourists.
- And there will be no "new vision of Calgary" or any such nonsense. Please, none of that drivel, it's insulting to anyone but the most feeble-minded."
- There would be a spike in tourism for what ... 10 to 14 days?!?! Then boom ... all done. Not worth the heavy heavy flow of tourists
- There would be a short term economic boost, but long term benefits are uncertain. These questions seem biased towards pursuing the Games.
- These games will run over budget, and definitely hurt the future economy.

- They will hinder Calgary because they will be far higher than the conservative estimates put forward. With Alberta funding coming in \$300 million low and the Feds likely to follow suit, Calgary taxpayers will be burdened with the necessary funds and will also be on the hook for the inevitable and likely very large cost overruns. It is not fair to the taxpayers nor does it show any fiscal responsibility when Nenshi announced not long ago that Calgarians will face tax increases or cuts to services because council cannot even balance the future budget for necessary expenditures.
- They will hinder Calgary's (and Alberta and Canada's) economy with a large increase in debt with little long term benefits. This is not an efficient use of public funds.
- This depends on taxes and if we are left in an under funded games and have to continue to pay years after.
- This event would help a small portion of our economy. Yes, Construction, restaurants (only in specific areas), hotels, and taxis will benefit but what about every single other business in the City that would suffer from construction closures (as an example, look what happened to the businesses on 10 and 11 av SW, how many of them have survived poor planning of road closures for construction in the area??) or lack of funding. The Olympics will not benefit enough areas of our economy to justify the expense and trouble. Many small businesses need help to survive, they need support that will be refused if the City is focused on only a few areas.
- This is a one time only deal with no lasting economic benefits.
- This is by far my largest concern we already have a billion dollars or more of infrastructure repairs that need to be completed but have been put off due to budget for years and years. What will happen to these projects that are long overdue once the city spends a potential 3 plus billion dollars or more. It took Vancouver almost 10 years to break even when they hosted the games
- This is going to be the foremost issue for this bid along with costs. While I believe the economic impact will help Calgary's future, it's important to ensure max value is obtained and to ensure it is WILDLY known what kind of positive impact these games will have.
- This is going to go over budget so quickly. Jobs are great but the costs are not proportionate.
- This is tricky for me. I'm undecided if this will have as big of an impact as its thought to be. With lots of interest in winter sports here I think calgary can potentially benefit. It comes down too cost.
- This Olympics will not be the same as the 1988 experience - these games will lose money and we will be paying for the losses through increased taxes for years to come.
- This will only benefit the owners of the flames and nobody else.
- This will strongly hinder our economic future due to the extreme cost of hosting, infrastructure improvements, future maintenance costs.
- This would be a massive detriment to our economy. The Olympics is not profitable, there won't even be any permanent jobs created!
- Time and time again it has been proven that the Games do not provide a lasting economic impact to the host city. Therefore why would you risk going into possible debt to host a Games. How is it even possible to know the cost of one of the biggest components which is security. Who could even tell what would be required eight years from now. On top of that Calgary is suffering from a jobless recovery with a 25% plus office tower vacancy rate and city budgets and taxes totally maxed out. How can the city somehow expect taxpayers to fork out even more money at this time. As for the argument of the Games somehow putting us on the map is ridiculous as we are already on the map. Just try and get into Banff, Jasper, and Lake Louise during the summer months. It is jammed packed. So please don't tell me the world doesn't know about us. That's a bunch of bunk. To me now is not the right time to bid for the Games and it's not like they're going anywhere. Maybe the energy should be put a looking at a futures Games bid say 2030 or beyond
- To expensive
- TOO EXPENSIVE
- too many closed door meetings - too many hidden costs - we are overtaxed
- Too much debt
- Too much debt and risk especially with the high unemployment (I have recently been laaid off)
- Too much money for unknown return!
- Too much risk of overspending and having Calgary taxpayers left with a deficit. There no talk at all about having a surplus it comes to a question about whether it's woth the expense and the risk.

- Too much subterfuge with respect to disclosure on cost estimates
- TOTAL WASTE OF MONEY!!! DON'T DO IT JUST SO NENSHI GETS A GLOBAL STAGE. Yes I'm yelling - I feel that strongly about it.
- Trains mountain pipeline approval would go a long way to improving our economy not just in Calgary but across the country. The olympics ? Give your head a shake.
- Tricky question, forcing to positive feedback
- Unless it helps build a pipeline, it will not help
- Unquestionably hinder. Calgary will never repay the debt incurred for this on top of all the other current and proposed projects that the city requires. With unemployment and high levels and projected to go higher, how can you expect the tax base to cover this ridiculous venture? No private company would consider economic risk of this magnitude in this current state, why does the government have the freedom to do it?
- Unsure
- Until we know the total capital and operating costs that will come from public funding sources (i.e the taxpayer eventually) this question cannot be answered. I am concerned in order to make the cost projections palatable some budget items will be shifted from the Olympic bucket to other buckets many of which will be funded via the public purse and not coming from the private sector which will ultimately reap substantial benefit.
- Updated sport venues will bring some benefit however the cost outweighs the benefit.
- Very little impact in the long term. Vancouver has new facilities for training so we wont see the long term benefit like we did from 88.
- Very short term gain but long term debt
- Waste of tax money
- Wasting that much money can't be a good thing.
- We are already struggling through the economic downturn. don't sell our future to the IOC.
- WE ARE BROKE! What part of that do govts not understand!
- We are going to get screwed. The cost to host is simple too high and we are unlikely to see any form of return in the long run
- We are in a recession. Games would exacerbate our recession.
- "We are more than capable of improving our local economy without a superficial two-week party that spikes interest and then peters out. Personally, the Olympic history of a city never comes to mind when I want to travel. I never decide that I want to visit a city because the Olympics were hosted there once. Sochi and Pyeongchang are still not household city names, and nobody I know will purposely travel to Russia or South Korea to just visit these cities. It makes no sense for a business to create a new office in a new city just because they hosted the Games. What matters more are all the things that the Economic Strategy already covers: day-to-day livability. Day-to-day value. Day-to-day reasons to stay and work here. Not a two-week show for the world, many of whom will never visit here again (and thanks to online streaming, many of them will never visit at all even during the Games).
- I'm sympathetic, though. The Games are tempting and look like a very easy way to save our struggling economy. I totally understand the temptation to use the Games as a big reset button to hopefully bring us out of the slump. But true economic resilience requires playing a much more difficult, long-term game. We have to prove to the world that we have a diverse and talented pool of people who are innovative and resourceful. It's hard work, and it can't be avoided.
- The tentative promise of "increased tourism" does not logically lead to more jobs, more technology-driven industry, or more return on investment."
- We are poor there's people still out of work from the recession, let's get everyone on their feet first. Definitely hinder up because of outrageous cost to ppl living here
- We are taxed to death by all levels of government and the Olympics are corrupt as is our municipal government, most Councillors & a out of touch, full of crap Mayor. Games are already considered corrupt with no positive economic impact. What a corrupt incompetent municipal government we have FULL OF WASTE.
- We cannot afford it.
- we cant afford it
- We can't afford it!

- We can't afford it.
- We did not get great economic benefits from the 1988 winter games during boom time how during economic slump can we afford projects that will put us into more economic debt. It is not fair and unreasonable
- We have NO MONEY! The risk of overruns are huge.
- We simply cannot afford them. Hosting them will put huge pressure on debt service, city services and property taxes which will affect each and every one of these selections.
- We were the last City to make the Games Profitable and we have that strength here but they do tend to cost a lot of money at least up front.
- We will be focusing too much energy and money on a two week event while there is a shortage of funds for sustaining other facilities which are in dire need.
- We will be paying for this for years and years to come!
- We will definitely benefit economically. All those investments will stay here. We will continue using infrastructure after the Games, merchandise and rental business will benefit big time.
- We will have nothing more than more debt, causing higher property taxes.
- We will never recover from the expenses. We are 1.16 million Calgarians and the Olympics will cost 5.23 billion Dollars. Have you think how much it could cost to re think the whole transportation system? I bet is way less than \$5.23 billion Dollars.
- We will struggle to pay off any borrowings for these games when they are added to the already overwhelming amount of public debt on the books. I have zero interest in seeing my taxes increase to support this folly. I very much doubt that voters will forget who was pushing this at the next election.
- We'll be paying for these games for at least a generation. Already city council is talking budget and threatening Calgarians with loss of essential services or cutting back those services and our taxes going up and up. Our provincial taxes keep going up, federal taxes too. We, the people are the taxes so who cares which level it comes from. What about cost over runs??
- Well I don't think it will help when our taxes go up. Thousands .ca t pay their bills now. That's why we need affordable housing. People are losing their jobs and their homes. Now you want to raise their taxes?
- Well, it will help the people who are getting paid for all of this. Not sure how it helps those of us who will have to pay for it.
- We're broke. How does spending several billions more help the situation? More taxes? No thanks, We cant even have our alley graded, pot holes fixed or streets plowed in the winter. How are we actually even thinking about spending 4.5 billion to host the Olympics when we cant properly administer the basic social services which we're all being charged an arm and a leg for already. Unbelievable on city counsels part.
- We're broke. We can't afford the Olympics.
- What a loaded question. We don't need to be begging outside investors to come to Calgary to grow their wealth. We need to invest in ourselves, not marketing ourselves as a brand. We need to improve what we already have. We don't need to be bigger. We need to be better. We can recover slowly and wisely and build quality of life rather than blind GDP growth. The Olympics as they are have become out of place in a world where we should learn to let the natural world beyond ourselves breathe. Let's not waste so much money on very costly games and spend that money wisely on improving our local quality of life, and, at the very least, leave some money in the pockets of the citizenry rather than taxing away other choices they could be making rather than having the games.
- What economic benefits? The cost overruns? The tax increases? The useless infrastructure? No, I don't think there will be any economic benefits of these games.
- What economic impact? A temporary tourist boom doesn't justify this circus.
- What is the benefit? We keep referring this to an investment? What are the concrete returns? How is this going to be paid for? We will be layering on an even more burdensome tax regime in an economy that is struggling to support and retain businesses as it is. This will not help Calgary stay competitive.
- While increased investment may benefit the city, it is almost certain that enormous costs and cost overruns would have a seriously negative effect.
- While there are a few olympics games that have been somewhat profitable (or as profitable as it is to try and judge so many variables), I don't think the risk is worth the reward.

- Who can say in the end....no risk...no reward. The best entrepreneurs in the world took risks others didn't have the courage to take. In the end, I think we will benefit the economy by hosting the games.
- Who is really going to benefit? The businesses possibly get more income but the taxpayer is on the hook. And in the smaller community such as Canmore, where will they find workers to work at the game and where will they stay? Canmore has a serious housing shortage as does Banff; there is no where for extra workers to stay so not sure how business people in that community would handle the increased level of tourists.
- Who knows. If over budget as they all are would be a major negative impact to taxpayers who will have to carry the burden.
- Will hinder our economic future. We cannot afford to host these games. Let's spend our money elsewhere; to encourage other businesses to move into our city.
- Will neither help nor hinder.
- Will not provide the same benefit as 1988 did. We were the big winners in regards to legacy fund
- Wish I had more info to answer this better
- With no corporate sponsorship, I don't believe this should go ahead. In 1988, a large part of the cost was privately paid, why is this bid based almost exclusively on taxpayer dollars?
- With the economy today, I think it would hinder Calgary's climb back up. I don't know what the economy would be 6 years down the road, which could improve greatly.
- With the increased threats of terrorism, worldwide events like the Olympics have become far too costly to host and I stopped watching the Olympics years ago because I believe it is full of financial and corruption and cheating
- With the right business model and proper control and innovation this will support Calgary economy
- With the targeted attacks on the Alberta oil industry, future income (tax) and employment is at serious risk. If the federal government can't get a pipeline constructed, what confidence do we have that they will provide adequate funding?
- Without new venues to use after there is no economic gain
- Won't help the way the yes side says it will.
- Won't improve the region. Private companies make the money then leave. Taxes go up or city infrastructure suffers.
- Would be temporary as the costs of games will be offset by the temporary gain during games, with nothing extending beyond games. This is 21st century, world already knows about Calgary.
- Would have positive economic impact as improvements in infrastructure will attract businesses and talents to the city.
- Would help as long as there is no debt accumulated with these games
- Would help short term for a very small percentage of Calgarians
- "Would hinder Calgary's future because the money being proposed could now be spent on diversifying Calgary's economy to be less dependent on the current traditional energy sector.
- It is interesting that one of the points made about "Economy" is: "...the overall reputation of Calgary on the world stage." Yes, we already have a great reputation for complaining that the world does not want our oil and how we believe that the rest of Canada is out to get us, and yet we still do not invest in making real and sustainable changes. Now we can also have a reputation for believing that sports somehow make us an attractive place to live and work.
- There are many good reasons why Calgary does not have a good reputation on the world stage. Hosting the Olympics will not change that."
- Would hinder. Many Calgarians have lost their jobs or have gotten pay decreases all in the face of rising city budgets. To put this onto Calgarians is not 'reading the room' and is irresponsible.
- Would just ultimately redistribute tax dollars to the already wealthy. Would be better to get those provincial/federal investment money into more direct investments like education, health care, small biz support, sustainability, etc.
- Would not help the economy in any positive way for the majority
- yeah the calgary tax payers will be footing the bill with higher taxes, not worth it
- Yes, attracting tourists is a good thing that benefits Calgary, Alberta, and Canada for many years. But not at any cost.
- Yes, it will bring more revenue in terms of tourism

- Yet to see any long term economic impact from the Games. Calgary and area are already widely recognized positive tourist attractions. Please use my tax \$ to provide a environment that promotes investment in areas that will provide both short and long term economic benefits...not a shot in the arm one time party
- You have people who are losing their jobs, losing their homes, can't sell their homes, people who can't qualify to buy homes. Our real estate market is in the toilet. The last thing we should be doing is raising costs on the remaining tax-base. The economic "benefits" of the Olympics have been shown time and time again to be anywhere from overstated to flat-out falsehoods. We don't need the Olympics; the IOC needs us. We shouldn't be doing this.
- You should be more fiscally responsibly
- You should update your website, didn't the province commit \$700M and nothing more? It still says that the cost breakdown is still being worked out but it has already partly been determined. It's been proven time and time again that the economic impact of the place hosting the games is negative for the average person. Also, isn't Tokyo something like 3 times over their projected cost now? And their projected cost did seem similar to what Calgary's is.
- You will go over budget on olympics, the past few cities who have hosted them have. Calgary is growing, but it's not big enough to attract huge tourism aside from our mountains.
- You're hoping the economy will have recovered by then. No guarantees. Oil is dying and AB has shown no interest in supporting new technologies.
- \$5 Billion invested in our city is bound to help
- A second Bowfort Towers would be nice.
- a small blip of local short term investment. This bid will not "bring Calgary to the world's attention", no one out there cares about a city that hosted the games a couple of years ago, they care about the investment climate now and in the future. and currently on all fronts we are in trouble. We need the games like a fish needs a bicycle, and an expensive one at that.
- A temporary boost in the local economy isn't worth the long-term debt that the city and province will be left with.
- Absolutely hinder Calgary's economy. Almost every single Olympics ends up being a cash vacuum and I doubt we will have the fortune to be the exception to the rule twice. Especially with our current economic environment.
- Again can see it from both sides of the discussion.
- All I see is risk.
- All levels of government are in debt. Oil is at \$20/bbl. There are no signs that the governments of this country have any will to get our natural resources to the world market; thus there are very limited revenue streams to support any programs. Any debt or overruns not absorbed by the IOC will hurt Calgary and Alberta well into the future.
- All positive economic impact is just that.
- Although it may help there is no guarantee and we could also lose and we taxpayers are not going to foot the bill
- "Anybody want to go to Grenoble, France? They had an Olympics. Nobody cares if you have an Olympic Games as to whether they will invest or come
- Visit. What a specious argument to make"
- As every single Olympic Games since the late 40s has shown, no city makes a net positive economic impact when all factors including maintenance are considered. It's hubris to think Calgary will buck the trend.
- At this point with the markets so volatile and our province unsure with the pipelines and the provincial debt I feel this isn't a good time to be spending monies we don't have
- Based on several past winter Olympics, the economic impact could be much less than advertised or expected. Very difficult to quantify.
- Benefit. Jobs created as well as facilities employing people during and after the games. We can also expect an increase in tourism.
- Big impact to taxpayers who will pay.
- big input from taxpayers, small output for long-term economy. effect-cost is low. taxpayers will be suffering from ever increasing tax payment
- Both? I absolutely believe it would definitely help us economically in terms of the opportunities post-games, with the exposure and the amount of jobs it'll provide before, during and after. However, 5.2 BILLION dollars is not a funny amount of money. I don't think I would feel right buying tickets to a game and walking past a panhandler/homeless person on my way in. Calgary is absolutely still dealing with/recovering from an economic downturn and just because

there's money, doesn't mean we should push it towards something as conditional as the OLYMPICS? I mean I don't even remember who hosted them before Vancouver in 2010. We have amazing infrastructure, but I'm still sitting in traffic 1-2 hours a day so I can't imagine what the few weeks will be like during the Games. People are still bitter about property taxes so I mean (5.2 billion dollars is very sensitive to them). I would absolutely love to be apart of something like the Olympics but I also care about my city, and it needs to prioritize other things right now in terms of social/civic issues, educational institutions, residential/community support, health care facilities, cultural enrichment, etc.

- Bringing the world to Calgary I can imagine can only help. Of course with a cost, but within reason.
- "Calgary is known already globally.
- We had investors for our primary industry. Those investors will invest in other industries too but they have to believe Canada, Alberta and Calgary have lucid and competent government leaders - as of today we have no such leaders at any level which has stymied incoming dollars.
- Bid Co. is really overplaying this portion of the bid stating that this is the silver bullet to cure all that ails us. Simply untrue. The whole eco-system must be in balance and no one "party" will save us from ourselves."
- Calgary Taxpayers want access to information - not in camera secretive meetings or blacked out documents!
- Calgary's future ? We are in pain RIGHT NOW. 2026 is a long way down the road. Unless the economy improves here within the next year , I can not afford to stay here.
- Calgary's future will be negatively impacted by hosting since the massive cost will leave Calgarians & Albertans in additional dept for years to come. Considering the economic downturn Calgary & Alberta has experienced over the last 4+ years it is fiscally irresponsible to consider hosting. I have not seen anything definitive on what the cost of security for the games would be. There are far too many special interest groups at the helm - like former olympians etc. Who do they think is paying for this - it's all of us as taxpayers at all levels: civic, provincial & federal. All elvels of government are in dept and to even entertain hosting the olympics is completely irresponsible.
- Can't say. I think it would help but only if the cost is right. Local businesses in the restaurant and entertainment industry will definitely benefit. I like taking taxes from tourists so I have to pay less. And if the Olympics keeps people coming back after the fact, that would also be good. It would be bad if locals had to front the bill to hosting the games. As stated, it is hard to make the right decision when the potential benefits are just that- potential. If taxes have to go up to pay the bill, then everyone loses.
- Certainly hosting the games will have a positive impact on Calgary's economy. An injection of the cash associated with the bid alone will provide many jobs and spending in the city. Then when we do host the games we will see a large influx of cash. Lastly, after the games are hosted, we will continue to be able to host world class events at the renewed facilities which will bring extended economic benefits.
- Citizens will dish money out of their pockets - Calgary businesses will do fine - but the citizens will receive NOTHING BACK. You will be taking money from families who are already struggling to feed their families
- Completely and utterly hinder Calgary's economy.
- Cost overruns will result in cuts to education and arts programs.
- Cost will hinder future Calgary developments
- Dame dinder Calgary's future for sure.. because we will be in massive debt
- Debt is always a hindrance
- Definitely a plus. The key would be how to involve and provide opportunities all socio economic groups/individuals.
- Definitely help Calgary's future. The 5.2 Billion will attract even more spending into Canada, the West and into Calgary. We have demonstrated an ability to invest in capital improvements in the City and this is another golden opportunity to do just that.
- Definitely hinder, while there would be short term gain in the construction and tourism industries we would then be put in a difficult situation of severely restricted future spending decisions.
- Definitely hinder. Think of our current debt. Think of the debt you are imposing on future generations. Think of the cost over-runs - though I really like the idea of reusing old facilities. Hotels and restaurants would be the main beneficiaries. Small business that don't cater to the Games suffer during the Games. Who wants to buy tires or service their car or buy tools or hire a renovator, etc. when they are spending money on the Games.
- Definitely hinder. Only a few would benefit directly. The rest of the common folk would end up footing the bill for the incredible expenses incurred (security, IOC payoffs, etc)

- Definitely not.
- Definitely hinder Calgary's future because: IOC is not transparent and is not offering more funding to the cities holding the events;; the economy has been struggling for years; the energy sector as not moved forward because of the impasse between governments on pipeline issues; ineffective federal government regarding pipeline expansion; loss of oil income due to low sale price in market; All government levels have not offered/guaranteed funding at this point; city has little to provide regarding budget for games and plan of action. No vision/mission statements provided to public to indicate where the City is going other than brief references in the cultural sections; too costly and there will be over-runs which the taxpayer will pay via higher taxes at all government levels; people are becoming overwhelmed with debt; wrong timing due to economy . We will be paying for years as we're currently in deep debt as a province/city and household and don't forget the federal level as well. Don't do it!
- Depending on how well Calgary is able to sell itself, we could have a generous tourism boost in the years proceeding the Games.
- depends if we follow up and do we retain a legacy fund to ensure facilities are maintained and promoted
- Depends on the Games making money which is unlikely. Increased taxes will not improve the economy.
- Difficult question. I think it will all depend on our government and how all levels of government will balance the needs of our community, province and country to help to continue to provide us with the quality of life us as Canadians are blessed to have.
- Disastrous!
- Do the City/BidCo folks live in Trump's world of what the truth is? Olympics DO NOT generate revenue for the host city - FACT. IOC has a corruption problem and you want to give money to them?
- Don't know enough to comment
- Doubtful of any positive economic impact. I have travelled the world and no one I have met has said they heard of Calgary because of the Olympics. Business has already left this city and province to invest in lower cost, business friendly regions, doubt they will rush back because of the Olympics.
- Economic benefits - Lets get real, this would leave a large debt for the future. Seems that the blue skiers are forgetting that we already have a massive debt that needs to be addressed.
- Economic boost is short lived. What infrastructure spending and other improvements will be delayed as a result of the games
- Economic for who? It would hinder it again the costs are too great
- Economic impacts likely to be negative from high costs and over-runs. Would hinder future growth due to limited economic resources.
- Economy? I have heard most recent Olympic hosts end up paying more than they earn. Not seeing how that's going to help the economy.
- Enormous for the next 30 years This is THE opportunity for Calgary to finally diversify our economy - sports industry, sport tourism, IT, environment to reduce energy costs, a bigger innovation hub at U of C, MRU, MORE RESEARCH in all fields
- Entirely hinder. Politicians do not understand that the taxpayer money is not theirs.
- Games will have no noticeable long-term effect.
- Games will not help the economy given the high amount of public funding required
- Given that NOTHING actually stays on budget anymore, this may well have a serious negative economic impact on Calgary.
- Given the situation in the oil patch, it will be a long time before Calgary recovers and I think it's time for the economy to diversify more. The games are a great way to advertise to companies to invest and relocate in the city and increase tourism.
- Harm Calgary's future. We cannot afford the games.
- Help
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- Help - the event is very prestigious, and it would bring thousands of tourists and associated revenues to our great town!
- help - would increase YYC standing on the world stage
- Help 100%
- Help Calgary while costing the payer on both accounts. Pay for the building of the venue and then pay to maintain it and pay to use it.
- Help Calgary's future by increasing the city's recognition or reputation and by creating lots of jobs for Calgarians.
- Help in the long-run. Most people disagreeing with hosting are being selfish for the short-term costs. These are the same people who overspent when the oil was at a ridiculous cost and they were making more money than they should have realistically and they should have recognized it was unsustainable. It's not 2010 anymore. They should accept this for the future wave of or children.
- Help in the short term for politicians because they can boast about the increase in job numbers (from short term contract positions for any new improvement's/facilities required for the games) but after the games, these jobs will be lost as this is temporary. Very little or no long term creation of jobs will come of this.
- Help the economy (private) but at the expense of everyone's property tax bill.
- Help with diversification.
- "Help
- Because
- More tourist income.
- More foreign investment"
- Help, as long as investments had foresight
- Help, as tourism dollars are always positive
- Help, but as mentioned on the previous ones, if the province, and feds are willing to kick in billions, then of course the economy will improve- why not find a project that will actually make money while it helps the future economy?
- Help, tourism will increase and we have free world advertising.
- Help. Influx of money
- Help. See previous comments
- Help. 2026 will create new jobs leading up to the games to continue to help our economy. It will diversify our economy over the next 8 years.
- help. Increases in tourism, investment as people from other countries get to know Calgary
- Help. New infrastructure investment brings people to the city.
- Help. The Games can take on a "shared economy" approach so that more Calgarians can benefit. E.g accommodations, transportation, etc.
- Helpyea. Cost of being world class
- Hinder
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- Hinder - no long term gains
- hinder - 30mil we could have a thriving tech scene instead of this circus
- Hinder - extreme risk of cost overruns which will be the sole responsibly of the Calgary tax payers.
- Hinder - give the money directly to social programs rather than spending it frivolously and hoping we get it back.
- Hinder - I do not see a positive economic impact.

- Hinder - I don't want this City to take on a significant amount of debt in a misguided attempt to showcase ourselves
- Hinder - In the short term there would be benefits, but tourism and all the other indirect economic effects will quickly diminish leaving behind facilities that the city needs to pay.
- Hinder - social programs have proven benefits, the Games only carry risks and deficits.
- HINDER - Spend the money on improving the quality of life for tax payers in Calgary - public transit, infrastructure, green spaces, etc
- Hinder - the city will be left with debt
- Hinder - the costs to execute will outweigh any possible gains.
- "Hinder
- I don't think the money we'd put in to our city to fix it up to suit the Games would be returned to us. We'd spend more than we'd get back.
- Please! It's not worth it!!!!!! Please!!"
- Hinder again we need to be helping the people that are unemployed and stop raising taxes
- Hinder as facility building structures is low balled budget
- Hinder as numerous studies have shown, the local municipality never wins in hosting these events. The cost benefit analysis clearly demonstrates more burden on local community than money spent by tourists
- Hinder as the costs our city will have to bear will be greater by the time we get to 2026.
- Hinder by crippling debt
- Hinder Calgary's economic future. We can not afford it!
- Hinder for sure!! Calgarians would be taxed so high, they can't afford to eat out, shop, put kids in sports, etc. because taxes are too high.! What a step backwards!!!
- Hinder in the long run as we would be left with the bill for all the venues necessary. Hello more rising taxes.
- Hinder- it will saddle the city with debt that it won't be able to pay off, at the expense of other projects. Additionally, the City will be responsible for maintaining and running the new Games infrastructure, which is a big task when we can't even maintain/upgrade/replace the infrastructure we have NOW. For all the talk about needing an LRT link to the airport, we can't adequately service the population we have NOW, where are we going to get the money to service a link to the airport?
- Hinder way too expensive need money for other issues
- Hinder! Adding more debt is setting ya back even further. My children should t have to pay for something they'll never see.
- HINDER! At this point in time no levels of government can afford these games. All are in debt. Please try to remember there is only one tax payer and we are growing weary of the constant increase in tax levels
- HINDER! Calgary office buildings 27percent empty, high business taxes on all other business, with suggestions to make residential homeowners help make up the shortfall! \$35 million borrowed to pay for bid, and Mary Moran getting a bonus if Calgarians say yes! No clear costing structure, only promises of fun and glory. The Olympics are a big egotistic, corrupt party when citizens of Calgary need good rapid transit to the airport, more roads, schools, community centres, housing for the poor, and other infrastructure. Quit spending citizens' tax dollars on luxuries when everywhere basics are needed. User pay doesn't just mean everyone paying for elite people's toys and luxuries.
- Hinder! It would help some prior to the games (ie -short term employment) and benefit bars, restaurants and hotels during the games. After? A big fat cost for average Calgarians.
- HINDER!! There is absolutely no reason for this city/province to go even further in debt for an organization as provably corrupt as the IOC. There is, to my reckoning, no chance the games break even, let alone make a profit.
- Hinder, again due to the costs.
- Hinder, because the cost and overruns will leave our children and grandchildren will higher taxes. It is difficult enough for young people to get into home ownership. Council has not been honest with the true costs and I have never known any government project to come in under budget. Our council has never been fiscally responsible since the Ralph Kline days. At one point we had no debt. If the average citizen managed their financial affairs the same way they would all be destitute. On one hand citizens are not encouraged to carry "consumer debt" that they cannot afford, but that does not apply to any level of Government.
- Hinder, do not believe there is anything good. What economic profit did we get from 1988

- Hinder, few people would reap the benefits and the economic effect would be small, leaving a massive tax bill
- HINDER, HINDER, HINDER. We CANNOT afford these games. It is a certainty that there will be cost overruns. The so called budgets are not realistic.
- Hinder, in fact they will be disastrous . Costs are intentionally understated or ignored. Revenues and fuzzy benefits are massively overstated. Unbiased estimates do not exist.
- Hinder, increased taxes??
- Hinder, it would feel great and be a lot of fun but will just cost us too much money! I love sports but feel we could spend our money better on more targeted projects rather than what is necessary to host the games.
- Hinder, see above
- Hinder, the cost of holding the games is far higher than any amount that will be made from visitors and tourism.
- Hinder, we are already expensive with a constant raise in taxes doing this will raise taxes more just to pay for it.
- Hinder, we need money to survive and Calgary isn't cheap
- Hinder.
- Hinder.
- Hinder. Just a bunch of part time jobs for a short period of time lots of car for the very wealthy.
- Hinder. Again taxpayers don't need the economic burden for years to follow. Money is better spent elsewhere on city projects (not "Art"!)
- Hinder. Debt debt debt
- Hinder. Far better to spend taxpayer funds on actual needs.
- Hinder. Long term pain for short-term gain of just a few weeks. 88 games didn't create a long-term tourism boom, neither will these.
- Hinder. Only a few businesses have a chance of making money. The population as a whole would not worth the costsuffer reduced services as well as increased taxes for the foreseeable future.
- Hinder. Statistically proven the games cost money. Money we don't have. Money that can be used to better address the issues we face in Calgary and in Alberta.
- Hinder. Tax burdens on Calgarians have grown annually absent the games. The consequences of adding additional costs without a predictable revenue stream to support them should be obvious. Economy would benefit from sound, prudent fiscal management, and tightening of the leash on the Spending from City hall. Focus on areas of greatest net benefit to Calgarians, restore our competitiveness, and incent businesses to grow, rather than city hall to grow...
- hinder. the increased taxes will hurt the economy. while companies profit off the games, the citizens will suffer. As for jobs, they're only while the games are being prepped and while they're on. They won't be there afterward when we're still paying for it.
- Hinder. The taxpayers of Calgary will be faced with MASSIVE tax bill over extended time periods to pay off these games. No help from the province. Let's spend the money on other, more needy things.
- HINDER. These games are nothing more that a two week party for global elites, paid for by hard working people who deserve more from their elected civic leaders.
- Hinder. Too much money spent on only one segment of what infrastructure the City and Province needs. The cost of building and then operating these new facilities will put a strain on other needed items such as public transit, low cost housing, civic services.
- Hinder. Again, we are in desperate need of schools, healthcare facilities & programs & social services. It's insulting to Calgarians that the city believes a new arena should take precedence to its own people.
- Hinder. All aspects of our government have driven our economy to the ground with no light at the end of the tunnel
- Hinder. Building infrastructure for the games may help in the immediate foreseen future. But after the infrastructure is built those jobs dry up. Or economy needs lasting stability
- Hinder. Calgary is already struggling.
- Hinder. Citizens will have less money in their pockets because of high taxes, will not be able to contribute to our economy.
- Hinder. Cost over runs means more debt
- Hinder. Debt debt debt debt. I can't afford more property taxes. Quit wasting other peoples money!!!!

- Hinder. History has shown that the Olympics is a money loser in the long run. We have our legacy and leave it at that. As a tax payer I cannot afford any unnecessary increases nor do I support them. The costs are too much and cuts or derailment of future necessities due to hosting the Games should not be acceptable. Spend the money on upgrades of existing facilities, building low cost housing, add field houses and a new arena that will do more than just hold hockey games, improve access and affordability for all.
- Hinder. History shows the games always put cities into debt. This is not a money-making venture.
- Hinder. I don't believe there is any way the city will come out of this in the black. Host city after host city has shown that they at best break even, and that's with a strong economy. We are looking at potentially decades of incurred costs. Not worth the risk, in my opinion.
- Hinder. Infrastructure costs more than the games raise.
- Hinder. It commits money before Calgary is fully recovered. Too early, we should be rebuilding towards a 2038 bid.
- Hinder. It's not profitable and we don't have money to spend right now.
- Hinder. Its 5 BILLION we don't have, and will be paying interest on.
- Hinder. Money would be better spent focusing on long term economic plans and development. Olympics create short term and parttime, does not create long term steady employment. Benefits developers, lawyers and related VIPs...average person, majority of taxpayers don't benefit
- Hinder. Not a good time for this.
- Hinder. Olympic Games are never economically successful nor provide an opportunity for future economic growth. They leave cities indebted and burdened with expensive and outdated facilities. Look no further than COP...
- Hinder. Taxes go up, people can't pay, net revenues (even over time) would not make up for it. What if we took the 5.2B and invested it in mutual funds for the next 8-10 years? If we got 8-10% on our tax money, we'd end up with close to \$10B that could do some real good.
- Hinder. The cost will be higher than project and the benefits less than projected and teh taxpayer will be left holding the bag
- Hinder. The costs could have long term negative impacts on the economy and are not worth the risk. The notion of economic benefits and multipliers is nonsense. We all know what the answer would be if a private entity were asked to host the games, and take the risk and benefit ... there is little to no benefit and lots of risk.
- "Hinder. The costs will certainly outweigh the benefits. The previous infrastructure is not keeping up now and it has been 30 years. Therefore the Billions of dollars spent would have to be recouped within at least 30 years.
- Any realistic and thoughtful person can see that within less than one generation of people the billions that will be spent will not be recouped. Social benefits do not decrease the amount of debt we carry, debt that will only result in further increases in living costs for future generations.
- Getting by is already hard enough, stop trying to throw a party on future our generations dime."
- Hinder. The games usually leave massive debt behind. It is a venue that gives permission to unscrupulous companies to feather their own pockets.
- Hinder. There will be cost overruns and we will be paying for this so called legacy — financial millstone — for decades. City council has attempted to keep the details away from tax payers, and we don't trust council or the mayor on this issue at all!
- Hinder. This should not be about the city but about the tax payer.
- Hinder. We are in poor financial times. With new carbon taxes and large increases in property taxes, our lives are becoming unaffordable. I love the Olympics, but I don't want to pay to host them.
- Hinder. We cannot afford this, period. There will most likely be huge cost overruns and the poor taxpayer will be on the hook for it. We all understand what 'government share' is. Government money is OUR money.
- Hinder. We do not have the financial resources for such an event.
- Hinder. We dont need to host the games!!! See answer above
- Hinder. We will be burdened with debt.
- Hinder. We'll have to raise taxes to pay for the games which will drive away talent and business.
- Hinder. While the city is complaining how much they are lacking to do this and that,they are willing to fund a committee to research a non-sense project, to advertise to ask people, or try to educate people how much the city wants it(not their people)...as an economist, the whole thing puzzles me, what's wrong with them, i think in my head.

- Hinder. You are experts at lying
- Hinder. Calgarians already host a world class event with the Stampede and appreciate what it takes from an economical stand point. Maybe those Stampede experts/organizers would be worth consulting to determine the economic impact.
- Hinder: Calgarians will have an increase in taxes at 3 levels: City, Provincial and Federal. Organizers seem to overlook these facts when they talk about gaining Prov. and or Fed. support. This is the money of Canadian citizens!!
- Hinder: We'll be paying the under-reported, pie in the sky costs of these games for decades.
- Hosting the games is bound to improve our economy
- Hosting the games would have very little positive economic impact on most residents of the city or the province.
- How many companies outside the province had contracts to build facilities?
- Hugely negative. Big tax burden to Calgarians and Albertans, and will take away flexibility to spend \$ on infrastructure elsewhere in Alberta through the next 10 years.
- Hurt - it will drive up prices for Calgarians and leave us with a tax burden
- Hurt. Olympics are a distraction from cutting waste at city hall.
- I am concerned about the costs to tax payers.
- I am concerned it would hinder it if funds are not allocated appropriately
- I am undecided on this point at the moment. Because so much budget wise is unknown at the moment it is hard to say. From a business perspective I think the games will be a wonderful time for many companies to be exposed to a more global market. Very careful planning will have to go into this bid and a high level of transparency from all levels of government as well as the IOC and private investors will be necessary to ensure that Calgary can prosper from the games. I do believe this will be a good thing for Calgary and Alberta's tourism industry and well as the food and entertainment industries in our city. I believe a fair amount of emphasis should be put on promoting our local culture and our provinces home grown industries related to food and beverage.
- I believe it will only help because a lot comes with the Olympic Games.
- I believe we would have more current and long term impact by building new venues for CFL, NHL and concerts, world soccer events etc.
- I do not think they will. It's projected that every household will have to pay thousands of dollars in taxes just to pay for the games when we are in one of the worst economies in recent history. We need to be focusing our resources on stimulating the economy and bringing jobs back to this city, not increasing taxes and bringing in a games that is already so controversial.
- I do understand this event will bring lots of tourism dollar but will they be enough to take on post event expenses. we are on map for most liveable and clean city can we be able to say same with post effect in city.
- I don't believe there would be beneficial long lasting impact of hosting the games. Leaving us with huge debt and a few souvenirs.
- I don't see the benefit outweighing the cost in this respect.
- I don't think we should use the games as a means to improve our economy. We should be trying to improve the economy now, making it sustainable.
- I don't believe the impact of the Games will help Calgary, the impact is temporary, before and during the games. And even these jobs would be minimum wage..
- I don't think the Olympics will help Calgary's future. Looking at other host cities it is difficult to see any that truly benefited from the exercise. A world's fair is probably a better investment. Hosting could hurt as the cost will make dollars to support other critical investments more scarce.
- I feel it would help somewhat - however very concerned about the costs outweighing the benefits in the long term. Economic impact is very difficult to quantify but I feel that by omitting the North Greenline expansion & a new world class arena as part of the hosting plan Calgary will undoubtedly not benefit economically in the future as compared to how it would have benefited if these two major items had been included - huge missed opportunity on the part of the planners! Narrow minded & negligent actually.
- I feel that cost overruns are inevitable and profitability is a pipe dream. the economics of hosting this is not the same as it was in 1988 and we are far more likely to lose money with taxpayers stuck paying the bills.

- I have ZERO faith that the estimates for the cost of the games are even remotely correct. When I see your numbers of \$5B, I expect a minimum of 7B. With the province pledging 700M and not a dollar more that means that Calgary will be on the hook not for 800M (assuming a 1.5B federal match) but for 2.8B which is a crippling ammount of debt that we absolutely must not take on.
- I hope it helps. But driving significant populations to Edmonton and Vancouver does nothing for Calgary
- I see no long-term economic positives paying billions to host a 2 week party.
- I think it will cost the city's taxpayers for years to come. The IOC should share the risks of going over budget.
- I think it will help Calgary. 1988 was an economic benefit for Calgary, and 2026 would be too. We would essentially be getting more than we are paying for: affordable housing is a big part of the budget. A field house has been on the Calgary wish list for twenty years. If we don't replace the Corral soon, it will fall down. There is no question that all of these facilities will be needed by Calgary anyway, so it makes sense to get build them, and get all the cash inflow that comes with the Olympics. Again, we will spend this money anyway, so why not get the Olympics too.
- I think it will hinder our future. There has never been a game that made a profit. it will leave us with debt.
- I think it would help for people to be given the chance to see themselves in this city, living, working, and doing business.
- I think it would help our economy by helping businesses with custom and also allowing the world to help us diversify!
- I think that not only would jobs be created from the Olympics, but also after. I think if jobs are created long term the money will follow. I know there is a massive initial expense, but I think that it may be the change in pace the city needs to get back on financial track.
- I think that the extent of new businesses investing into our economy would be slim, but locally we could create better experiences for people who live here as well as boosts to our tourism industries, not just in Calgary but the region as well.
- I think that the potential economic impact would be positive BUT we CANNOT rely on a potential revenue that might not even happen in 8 years.
- I think that the potential economic impacts of the games can only hinder Calgary's future. Historically Olympic Games have had large cost overruns that have been the responsibility of taxpayers. The ioc is a crooked organization feeds off public money for corporate gain. I've seen much talk about creating jobs however I am not convinced that these temporary and often low paying jobs do will do anything to stimulate the local economy or better the lives of Calgarians.
- I think the cost for citizens would only benefit business owners and likely mostly big chain businesses and not our local small businesses.
- I think the costs will outweigh the benefits. Every city that has hosted the Olympic Games has spent more than the forecasted budgets. With the recent declaration of the IOC allowing Russian athletes to return to competition regardless of Russia's doping scandal, people have lost respect for the games and are not as hyped up about the Olympics. We had the Olympics in '88 and we left an amazing impression on the world. Economically, it made sense back then. Our economy and the world are not the same anymore and trying to relive that "dream", I think is unrealistic.
- I think the economic impact is not going to be enough to warrant the amount the games are going to cost the taxpayer.
- I think the Games could help Calgary's future, however, as a business leader, the information on this website is sparse at best. There is little relevant content, other than a 5.2B price tag, 2.2B of which may or may not be privately funded, and a wish list of infrastructure. Where are the economic risks? What do these dollar figures translate into as far as interest payments and long-term tax increases? Will businesses carry the burden along with their already burgeoning tax bills? Will we source everything locally, from merchandise to food, to contractors and engineering companies...or will we employ P3's, that are managed by companies owned out of country and which often squeeze local contractors? Can out-of-province suppliers, contractors, engineering firms, artists etc. bid on the work? I would 100% stand behind this bid if that 5.2 billion went back into the hands of Calgarians, Albertans and Canadians vs. out-of-town and out-of-country contractors and suppliers. If this was part of the proposal, as well as a check and balance to ensure this was the case, I can guarantee that your committee/council could make a real case and garner buy-in from Calgarians to make this a reality.

- I think the Games would ensure an economic boost from tourism, in the short term. It would also mean that we would have more visitors, such as those training at our facilities, attending (bigger and better) concerts, events and sporting events (that we currently cannot accommodate), which would be good long-term.
- I think there are much better ways to stimulate the long term economic prospects of our city than a 3+ billion dollar sporting event.
- I think there will be a short term gain and a long, painful economic hangover from the games that will last years
- I think there will be a VERY short term gain in employment, and a very VERY long term pain in paying off an olympics we cannot afford.
- I think we'll get stuck with a big tab. This isn't 1988. This isn't even 2010. The new reality is that Olympics cost a whole lot more than anticipated and there's no guarantee that ticket sales will keep pace.
- If Calgary is able to break even on the Olympics as it appears Vancouver has done, we will have developed a lot of infrastructure for a lower cost, and much faster, than otherwise would have been possible.
- If new facilities are built It would help because it has the potential to be use for other events
- If the costs are correct, the games should help our future. We end up with facilities that can be used for many years after and more people would learn about Calgary.
- If the right stake holders are involved then there could be a benefit to the economy, but the temporary pump of funds to 'put lipstick on a pig' will have a detrimental impact on Calgary. It is not sustainable to use tax payer funds to pay tax payers.
- If there aren't large cost overruns, economic impact would likely be beneficial.
- "If we desire to become a future "Detroit" and be broke and laughed at with many driving junker cars in future.
- Calgary's future depends upon happy, not broke people.
- Think Crime, homelessness. Who'd want to live in Calgary with sky-high future property taxes?"
- If we're saddled with a ton of debt after the games because the costs are underestimated beforehand, which seems to happen with the games time and time again, that will definitely hinder our future.
- I'm fiscally conservative, so I recognize the risks of cost overruns and feel very strongly that the budgets will have to be properly & responsibly managed. However, as in business, investments have to be made to make money, and I see this as an investment in Calgary's future economic growth. The economic benefits in tourism and increased business interest in Calgary and Alberta after the '88 Olympics were huge & cannot be ignored.
- Impact. I would rather see money spent on services which would benefit all Calgarians. We currently require affordable housing and other services to benefit the poor. Cost overruns for the games would severely impact spending on currently required services.
- In the long term operating any new structures will require ongoing maintenance cost and labour cost and inflation budget increases to depreciating assets.
- Increase in tourism is definitely a no-brainer. We would see an economic boost for many years to come before and after the games.
- Initially it would mean more jobs for Calgarians but not enough to bring down our unemployment statistic.
- It could have a negative impact on our economy
- It may be of short term gain, but depending on exactly how it was executed (and demonstrably different from other, past host cities strategies) it has great potential to overburden current infrastructure. It also would be disappointing to see the city approve permits for developers like birchwood to create eyesore structures that ultimately will not provide a long term solution to things like affordable housing. If the investment is considerable and appropriate amounts of money are used to stimulate the type of economy we as Calgarians desire (sustainable urban design, ideas like passive house, LEED standards, environmentally friendly systems) then it has the chance to help the future.
- It may help the economy, but I not willing to pay more taxes. I already already pay to much.
- It will cost Calgarians in the long run.
- It will definitely help in the short term with jobs and affordable housing, but could be a risk if budget is way over projected figures
- It will definitely hinder as no doubt taxes will increase.
- It will end up costing more than estimated so it will hurt Calgary's Economic future.

- It will help in the short-term but hinder in the long-term. There will be cost overruns and increased taxes. Our real estate market will jump pre-Games and may feel an after effect similar to Vancouver, which is now one of the most unaffordable markets in Canada from a local's perspective.
- It will help local businesses but at a large cost to taxpayers
- It will hinder Calgary's future by wasting public money.
- "It will hinder Calgary's future. We no longer have a stable economy there is little to no foreign investment our current government has made sure of that. The property taxes are the big concern
- The downtown core is empty which has already increased taxes to the surrounding areas. I would rather not be involved with one of the most corrupt institutions (IOC). There is no way to make the money back in a 10 day event some staple business will do well in sure but it will draw people away from other parts of Calgary to do this leaving other and more business empty. There is no job creation outside of a couple construction contracts and any workers involved with the Olympics will be very short lived. If the construction is done by the city these are government jobs not free market jobs."
- It will hinder it. The IOC will probably keep the vast majority of revenues, while Calgary will be hindered with the vast majority of debt. Past economic behaviour generally predicts future economic behaviour. This debt load created, which members of BIDCO will never take responsibility for (or have to help pay off) will be borne by the next 3 generations of Calgarians and Albertans. This is completely unethical, and is an unfair expectation. The costs of maintaining any new facilities that are constructed will also add to residual costs over time. This far outweighs any proposed economic "benefit" to be gained (which will be, merely temporary in scope). In essence, we are being asked to fund a small group of "elite" business people, politicians, and athletes. The dreams of the few should not be paid for by the many. 7.9 billion dollars is too high a cost for "inspiring" up and coming athletes, or encouraging 'sport'. If there were a better way, where the IOC and private industry would cover the costs of hosting the olympics, it would be a better deal. However, as per BIDCO and the city, this will not be the case. The potential economic impact will be a 'negative' in terms of overall economic impact. These are the facts, and they are indisputable. At least x2 reputable economists have stated this, and their educated opinions overrule the 'feelings' of any athlete, olympic alumnus, high-society player, or politician.
- it will hinder the Calgary economy as the budget can be used for other, more beneficial projects
- It will make a bad situation worse financially. It will mean the poorer will be poorer and few will benefit from it. No economic growth will come from it only expenses at a high cost to the taxpayer
- it will take funds from productive uses and funnel it into unproductive uses. Ergo, it will be a massive negative.
- It would be a benefit if the IOC would release the right for businesses and organizations to use the name olympic
- It would cripple us. We would have to raise taxes across the board to pay for the games when we are already in the thick of a slow economy and federal factors such as the new minimum wage increase. Many small businesses in Calgary have closed already due to financial strain and adding more will cause more to fold.
- It would have a negative economic benefit due to huge costs resulting in tax increases. We should be focusing on getting our oil to tidewater. That's where the economic benefit would be.
- it would hinder our future we pay way too much taxes now and receive minimal services
- It would probably great for economy. Gotta bring in that foreign money.
- It would totally put the taxpayer in the red, start plowing the roads instead
- It'll be great for the years leading up to it, as construction and preparations ramp up. It'll most likely 100% drop off after the games as facilities are finished the city tries to cut costs at every corner.
- It's simple look at how Vancouver's economy changed (positive) as a result of the Olympics, please get the facts instead of responding to fear.
- leave us with new infrastructure facilities and maybe train and lrt to airport badly needed. will help create some jobs and bring in new company investment to Calgary
- Let's focus on initiatives with long term benefits to all Calgarians.
- Like the '88 Games, which came at a time when Calgary was already suffering, the economic impact and mental stimulus was extraordinary. We've lost a lot of jobs and taxpayer base, and this kind of economic activity and influx of funding from outside of the city is much needed to help restore balance and economic diversity.

- Looking back 5 years after the games, there is no denying it would help. As long as people take the long view, the relatively small budget will quickly see positive input. People loose sight of the fact the city alone goes through 3.6 billion a year just to run. Sure it might cost a little more, but the 8 year program is looking for less than one years budget for the city, and that is shared with the provincial and federal government.
- Loss of time and funds. Our city needs to focus on our here and now needs NOT a chance proposal.
- "Major fail.
- Treat city residents as tax slaves so that Nenshi can stroke his ego and create a legacy.
- It's criminal."
- massively hinder ! - recent olympics have left host cities in a mountain of debt , take generations to pay back , and not worth it, the positive inflow of spending & tourism is a drop in the bucket vs the cost to put this on
- May give a few weeks of temporary employment and gains for some businesses. But there will also be clean up. Do not need to waste time on discussing those costs as well.
- Mo eye from the government to fund infrastructure will help the taxpayer
- More business and more tourism is likely as a result of the games, however I don't see a positive cost benefit in our future.
- My beef is also that the IOC wants to split the Winter Olympics and send some competitions to Edmonton and Whistler, which would get a share of the IOC funding, and tourism, not Calgary.
- Negative. It will cost more than city hall says and the tax payers should not have to foot the bill for something Nenshi wants
- Neither. Any gain from tourism will be eaten up by cost overruns.
- Neutral, there would be a significant 10 day benefit, the longer term benefit hasn't been shown in the information provided. The opportunity for this website to actually show concrete information on how the games will benefit Calgary is absent.
- Neutral. We would spend a lot to get about the same back. Not worth it.
- No
- No
- No because I don't expect there to be any significant, long-term economic growth resulting from hosting the 2026 Olympic Games.
- No economic benefit. See my earlier response. All economic benefit is temporary low paying job creation which will be gone as soon as the individual events end and then the citizens are on the hook to maintain more facilities which for the population of 1.2 million is not needed.
- No long term impact.
- No way it'll cover the costs just to host them. Just look at history, there has never been a successful olympics where the host city made money.
- No way to really project the costs or benefits to the economy, all projections are pie in the sky estimates that no one can guarantee
- No. Increased taxes will weigh more heavily than any benefits.
- Not going to help when we have higher taxes to pay for the huge debt we will incur.
- Not worth the cost
- Not. It is very difficult to prove that any future economic investment is related to Olympics. This is a money loser. Has been for 20 years or more in every host city. We are not special.
- Nothing positive. The projected financials will hinder Calgary development because of the forthcoming mismanagement and deficits'
- Obviously needing more things done stimulates the economy and creates jobs. But with the financial impact of these games, the benefit is negligible.
- only benefit special interests and hotels
- Our economy is not strong enough to provide financial support from the private sector.
- Our economy is suffering spending money when we are already struggling will hinder our future!
- poor. short term jobs. long term - we still have ridiculous unemployment.

- Potential to help tourism sector and construction industry
- Rarely it does, but this is a better question to put to economists
- Severely hinder, much higher taxes and drained cash will mean a lot less funding and ability to support more important projects
- Short term construction (capital costs) and some ongoing operational impacts for the city. But for \$5.2B, cost benefit analysis results in a decision to NOT support this bid.
- Short term gain for long term pain
- Short term jobs for some. Few long term high value job and tax base created.
- short term positive impact, to Calgary, but long term financial impact to taxpayer
- Spend a billion to make a million, is a stupid waste of money. The two week party that is the olympic games will benefit some hotels, restaurants and cab drivers but much less money will be left for Calgarians to spend in their own city in the coming years.
- Studies show only a short term benefit. Calgary will not draw any additional investment as it is already an established city.... No benefit long term
- Tax increases will be needed to sustain the infrastructure. Citizens will have less disposable income to spend.
- Taxpayers will be on the hook for too much cost. It's not like the States where municipalities can gain revenue through sales tax.
- Temporary boost with no real long term effects
- Temporary increase in economy as new business will open but only temporary. We are in a recession, the people are spending less.
- the burden on the taxpayers in this city is getting prohibitive; small business is continuing to struggle as well. We have a civic government who believes that they can continue to spend, spend, spend and that is simply not the case. We need to send a message to this council; we need more fiscal responsibility and direction - they need to be held accountable
- The city has too much debt as it stands now. We do not need to "buy" civic pride with the potential for these games to saddle us and our children with what is likely to be massive debt after all is said and done.
- The cost overruns will surpass any benefits. One thing the 88 games showed is overruns and costly plan changes are expected
- The cost that the games will require of the average Calgarian are grossly unacceptable, especially in this economic climate. It is irresponsible for the city to ask for more for legacy building purposes.
- The economic benefits would be fleeting and spread out across the country but the costs would be borne by the city.
- the Economic impact could be great but without the support of bucks it is not going to happen.
- The economic impact is negative, tourism typically goes down during the Olympics in cities that host the games
- The economic impact isn't going to carry much weight in future years as the cost to tax payers is too great.
- The economic impact of the games will be very short lived, and will benefit only the hotel, transportation and short term jobs. The long term taxes that will be needed to cover the costs will impact the taxpayers (City, Province and Federal taxpayers, who are all the same) longer term. With the debt Calgary already has, the province and the Federal Government, we cannot afford this short term party.
- the economic impact of this could easily be negative. The projected costs as shown will be only about half of the bill. Many Calgary families are already just getting by after layoffs and the increasing utility and tax bills. The overall increase in employment will not help enough of the population to overcome the incredible level of debt incurred by hosting the Olympics.
- The economic impact should be a help, but is really a hindrance as it's not enough to cover the public costs.
- The economic impact will hinder Calgary's future. As I indicated in Venues and Facilities, the money spent on the Games will come at the expense of other projects which have a much better cost-benefit for all Calgary residents.
- The economic impact would be negative as the games would be overbudget and the resulting cost overruns would have to be borne by increased taxes on the citizens. This would reduce the money available to do more things in the city like lowering taxes.
- the economic impact would help short term for some but long term it would hinder 95% of Calgarian's due to the high cost.

- The economic impacts are likely overstated, as they have been for every Olympics in my lifetime. People are really hurting here. Why is it that City Council and YES Calgary and Tourism Calgary don't get that. Oh yeah. Because there will be positive economic impacts for some.
- The economy is already being devastated by taxes and increased costs from municipal, provincial and federal levels, this would only get larger if these games are brought here. Of the current estimate, calculated in 2018 dollars not 2026 dollars, tax payers in Calgary would be on the hook for \$800 billion. We know that is not even the real number and it also includes no cost over runs. Some estimates put the cost of these games somewhere north of \$7.5 billion. That would have Calgary tax payers on the hook for closer to \$3 billion.
- The financial burden placed on Calgarians diverts resources from more important needs.
- The game could cause an even great recession than is already happening in Calgary. Why on earth would you consider asking us to go into more debt?
- The games aren't held to make money. That's not the point of them. If it is, that's the wrong reason.
- The games can only have a negative impact because the costs will be higher than the revenues. Some vendors may benefit in the short term, but those benefits will be offset by the cost to taxpayers in the long-term.
- The Games will showcase Calgary and the Canadian Rockies to the world, not only to tourists, but also to organizers of international conferences and artistic shows.
- The idea that "international awareness of Calgary may lead to a rise in investment, helping our economy grow" is complete bunk. People don't invest in new businesses because a city hosted a two-week bender for IOC delegates, they invest where money is to be made. If hosting the Olympics really made a difference, what about 1988? Who hosted the Winter Olympics in 1992? 1984? 2004? Most people don't know and don't care, and it doesn't factor into any sound financial analysis whatsoever. Any purported benefits of hosting the Olympics ought to have already been realized 30 years ago. If the '88 Olympics didn't succeed in realizing these purported benefits then it's a perfect example of why we shouldn't host.
- "The major cost burden will definitely HINDER Calgary's future.
- We are mired in debt, high unemployment, homelessness etc.
- Hoping that a 2026 game will "save" us is equivalent to hoping to win a lottery to save our economy."
- The money could be invested straight into the Calgary economy and not lost to the corporate, media, political and IOC graft and corruption.
- The potential economic impact of the olympics would be a burden on taxpayers for years. Any suggestion that the olympics would provide any tangible economic benefit has yet to be adequately demonstrated. A very few individuals might experience some economic benefit at the expense of the general population.
- The potential economic impact is catastrophic to the citizens of Calgary now and in the future.
- The potential economic impact is negative for the city of Calgary. We as taxpayers will end up paying for an increased cost in running the olympics due to the short fall from Provincial monies. And we have yet to hear from the Federal government. In the end the costs of hosting the Olympics are too high in an economy that is faltering. It would be different if Alberta was in a boom phase - but we still are struggling to get out of a recession and spending money on a nice to have Olympics is not a good financial plan.
- The same amount of funds can build a biotech hub here; or a tech hub; or a space exploration industry. Those are the type of people to attract. The Olympics is like lighting a 100 matches at once and telling everyone "look how bright it is," knowing fully well that the matches will run out. Building an industry, on the other hand, is lighting 3 matches but having sticks and leaves as fuel to build it.
- The way the economy is dropping it would hinder the city, too much debt and the taxes to the people are too high.
- There is a high risk that we would not have a positive economic impact overall. There is sufficient evidence from other Olympics where the impacts are minimal or negative. We need to step back and think much more broadly and strategically about how to make positive economic impacts for all citizens of Calgary. While we would not have the funding from the province or feds for the right Calgary strategy, I am also of the opinion that those governments (us as taxpayers) cannot afford to fund these games.
- There is a lot of wishful thinking about how the games would spark economic growth. Comparing us with Vancouver does not mean that we would necessarily benefit the way Vancouver did. Stick to facts and not emotional reasoning.

- There would be a short term boom from the capital infusion but thats about it. It's kinda like paying yourself with your VISA to build a shed.
- There would be an initial boom of course as infrastructure is built/added and during the games but is the debt manageable afterwards if the games don't recoup costs.
- These games will set us almost 10 years behind economically
- They will definitely not benefit the economy we will probably have huge cost overruns. The costs the ones that we have seen are not reliable so much is being hidden from the general public
- They would help the rich get richer and the poor stay poor
- This depends totally on whether we can stay within the budget, which I highly doubt. If we can stay within our budget, and receive adequate funding from the governments, the Games would help Calgary's future. If the dollar rise, which I am convinced they will, I fear the Games will hinder Calgary's future, and my children's generation will be having to pay for these games for decades.
- This is the big unknown for me. The 1988 Games made money and I expect with the right people at the helm these games could also break even. It will take a powerful, compelling vision and superior planning to pull it off but I think Calgarians, Albertans and Canadians are up to the challenge.
- this one is the biggest worry, there will be a lot of jobs but at what cost? the tax dollars could soar and we can't afford it.
- This will affect taxes negatively for many years to come. Future generations will most likely be paying for this.
- This will be a huge help to this struggling economy
- This would only make our economy worse since most people do not have disposable income to attend or participate. Also this could drive people further in debt to be part of the experience.
- There will be NO Economic impact whatsoever. This is a 2 Week drunken binge of sports and once its over...its over with the City left to Clean up and pay off some X # of Billions.
- Ultimately it should be good for the economy. Its a bit of a leap of faith, but the exposure should do well for Alberta.
- Uncertain.
- Undecided.
- Unknown
- Very little economic benefit for the massive cost of hosting.
- We already see a lot of European travelers coming to the Rocky Mountains, hosting them and others from around the world is an exciting opportunity. We should want to showcase Calgary and area as a place to travel to, we should want to share it with the world. Our transit system needs upgrading and having more user-ship would provide more funding, we have built hotels during an oil boom that sit empty and could use the boost that the games would bring.
- We can't afford the games
- We cannot afford to host the games! Why not generate revenue from taxing the richest Canadians instead?
- We may see some tourist dollars but it will cost us more than that what will ever be made
- We will all lose money that we can't afford
- We will get a small bump in spending on local businesses during the games. This will be dwarfed by the inevitable corruption, nepotism, and white collar crime that surrounds almost any activity worth so much money (let alone the IOC which has ample evidence that it commits all of the listed offences)
- We're already in debt, I don't think we would be able to afford adding more to it, especially during a recession.
- Will hurt the economy because of the cost per household will leave less money to live on and spend on other things such as entertainment at restaurants, movies, bowling, etc.
- Worried about this one if costs get out of hand
- Would cripple Calgary's economy with higher taxes as businesses flee to better tax centres
- Yeah it's going 50 coast tax payers
- Yes its going to cost too much . That money can be used in other services
- Yes, it will HINDER. I cannot say it any clearer. WE CANNOT AFFORD THESE GAMES. The very fact that this question is even asked shows amazing ignorance about what is happening all around us. We are in a recession and there is no end in sight. This is the worst recession I have seen and I am in my sixties.

- Yes. It will likely go over budget and this could form a huge debt for the future generation. But so many things will be upgraded and built that wouldn't have been otherwise I believe it will be worth it.
- Yes. Calgary economic is not good at all. Young and educated people are leaving here to get job somewhere else already. If The City is putting all the money to the game and then will continue using the tax payer's money to maintain the facilities. Calgary will become a retirement town in one day!
- "Your question has a bias that ignores the cost.
- Any economic benefit is far exceeded by the cost. There are far better alternatives to spend the same dollars on."
- Absolutely. The City is in dire need of a shot in the arm and we can no longer rely on the energy industry to the same extent we have in the past.
- At time of event it could help our economy but not in the long run
- Bringing in thousands of tourists can only help the city and surrounding area.
- Calgarians are overtaxed already and can not afford higher taxes required to host the Games. Construction of new venues, etc. offers short term benefit for select job seekers, but new jobs will be in niche markets only.
- Calgary is barely keeping its head above water now and few households can afford more to be added to their debt for an ego boost
- Calgary is great at keeping our city on the forefront of the World, as a growing, welcoming city in the heart of Western Canada... let's keep up the great image and keep selling our amazing city to the rest of the world & potential new business frontiers.
- Calgary is in need of many improvements close to home, and the hosting the Olympics will be an expense that doesn't address many of those. I'd rather see the LRT line continue to expand, for example, than have more Olympics-ready facilities. It's practically impossible to get to certain corners of the city in timely fashion by public transit.
- Can only help- showcase our beautiful city & province to potential investors & residents.
- COST MORE THAN BENEFITS
- Currently our economy is going through some very tough times. The spirit of the Olympics often brings the best out of people. I believe the Olympics does provide and an opportunity to boost innovation, investment, and creativity in our local community, if just give a chance. We would have a chance to meet new people and open discussions on international relationships. Working together to improve our city and province with all levels of government and businesses is a much better way than doing nothing.
- Currently, thanks to the provincial and federal gov't, Canada is not doing well economically. It bothers me though when people say "It is a bad time for Calgary to host the Olympics." We are not hosting the 2018 Winter Olympics. I have personally been to the year 2026 using my DeLorean and the most pressing issue was Prime Minister Cherry's stance on whether to legalize fidget spinners. Seriously though, it is hard to predict the economic situation of the country and province in 2026. Seeing as how we are in a bad economic state now, I don't think things will be worse in 2026. I am very confident we will have a better provincial government in less than a year and as for the Federal government, I think that will change also by 2026. With this in mind, Canada and Alberta may experience a boom in between now and 2026. When building a skyscraper, it is usually planned during a boom and finished during a bust. This was the case with both the Empire State Building and the World Trade Center. For Calgary's Olympic bid, planning for it during the current economic situation may be the right in terms of timing. We plan during a bust and host during a boom. It is risky nevertheless to think like this.
- Cut off investment - what was last of the "good" oil revenues wasted on debt and Olympic partying instead of technology and infrastructure, who would put more money into this with such distorted priorities and lack of appreciation for economics (what government jurisdiction in Calgary isn't running debt - municipal? Provincial? Federal?). I suppose hotels and media will do good at the cost of covering the story and hosting disappointed guests.
- Deficits at all levels of government are out of control and climbing. Nothing is positive about funding, as government is our \$\$\$.
- Definitely help. We are so reliant on a few industries and we are trying to bring in new, like technology startups. This would just give us one more check on the attraction list. The upgraded and new facilities would allow us to be more attractive to host larger, more advanced events, keeping tourism up, creating jobs and ensuring Calgary is known as a recreational destination for a more diverse demographic.
- Definitely hinder. It will create a further tax burden that we (and our kids) cannot afford.

- Economic impact of the Games should help Calgary's future.
- Hard to say right now but it's worth the risk
- Has there ever been a winter Olympics with a net profit? Even over an extended period? History of cost overruns and maintaining ageing facilities says that it doesn't make sense unless you can show a profit.
- Have the profit revenue projections been accurately reflected and dispersed to other event hosting locations? Calgary will share the profit with Edmonton and Whistler.
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- Help - tourism and trade will increase with Calgary getting that world spotlight.
- Help - tourists and employment
- help the economy of calgary and its future for another 30 years or more
- Help! This puts us back on the map for things like sports and tourism, esp in our ability to host other sporting events that draw people in.
- Help, for many years to come. We can't just look at the short term cost, we have to look at the long term benefit of venues and international visitors.
- Help. Host other smaller events with world class facilities.
- Help. Jobs. World stage spotlight for investors in our City that don't have anything to do with Oil and Gas
- Help. More companies would be aware and interested in investing in Calgary
- Help. See above on Venues and facilities. Also, as Calgary becomes more of a world class City and expands its arts and culture scene, that will further tourism, in-migration and business investment.
- Help. We are a city that is so dependent on oil. Having the Olympics could increase our economic diversity and we could be less affected the next time oil crashes.
- Help. We can wow the world with our great city and that will surly have positive impacts on investment and tourism.
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- Hinder - cost overruns are certain
- Hinder - huge debt for those of us that will not have anything to do with the games
- Hinder - people are struggling to pay taxes and communities cannot have work much needed repairs and upgrades done because there is no money.
- Hinder - this money should be applied towards sustainable business and help fill office space. This bid will not go that.
- Hinder - too much debt - property taxes (and all the new taxes Nenshi wants) will go through the roof
- Hinder big time. Costs overrun and taxpayers in Calgary are screwed.
- Hinder calgary's future..City should focus on restoring good governance to get economy back on track rather than being side tracked
- Hinder due to increased debt. Sure the local businesses may get a temporary boost but only for 2 weeks! Not worth it.
- Hinder Too much money
- Hinder! Another billion dollars of debt for Calgary. Another 700 million for Alberta. WE ARE ALBERTA. Another billion or so federally. Umm, feds are in the hole a trillion or so already. THAT IS US AGAIN. WTF is wrong with people?!?

- Hinder! We cannot afford to host the games. There's not enough money to cover them without going to the governments or taxpayers. If the IOC wants Calgary to host, they should pay the entire bill.
- hinder, because someone will have to pay for it.
- Hinder, gross misspending of calgaries wealth
- Hinder, the economic benefits have been far overstated.
- Hinder, the olympics would most likely will be used as an excuse to increase the smart grid within calgary more than 'venues'. Who will come to these venues once the olympics are over? I sure dont have the money to. Will tourists, the middle class is fading away, so I doubt it!
- Hinder, we need help now, not in 2026-2030. The years leading up to the games is all spend of public money. The proposed economic benefits have been debunked by academics and may never materialize.
- Hinder.
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- Hinder.
- HINDER. Will cost way too much and taxpayers will bear this cost for many many years. I can't afford higher taxes!!
- hinder. higher taxes.
- Hinder. The costs will outweigh any benefits due to the time value of money.
- HINDER. We can not afford. Don't leave our kids the debt. Vote NO
- HINDER. 100%. The economy is already in a slump, and in past Olympic Games the cost has far outweighed any potential profits. Tax payer dollars need to go towards restoring the economy, NOT towards a prestigious event that not all calgarians can afford to indulge in anyways. I pay tax to go towards my community i.e schools, roads, snow removal, healthcare, programs for families. I DO NOT. Pay taxes so politicians can flaunt the fact that Calgary is "an amazing city" simply because we host an Olympic Games. I believe that a better use of money is to put it towards bettering our community. Not hosting a big sports party.
- Hinder. Historically, all Olympic Games have run a deficit.
- Hinder. Huge cost overruns are the norm for the Olympics, regardless of how many facilities are being proposed for re-use with only minor upgrades.
- Hinder. Huge increase to debt. Costs passed on to police etc. during games.
- Hinder. It is proven, there is no long term economic benefit.
- Hinder. It will drain tax payer dollars away from the mundane necessary services we take for granted
- Hinder. Nobody wants to pay extra taxes for this crap.
- Hinder. Olympics ALWAYS cost more than expected and we can't afford it. Taxpayers are not an endless supply of funds.
- Hinder. There are no examples in recent history of a local economy bringing in more money than what was invested in hosting the games.
- HINDER. WE CANNOT AFFORD IT
- Hinder. We will be broke after.
- Hinder. We will be paying off the initial cost and cost overruns for decades, similar to Montreal.
- Hinder. We would absolutely lose money.
- Hinder: we are sharing our revenue with other provinces. No pipeline (revenue) to off set the high cost.
- Huge benefit from investment of outside tax dollars in Calgary.
- Huge mess that my kids will pay for in years to come.
- I think the debt load will hinder future generations
- I am not convinced long term economic benefits are worth billions of dollars of future taxpayers money.
- I believe this does both depending on who you ask. This will increase the cost of living in Calgary by increasing taxes. At this point in time I don't think people can afford for their property taxes to be raised even if it is over 8 years. With the threat of increased taxes next year for people due to the vacancy rate downtown the pressure is going to have long term effects.
- I do think there could be a surge of money for the hospitality, and food industry, but is that enough to cover the cost

- I think it will hinder Calgary's future. The many years leading up to 2026 will prioritize the Olympics meaning a reduction in services within the City. The financial impact will mean projects which we very much need will be postponed. They will be postponed further if our debt ceiling is reached. Analysis of past games has shown no significant economic benefit going forward.
- I think it would hinder the economy. The cost projection is extremely optimistic and has virtually zero contingency. A poor way to begin a project. In my professional opinion, there is very little likelihood that the games will be a net addition to the city's economy.
- I think there could be some excellent economic results from the Games as long as the organizers stay within budget.
- I think we will be left with debt
- If a 'look at us, we are growing' spirit comes sooner than later, then yes.
- "If we spend the money wisely and use the private sector to upgrade and construct venues.
- USE local workers to do bring in outside workers unless absolutely necessary.
- No city workers!
- Then we will help economic future with a burst of work being done."
- If you want to fool yourselves by saying if only we had a bigger arena, or a higher ski jump or safer luge run...they will come. Who do you want to attract? When I visit a city, it sure as heck isn't to go look at those things.
- In my experience, Olympics or not Olympics, where taxpayer funding is in-play, benefits are overstated and costs are understated. An Olympic event is like a blackhole. Economic activity shifts from elsewhere to the host region. Others pay for at best a negligible bump in local economy. Stop selling this point. I have additional concern about major spending commitments when a general recession cycle may come before 2026. Deficit spending is risky. I prefer the YES committee consider today's local economy. Too many are unemployed or under-employed. The YES side talks like the Olympics matters more than the people who will be asked to pay for them. That is one major barrier for me considering support for a bid. For example, Winnipeg ought never be the punch line of an attempted joke (Mary Moran) - especially since taxpayers in Winnipeg will be asked to contribute hard earned federal tax dollars to help us, and be courted to spend tourism dollars for our benefit. Smarten up folks.
- Increasing our taxes in a city that lots of people can't afford to live in already will not help anyone.
- Is this really what we should be focusing on in our recovering economy?
- It will bring in money and people, hopefully will make a dint in the costs
- it will cost lots to host the olympics, but the jobs it will create, and the more active our city, the benefits outweigh the negatives
- It will hinder as it diverts resources to a 10 day party instead of allowing for investments the will increase the economy.
- IT WONT HELP ME (and I work construction) NOR THE MAJORITY JUST A small MINORITY for a short time
- It would help Calgary's future as it did after the 1988 games. Experts have said, the future of the Winter Olympic games will be for future games to be held at locations where past games have been held as they already have venues in place and more cities drop bids because of the initial costs & overruns. That's why Calgary is a likely candidate now & for future games. Calgary should actually propose to the IOC that we host the 2034 games as our venues will still be in excellent condition & not require as much public or IOC funding like a New host city would require. Our City, Provinces and Country would benefit from approx 8 yrs or more of tourism leading up to the 1st games, in between games & after the 2nd games. Sponsor's would also be able to promote for a similar duration, making it attractive to them. The athletes housing could be rented out for short term & student use and/or even part could be used by people in emergency situations like floods or fires. It would then be available for low income housing or however determined. This could become a model in solving the IOC's problem for future host cities.
- It would help Calgary's future. Being a spot light on our city can attract business to the city
- It's always good for economic growth
- It's a terrible idea and we'd all get saddled with the costs.
- just short-term and money for very small group
- May (?) look good going in, unfortunately, we'll be paying for them long into the future....so, huge negative economic impact for years to come. Just as an aside...perhaps if this fiasco happens, and we need money...and we will...we could

find some way to sell the Peace Bridge, the Blue Ring and the monstrosity at Bow Fort Rd. to some unknown. Can you folks at city council, in all your wisdom with these kind of decisions, also look into that for us Calgarians'?

- Montreal should have been enough of a warning. London, Athens, Sydney and RIO should convince you. BUT if you really want to see how expensive a recent Winter Olympics can be look at the SOCHI winter olympics 2014.
- More costs than benefits. No long term gain
- No post game benefit but for athletes. There're a small part of the population
- No....
- Olympics would hinder Calgary's future. Sports does not contribute much to Calgary's economy. The owners of the professional teams are primarily oil people and the paying fans generally work in the energy industry. Not much revenue is directly generated either by pro sports & training of Olympic athletes. We should spend our tax money to promote the energy industry plus seed growth technology industries for long-term future of Calgary & Alberta before we are left behind. Our entertainment (CGL, studios, gaming) and recreational industries would also be a better investment.
- "Once again, we will be paying for these games for decades to come. We have had enough constant property tax increases without the additional risk and costs of the games. We have a self centered incompetent city council, that only thinks of their (his?) legacy, instead of the debt that he (they?) Are putting us into. Need a new mayor who isn't so happy to spend other people's money, while living at his parent's basement.
- Let's keep in mind, no games ever came in at or under the budgeted price. Always huge cost increases in reality."
- Our ailing economy will NOT be fixed by this short-lived event, but the heavy burdens will linger for many years thereafter. Doesn't make sense from a cost-benefit analysis, really!
- Our taxes are high enough. There are some short term benefits but we will be left on the hook for any cost over runs or shortfalls. Also the cost of borrowed money is increasing. The risk out weighs the reward.
- Please see Q3 answer
- Seriously severely hinder Calgary's future. With the well anticipated cost over runs the City will need to raise dollars just to run basic programs and services. With that view in mind many companies looking for a place to move to, Calgary would definitely be a bad to poor choice.
- short & long term this will hurt Calgary we need to invest in the knowledge of our citizens here and around the world not which team has the most medals. There is no quality of life in medals but there is in knowledge.
- Short term gain with LONG LONG term pain of higher taxes that will never go away.
- Short term spike in low wage hospitality jobs. Engineering and construction will likely need outsiders. Little lasting impact - similar to 88 Olympics.
- Since the games Will end up costing more than anticipated, that bill will be on us and it will Hinder our finances. The automatic out for the government is to put it on tax payers, we already have debt at city hall, pay that off NOT accumulate more.
- Some will get richer, but majority will have to pay more.
- spend money when you have it - Calgary can't cover its day to day costs with the reduced property tax revenues from downtown and the province is in a borrowing spree. Wait 8 more years and see if this all gets worked out and then consider a bid. Why are all of the other nations pulling out (perhaps they are just smarter).
- Taxes too high and too much debt.
- Taxes would increase when we are already at a disadvantage due to higher taxes and wasteful civic spending
- The Calgary economy is NOT strong enough to host these games. 27% vacancies in downtown Calgary is all you need to know to understand this.
- the city is in a deep depression this money can be used to attract new investment which will help the jobs situation instead of some fun for a few for a month then high bills to pay.
- The cost is the exclusive reason to reject the Olympics. Period.
- The costs are huge, I can't disagree. And I worry that our transit system will be on hold as a result but in the end, I think its a benefit to the city!

- The demonstrated and proven facts of the matter are that the Olympics will cost the city far more than they bring in, economically the Olympics have always cost more than they give, the anomaly that our city will not be able to repeat being the 1988 games.
- The economic impact is negative ... because it removes citizens' money from the economy to pay for a Nenshi party.
- The economic impact is moderate when you consider displacement effects. Also, jobs are mostly temporary and contracts are not guaranteed for Calgary-based companies. The PR engagement contract was given to the BC company previously involved with the bike lanes, which suggests that city council has no confidence in Calgary businesses. Are there really no qualified companies here that could be involved? BC will be hosting some events so the argument that this is a non-partisan company is just not valid.
- The games will hinder Calgary for years to come. We have had property tax increases every year as high as 5% are you prepared, Mr. Nenshi, to charge us 12% because of the Olympics? If so, I'll vote for someone else.
- The games would help businesses and local economy
- The Olympics will cost more than revenue from ANY source. We will incur more debt as a city and as a province. Neither can afford it and what we end up with other than debt will NOT serve the needs of citizens with REAL needs. Sports people are not among them. They are wants and desires.
- The real economic benefit is short-lived and benefits a select few. The debt lasts a long time. Olympic cities are targets for terror and security costs are incredibly high. Not worth it.
- There isn't enough evidence of long-term economic benefits to the city to make such a huge investment worth it. Thus, I think it may hinder the future economy of the city.
- There will be a brief influx of tourist dollars, but it has been well established that the long-term benefits to tourism and the economy in general of hosting this type of event have been wildly oversold by the proponents of the events.
- There will be no lasting economic benefit
- This is a poor question. No host city ever thought they were going to lose money hosting (the exception being maybe Athens). It is 100% based on keeping costs down and increasing revenues and impossible to answer based on the lack of solid numbers we see now.
- Too much money will be wasted, not worth it
- Totally hinder. Do you think paying for Olympics for the next unforeseen years will improve the 34+ % vacancy rate downtown or bring back the restaurants that had to close, or even get my job back? NOT!
- Unsure
- "Venues being upgraded and built will add jobs to the economy with long term use.
- Lots of people and sponsor companies will visit Calgary leading up to the games for our practice events.
- Calgary would have an international spotlight on it for the next decade. Look at what it has done for Vancouver."
- Waste of money.
- We can impact the economy more by creating jobs with that money that is longer lasting and more effective
- We would see an influx of tourism to Calgary which means increased spending - they economy needs a boost that is not oil and gas related.
- Well in order to earn more one has to venture to spend more. However, can Calgary afford to spend more? Speaking for myself that is not where I want my taxes to go.
- What is the City going to do with the facilities when the Games are over? Big unwanted risk. Prevention is better than cure.
- While it would provide a short-term tourism boom, Calgary needs to invest in its technology and resource industries, not tourism.
- Would help restaurants and bars for a few weeks and All the rest of the tax payers would suffer
- Yes we cannot afford it
- "- Just what I said, we are coming back from recession very slowly. We can't ensure jobs will be available to people.
  - The costs are higher than the economic benefits of hosting the games.. it's still a loss.
- I don't think tourism isn't really a problem. Besides, we are only hours away from the most visited national park in Canada, and many neighbouring parks."
- Economic benefit will be minimal. There will be a temporary (few weeks) uptick in tourism income, but minimal after that. Like the Calgary Flames, economic benefit to city is vastly overstated.

- Economic impact for 14 days may increase but after that where will be the jobs? None zero, so back to where we started! But money to getting oil back working!
- Economy could go both ways, it'll be good for some and devastating effects for others
- "Excellence. The Games are about the pursuit of being the very best. The hard work to get there. And the pride of an admiring nation when our athletes show they can be the best in the world. All of that rubs off on all of us: in business, in education, in culture and the arts, in medicine. In a healthier and stronger community.
- It will rub off on kids of today and the kids yet to come along. I think of my grandson, the uber wannabe hockey player at age 7. Or my other kids and grandchildren--and hundreds of thousands like them in Calgary and southern Alberta--that excellence, being inspired by it. Being in the middle of it in 2026 and all the events running up to 2026 and beyond. That could be such an influence on them, no matter what direction they take in their lives—business, law, retail, culture and arts, teaching, not-for-profit or govt.
- Dollars and cents matter. I know from a wealth of experience. But the injection of this 3-4-5 billion dollars into Calgary's economy in the next 3-5 years is vital. We shouldn't turn our backs on it.
- I trust the Bidco leadership. They've pulled together a responsible bid. With a Yes vote on Nov 13, more Calgarians can step up to make the bid an even better one. Same with when we are awarded the Games next year. The opportunity for communities to come together to build the best Games plan ever is a once-every-30-years opportunity. Folks from Indigenous communities, arts, culture, sport, faith, environmental, education, health, housing, business, volunteer and charitable sector.
- Let's not say no to the possibilities of what we can do to make the 2026 Games the best ever."
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- Help any investment has low interest rates and could be managed - use the art fund
- Help in the long run
- Help leading up to the graves Ave during, but would subside after horribly
- Help!! Hundreds of thousands of people will come to Calgary—and they will go to hotels, local stores, and more.
- Help, due to investors
- Help.
- Help. Assuming that the bid committee will use the same business and project management excellence seen in 1988 and in Vancouver, the economic impact should be neutral or positive.
- Higher debt and maintenance costs will have a negative impact.
- Hinder
- Hinder
- Hinder as we just don't have the money and people here are in poverty and taxpayers are overloaded now - too much burden on them
- Hinder because the cost for 2 weeks is ridiculous. Who would pay over 5 billion dollars for 2 weeks of anything. The citizens deserve to have their tax dollars benefit them.
- Hinder because we will only create short-term jobs
- Hinder our economy
- HINDER WE WILL BE PAYING FOR IT FOR EVER. TAXES ARE HIGH ENOUGH
- Hinder! Debt servicing has no up side!!
- Hinder!! It's too costly to hold the olympics.
- Hinder\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Hinder, not enough fiscally responsible people to make a responsible decision
- Hinder.
- Hinder. Aside from a very few exceptions, the games are a financial drain.
- Hinder. The costs will outweigh any benefits due to the time value of money.

- Hinder. The effort, costs, disruptions to ready the communities involved is huge. The economic benefits may be short-lived. Investing in the community at large with reduced fees for recreational facility use and decreased fees to utilize and enhance public transportation would be of greater benefit to the community and have more long lasting effects.
- Hinder. Added debt is never a good thing.
- Hinder. Any jobs in upgrading or building infrastructure would be short term. I suspect that any jobs that remain after an Olympic games would be in the hospitality sector and I wonder how many of those would pay more than minimum wage. (And so many people seem upset at the \$15 minimum wage.)
- Hinder. Let's pile more debt onto everyone! Great idea!
- Hinder. Long-term debt is not a benefit.
- Hinder. The costs will be much, much more that are currently estimated. Our economy is already crushed and taxpayers are weary of giving any level of government even more.
- Hinder. There is next to no benefit.
- Hinder. This would put the city in an even bigger hole to dig out of.
- Hinder. We will be paying for the games for generations.
- Hinder. Will cost much more than anticipated.
- hinder... becuase debt servicing cost would reduce future budget for roads and schools.
- Hopse so
- Hosting the Olympics would be bad for the economy. Cost-benefit analyses from previous Olympics always show larger costs than benefits (there is one exception only). There are so many areas that constitute a bigger priority requiring investments than hosting the Olympics. These include energy efficiency retrofits, transit investments, active transportation infrastructure.
- Hurt. We have no revenue except from tax payers. Even from feds and province still from my pocket
- I believe that investing in the Olympics will have both short term and long term benefits for our economy. It will create jobs in various sectors as we prepare for the Games, it will create employment opportunities during the games, volunteer opportunities that can build experience for people that will help them in future endeavours. This investment can be paired with a city marketing plan that leverages the international attention we receive, leading up to the Games, during and for years after the Games. The status quo is not a plan, the Games will not be a silver bullet, however combining the investment into the Games with purposeful decision making in other areas at the same time will amplify the positive impact of this investment. Re-establishing a legacy plan will enable us to have the continued success & benefits that we have realized for the past 30 years.
- I honestly believe that whether we host or not, it will have no lasting positive effect on how people view Calgary. We spend a bunch of money to play some games. Now we are all in debt but we got to upgrade some facilities as a side benefit. If we can't afford it, don't do it. There are better things to spend the public's money on and that list is never ending.
- I think it would help Calgary's economic future. The Olympics will bring a lot of publicity to Calgary and hopefully attract investment. There should be a planned transition that helps those employed for the games to find new jobs once the games have ended.
- I think that long term it will be a hindrance. In the end, Calgary will not benefit financially from the games.
- "I think the economy is the single biggest benefit of hosting the games. Calgary and Canmore jumped onto the global stage by hosting Calgary '88. Vancouver and Whistler jumped onto the global stage in 2010. Sydney Australia in 2000. All of these cities had massive growth after with the backdrop of a safe beautiful place. The economic curves for travellers, tourists, investors, Canadian business offices for US companies etc. will elevate well after the games. This raises the City and area status and is way way bigger than just normal economic activity. We have the most beautiful tourism area on the planet with greater than 25% of Canada's World Heritage sites within 2 hours of Calgary. How we have failed to market that is bizarre. I have travelled through Asia, Australia, Canada, North America, Europe. I have not travelled through South America. But what we have is as good or WAY better than what other nations have. Come to Canada to see what nature has built. We need this boost to help sell it!
- For the Arts and Culture, this is an underfunded part of the games. This is also a critical part of the games. To really enter the world art stage, we need a significantly better, more visible, high profile space for the Glenbow museum. I

think the city of Calgary should buy the old Calgary Herald building for 20 Million (very low cost compared to our new library) and convert it to the new Glenbow museum. Arts are a big part of the Olympics. Use the office space as restaurants looking south. Use the office space to hold corporate meetings inside (like hotels do) and build the theme around an Inspiration centre wrapped by the arts. The south facing windows are dazzling. Design it specifically to host large corporate parties and set it up for major rentals during the Olympics by countries and allow functions like the Bi-Annual Petroleum show etc to host parties in, much like they do with the Musee D-Orsay in Paris.

- Use this opportunity to get art loaned from the Government of Canada's National Gallery in Ottawa sent to Calgary and try to display it for a long period of time - 50 year loan or something.
- For connectivity, it has the MAX Bell C-Train stop which could easily accommodate higher passenger loading. It might be the most under-utilized stop on the network. Change the name to the Glenbow Museum stop. Connect Telus Spark and Zoo parking with a tunnel under Deerfoot trail to add parking. This would help develop the area around Telus Spark and the zoo parking. It would make it a civic plaza. Think bigger as a plaza. Think piazza like the space at the Vatican. It is up to us to generate something lasting outside of sports this time and the Arts are a big part of the Olympics. Use this chance to set up the area for the arts in concert with Telus Spark for Science.
- Perhaps we can put a big screen down there with food trucks during the games. We could also use this screen for future sports events.
- Good Luck!"
- I think we already have one Olympics we are known for, and that helped put us on the map, we do not need another. Most Olympic cities do not gain in the long run unless they are very small the begin with or large enough to not need to build large infrastructure to support the games. We are neither.
- I would hope thAt the games add to our economy
- If you want to fool yourselves by saying if only we had a bigger arena, or a higher ski jump or safer luge run...they will come. Who do you want to attract? When I visit a city, it sure as heck isn't to go look at those things.
- It would be a massive hindrance to Alberta and Calgary's future since we would be dealing with the tax burden for decades. As a 23 year old I do not want to be the generation responsible for paying for this massive waste of money. Any benefifits from outside investment could be attained at a much lower cost through incentivizing new energy investments (solar power subsidies) or furthering our economies in other sectors with subsidies or government owned competition in over priced markets (cell phones).
- Limited duration, not real jobs.
- Minor tourism related - but to the mountains.
- Negatively impact if we say NO. Shows we do not understand nor want to take advantages of opportunities. Continues our current reputation as a "can not do" city
- no change will not enhance the attractivness of calgary to large conventions
- "No economic impact whatsoever.
- This has been proven time and time again.
- Why do people still think this has a positive economic impact?"
- No potential help to the economy except the very short-term fame.
- No. It has never economically helped any city in the long term.
- potential is the key word - there is NO potential for \$\$ impact. debt will be incurred.
- Probably help
- probably hinder at this time - They would lose money and we would increase our debt. Too many people out of work and unable to attend, as well as taxes are too high now, cannot bear another increase. No opportunities here for others at this time. If the economy would improve, if we had a government that were fiscally responsible it would be different.
- Short term gain for long term pain.
- The cost is astronomical. We have so many other areas we should be focusing our time and money like our public transit

- The economic impact of the games will be a massive withdrawal of spendable cash that the city can use. The federal government will hang the 1.5 billion dollar "gift" Over our heads for decades to come. This will be a financial disaster for our city province and country.
- The economy is not in good shape. We have other more important issues to solve than the Olympics.
- These would divert funds from other priorities
- "This would definitely be a major economic win. People are worried about the recession, but what better way to kickstart the economy than spending 3-5 billion dollars in construction, services and events. There will be lots more money spent before and after the games hosting practice events. During the games lots of tourists, media, athletes, and country representatives will be here spending money on food and accommodations.
- What a great way to provide a cash injection into the economy that is not dependent on oil."
- We will be in debt paying this off for generations
- We will spend a lot of money throwing around "world class" phrases but what that really means is a lot of foreign companies with flit in and out to grab the contracts with little remainder or residual benefit. We will only be the low paid labour.
- What potential economic impact?
- Yes. Tourism.
- Economically will be helpful , again on the viewpoint of pure tourism, more people, more money in
- Help. See above. An Olympic games puts the city on the world map for decades after in terms of awareness.
- Help. See above. An Olympic games puts the city on the world map for decades after in terms of awareness.
- "Hinder
- We will be in too much debt"
- Hinder, there is no net gain... there is a net lose
- Hinder. Money spent has small return. Instead invest in growth industries and encouraging diversity.
- Hinder. The elected officers in charge of the money, at both the provincial and federal level, have proven themselves to be out of touch. I have no confidence in their ability to stay in the black on any initiative whatsoever.
- hinder. Calgary tax money should be going to improve Calgary and should not be going to a vanity project during these tough economic times. We haven't fully recovered from the recession. The influx of money we get for the games wont cover the costs that will result from it. Also there are other ways to fund projects that don't include throwing fancy parties (e.g., provincial and federal funds for necessities, allocating taxpayer money efficiently and appropriately, etc.).
- Hinder. Proven that economic benefits do not outweigh costs
- hinder.... short term low quality jobs gain, but the debt would force the The City to lay off people in order to service the debt.
- Hurt. Potential of cost overruns and corruption
- It is almost impossible to say with any degree of certainty whether the economic impact would be positive or negative in the long term. However, I strongly believe that the tail end of a serious economic regression is not the time to take this kind of gamble.
- It would help, it puts us back on the map and would assist in diversifying the economy. It is all in how it is handled as it could hinder if not done right. There is a concern the politics and bad planning seen in the bid process so far from all levels of government is the biggest risk. There is also a potential challenge with the honesty of the IOC and a naivety about how inevitable cost overruns will be dealt with - the economy is vastly delicate and different now and every Olympic games has had billions in cost overruns.
- May cause some initial cost pains but if spending is kept under control it will provide a net economic benefit.
- More debt no thanks
- no. there are still some people working.
- Only good for the rich for the short term. Banff already can't handle the tourists it gets and hotel rates are obscene (just for the rich).
- Tax money will go to multinationals who will then hide the profits overseas. This will destroy any hopes of a recovery.

- The future economy - minimal unless there is a particular mass transit component that can be spoken to. That would mean being able to compare what that looks like with and without the olympics.
- "The games have been compared to the 88 games. They are not an innocent athletic event anymore, and therefore the costs can get out of control. The ABC television bid for the
- 88 olympics bailed Calgary out. The IOC has those rights now and has capped their contribution, therefore Calgary could be paying for this for a long time.
- Construction Costs in Calgary are still too high, so this will just make it worse."
- The primary focus always seems to be economic gain and this is extremely shortsighted and an outdated view. I think the focus should be on balance and sustainability. What are the features of a happy community vs one where the rich keep getting richer and wealthy tourists can travel wherever they want to get there selfies without benefitting their destination in more than a financial way. The financial requirements and tight timelines of putting on an Olympics are such that they will always cost more than initially projected. This risk is way beyond what the province can handle let alone Calgary.
- Unsure

*COSTS: Do you view the long-term impacts of the Games as being worth the costs? Why or why not?*

- No. Just no. I do not want my tax dollars spent on this.
- From the information I've read, which is very vague to date, I would say no it's not worth it at all.
- No. Not a chance
- No it definitely isn't Most of the venues exist, so why do we need to host the Olympics?
- NO -
- Possibly
- No
- Absolutely not, taxes will go up to the point where there will be more homeless and working poor.
- No.
- Yes. We have to invest to get value
- "I've been concerned about the costs of hosting the future Olympics, particularly the spiralling costs of security in a world that is no longer as safe/welcoming as the previous hosting Calgary did. And . . . I can't believe I'm writing the following, but I'm coming to be concerned about the 'frugality' and disdain some political parties have of current government commitments/energies/plans. Recently we've seen political war rooms/administrations/leaders of parties that want to make their mark by reneging on policies & contracts signed by previous governments and leaders that they disagree with. Til this point, I've always trusted gov contracts & agreements, but what I've seen recently from leaders such as Donald J Trump, Doug Ford, Jason Kenney, and the rhetoric and anti-Trudeau sentiment from the current CPC party worries me, I'm now concerned whether citizens of Calgary can trust any financial agreement that may be signed by current NDP gov headed by Ms. Notely, noting Mr. Kenney's 'frugality' and dislike of the NDP, may cause him to renege on contracts signed by a previous NDP gov. Couple that with what publicly seems to be a disdain for Mr. Nenshi by the UCP leadership/membership, how possible would it be for them to walk away from previous financial commitments to help fund the Olympics, and 'hang the financial burden' on Mayor Nenshi's city leadership and long term visions. I'm equally nervous that any future CPC federal government may want to make a financial statement about their handling of fiduciary duties, and may want to distance themselves from the current federal Liberal gov headed by Mr. Trudeau and walking away from a federal Olympic commitment as the Doug Ford Conservative government has signalled on ditching energy contracts in Ontario. I hope you are considering the new political climate posed by new/upcoming provincial and federal leaderships. We don't know who will be in control of the purse strings and their appetite for reducing deficits. Sorry to sound like such a conspiracy theorist but the current political climate in the USA, ON and federal public partisanship here in Canada, is now looking concerning. Please watch our backs when factoring in money that may be 'promised' by current federal and provincial governments. And note the concern of taxpayers who will be funding for decades with their dollars for any overspending as a result of greed hoping for quick cash influx from visitors. I'd rather forecast venue/infrastructure needs for the city based on what taxpayers/council KNOW Calgary's population can handle/pay for w/o relying on vague hopes of others paying for our wants/needs."
- . absolutely not . there is far more to lose than to gain . . . . see above .
- Yes, because of reasons previously described above, and because as mentioned also above, the impact these venues and the opportunities will have for decades to come, outweigh any negatives in terms of costs.
- Absolutely not. It will put the city at its debt limit without completing projects that are really necessary, like the green line (the complete line, not just the one leg!). Property taxes will go up, people will leave the city and it will become a ghost town.
- I do not see the long-term impacts of the games as being worth the cost this cost will be a burden on the next two generations of Calgarians . We spend so much time and energy trying to save the planet for the next generation to enjoy . let's not mortgage their financial futures so bad they can't enjoy the planet .
- Not even worth the cost of preparing a bid!!!
- Yes
- "Not at all
- We just stopped paying for previous Olympics nearly 3 decades after
- Costs will rise by 1.5 times minimum (i can bet my paycheck on that, can you?)"

- Nope. Too much at risk for a 'party' for the corrupt IOC.
- Majorly hinder. Taxpayers will be paying for years with no benefits
- "No I don't.
- I think the city needs to focus on becoming a city that is worth visiting and not relying on Banff as the main attraction. Spending money on sports venues will not help the city in the long run."
- NO, No, and no, Again ...White Elephants
- Yes. The long term impact outweighs the costs given that this would be an initiative supported by government and long term benefits would reside with the city and community
- No. We could be spending that money on much more important things like schools, hospitals, child care, improving transit instead of a one time event (that we've already had...) that will cost millions.
- No it's not. Maybe stop with the dump art pieces no one cares about and put them into transit and road services
- Absolutely not. In no way is this good for future generations.
- No I think the costs are just too high and not enough benefits
- Absolutely, when you offset the economic impacts to the City.
- No, I don't think the benefits outweigh the costs, because said benefits are limited to such a small segment of the population. I find it absurd that so much time, energy and financial resources have been devoted to an initiative that has yet to receive an endorsement from the public. Should an endorsement not have been the first step two years ago, before any investment was made? One hidden cost of this process is the fact that so many Calgarians have lost faith in the City's leadership. The level of discourse is appalling, and the bullying tactics on both sides are doing considerable damage to the community. I have great concerns with the ethics of the process, particularly the inherent bias and selective fact-sharing, and the amount of information that has been withheld from the public.
- If it comes down to choosing between the Olympics and getting a new NHL arena, I'd vote for the arena.
- Everywhere I've gone in the world people recognize the name "Calgary", and it's because of the '88 Olympics. It would be hard to quantify, but I'm sure the economic benefits to visitors to Calgary are enormous.
- NO absolutely not, not on the backs of taxpayers
- Games would not be worth the cost.
- No. The only thing we're building is a field house and small arena, which we could just build anyway without the Olympics. There is also a long history of corruption in the IOC, and the city should be wary of giving them autonomy over our finances.
- No they are not worth it. Simple budgeting, if you can't afford to pay for a luxury expense outright then you can't afford it at all.
- No. I find it very unlikely that the games will achieve a return on investment that would be sufficient for a private investor to allocate their money to it.
- Absolutely not. We can not afford this. Yyccc activity proves this beyond a shadow of a doubt.
- we will be paying for this for years to come not a good idea
- 100%. All proposed aspects of the Games are needed regardless. This just speeds up the process of getting it done and shares the cost burden.
- No! Get a grip! You're only looking for responses from the "parent's basement dwellers"...those who don't have any skin in the game!
- History has shown that the positive impacts of the Games are short-term, temporary gain. The money put into the Olympics is far better spent elsewhere, on areas that are proven to improve citizen's lives.
- I don't believe the Games would be worth the cost to Calgarians. We need to look at whether Calgary will be an affordable city to live in in the future.
- Not at all. Our city is constantly drooling for more money and the taxpayers are on the hook every year for it just meeting our most basic needs. This will do nothing to relieve that.
- Absolutely not. It's going to put the city further into debt just to give Nenshi another feather to put in his cap.
- Noooooooooooooope. Its not even a good event
- We don't have the funds to pay for this, games have no long lasting economic benefits it's a pretty proven fact
- Worth it. It will boost the economy, a-la deficit spending. The more we invest, the more we value the economy, the more it will strengthen after the falter of the oil crisis.

- Not worth the expense
- They are not worth the costs. The IOC needs some sucker to host the games.
- Yes...again city's investment in many other projects that have huge operating costs - west LRT, library, national music Centre etc
- Not worth the cost
- No. The Olympics are never fiscally managed properly and lead to corpulence. If we HAVE to use the Olympics to get the venues we want, then we are being managed poorly.
- The overwhelming preponderance of evidence is clear that modern Olympics leave social and economic deficits behind for host city taxpayers to pay for. Listen to the voices of independent economists, who are speaking with considerable consensus about the likelihood that costs will be much greater than currently forecast. Those costs will be a burden on the taxpayer and local economy for decades to come.
- of course not, we would be paying far too much for an event that barely lasts a couple of weeks
- Absolutely not. We will spend much more on the games than we will see, and the crippling debt will make living costs in Calgary even harder than they already are. Any additional income will be offset by the astronomical costs and extreme lack of foresight to anticipate going over budget, when the last several games have almost spent double what we have budgeted. The lack of thought toward the funding we will put in is disastrous, and our egotistical mayor will not have it any other way as he has shown his willingness to hide the truth from the citizens by being mad when the truth was released. Stop lying about this being good when you know the city can not afford it.
- Absolutely not! The taxpayer takes all the risk, the corrupt IOC gets all the champagne and cream. Politicians, self-important 'dignitaries', and security wankers get to strut in the sun for a day. The athletes get a fun time screwing their brains out on the taxpayer dollar. The only impacts are negative. In the longer term, debt, inefficient and unused facilities, short term and short sighted planning producing wasted tax dollars, will hang over Calgary like a millstone. In the short term, there is nothing but inconvenience as Calgary will be unlivable during the games and run up to them. We already have too much construction going on, and you want to add more? Give your head a shake.
- To be determined, but hopeful. While we need to be mindful, it would be disappointing if it felt like a second-hand games. It needs to look and feel very different than what we had in 1988.
- No
- No. All cost no new facilities. No legacy
- Waste of money.
- Not worth the costs.
- The long term impacts to the regular working Calgarian, Albertan, or Canadian are not worth the massive costs; whether that cost is money or other socioeconomic impacts.
- Yes it will be worth the costs Calgary needs a big boost as we transition to a post oil economy
- No I do not. This is an ego play
- What are the costs going to be? What's the security going to really cost? Why are we paying for canmore site etc?
- Not worth the costs. We have better places to spend out money in getting the economy going again. We are in too much debt.
- The bid needs to include c-train to the airport. additional transit etc rolled in.
- No. The city is struggling to fund current operations and now the conversation is shifting to let's pay for new sporting arenas for a privileged few.
- No. It hasn't been for other countries in the past.
- No due to initial and ongoing cost to upkeep.
- No, stop living in the glory of the '80's. The times are significantly different. The security requirements alone and the corresponding costs should have Calgary saying no thanks.
- Again. Lots of money and we don't get what we need. Spend another billion and let's build and invest in some other much needed infrastructure.
- No. It will just give the entitled jocks another excuse to think they're super important.
- Yes. I love the olympics
- Again, if the economic hole is small enough, of course it's worth it!
- NO!!!!!!!!!!!!

- No I do not. What long term impacts are there that are going to help me?
- Yes, the benefits to the community and facilities will benefit Calgarians for decades to come
- No. These games would be a waste of money.
- Not worth the cost.
- No. It's a burden. Just look at the 90m ski jump.
- From the information made available to us at this point, it would appear that there is no feasible way that any economic gains will outweigh the long term costs that we Calgarians will ultimately be stuck with for years to come. It's unfortunate that so much information is not made available to us when we are asked whether or not to support this venture. Frankly it's a huge disappointment in our city council and Mayor. I am hoping it's not a sign of more to come.
- Absolutely. We need to invest in our city and its legacy.
- No. I think the costs have been greatly underestimated. I don't think the Olympic committee has been forthcoming on all costs associated with hosting the games. I think the costs spent on security will be huge and are of no lasting benefit to the economy. I don't think the Olympics are creating any skills in our workforce or any lasting benefits to the economy. We need investment in the tech industry, green energy and education to build a strong, future economy.
- People need to stop whining. We pay very low taxes compared to other provinces and cities. I don't foresee this increase to my taxes being significant enough to warrant significant concern and think the benefits outweigh that increase.
- I don't. We could get the same benefits by upgrading facilities without the associated costs of the games.
- Absolutely not. The IOC makes money. Some high paid executives make money. A bunch of crooked city councilors make money... and hard working calgarians pay for it for decades to come.
- It's great to have a legacy project for long term nostalgia, but the immediate costs are too high and the benefits not clear or guaranteed.
- We will drown in debt while council has a party. Completely disgusting.
- I'd like to think it is worth it but stats for other Olympic cities isn't supportive of this outcome
- No
- There are no long term benefits and there is no data to suggest there would be a positive return on investment.
- There should be an option for NOT hosting the games on this question. We don't trust our municipal or federal governments to use our money wisely. It will put us in the hole more than we are now. STOP spending money on foolish pursuits to boost the mayors ego, and start spending it on infrastructure and supporting the thousands of unemployed oil and gas people. Three years ago, my family could afford a good life, since my husband was laid off from the oil and gas sector, we are deep in debt and can't pay for food some months. You've done nothing to help but tell us he isn't unemployed with the thousands of other contract employees. Lower our cost of living by making taxes lower not waste money on silly bids and art projects. We can't afford tickets to a hometown hockey game and you want us to pay for your Olympics? For shame.
- Absolutely not. We have severely under budgeted what we will end up spending and are too stubborn to increase the budget when we just got raped with a snowstorm that we could not facilitate clearing with our own city resources needing big brother Edmonton to assist our useless city equipment
- Nope. Too much money for too little lasting benefits
- Not worthy. Again a big unknown which you can't bank on.
- Yes. City council won't share any real details with the public and doesn't seem to care about costs. The risks clearly outweigh the potential benefits
- No. You need look no further than the EU to see that security costs will only grow in the years ahead if we go out of our way to attract the world's attention.
- No. Long term increased debt, increased facility maintenance costs, tax burden. Calgary is already recognized on the world stage, we don't need another 10 day event separate from the Calgary stampede to attract tourists.
- Yes.
- Worth it. Investments in community and the future of the city are worth it.

- No. There will be waste (like the ski jump and bobsled tracks we got stuck with last time). Just do what the city needs and stay away from the IOC.
- No. The cost will benefit a handful of sport venues; the city is more than that! We need investment in better transportation first.
- No, we would have to invest too much to properly host an event of this magnitude and the probability of substantial loss is not worth the risks.
- It's not worth the cost. We have far too much current need such as infrastructure such as more libraries, fires stations, hospital beds, roadways, bridge improvements. We need more front line people such as social workers, police, fire fighters, nurses, doctors etc. This is a one time big event that showcases politicians and stars on the backs of ordinary taxpayers
- yes totally worth it! look at the success of Vancouver!
- No, for the above stated reasons.
- It is not economically beneficial to host the Olympics like in the past.
- Definitely not. There is so much shit going on in the world, especially with the States that we seem to rely on so heavily. I think our priorities need to focus on ensuring we have a future to say "thank goodness we didn't waste all that money on the Olympics!"
- No. The average person won't ever see a benefit to them or get to use them. Therefore how is there a benefit?
- Worth the costs if 1/ a good deal is struck with with IOC, feds and province and 2/ costs are controlled
- No. Having lived the 1976 games, I can tell you that we can do without and still live on.
- Again, if the right investments are made on facilities and infrastructure, arguable they are need regardless of hosting the olympics cost can be recovered or mitigated by hosting an international event and more post olympics
- NOT worth the costs.
- Hinder. Just build the infrastructure if you need it. Don't tie it to the olympics. Plow the streets instead.
- Not worth it.
- The costs are likely understated (as with every Olympic games proposal). Even if the costs were limited to the amount claimed in this report, it is not a profitable use of funds and is unlikely to generate a net benefit, while carrying significant risk of cost escalation.
- Absolutely not. Its 2018. The Olympics had the glimmer, prestige, and upside back before the Billions of corruption and corporate ambitions. Im absolutely completely insulted by how city hall has pushed this prestige endeavour forward with careless abandon. A committee of ex athletes and business overlords does not have the best interests of Calgarians at hand.
- Unsure. I would like to learn more about the potential economic return.
- Not worth it. A lot of risks and issues with very little potential benefit.
- I believe that if there were thinkers out there, or the council had looked toward finding think tanker thinkers, they would be able to come up with an initiative to gain a world event that has way more lasting, long-term benefits for the cost involved. So NO, I am not convinced that there are long-term impacts that have been clearly outlined that are worthy of putting money into this. No clear numbers, no clear what we are getting for our money. I don't hire a builder for any price unless I know what I am getting for that price. Good management. I can still dream, and then ask the builder to outline what my dream will cost. Then I decide which parts of my dream or what my dream might be.
- Definitely not worth the money for such a short term event and stage.
- "Stop it. They are too bloody expensive.
- Try to keep up."
- Absolutely not! Why - we will still be paying for them long after the Games have been forgotten. Remember the "big owe" in Montreal. We do not need a repeat here in Calgary.
- No. It has not proven to be worth the cost to any host city over the last two decades. Why would Calgary be special?
- If the planning is done right, the benefits should easily outweigh the costs. However, Calgary is not the smartest with their money and tend to spend with the present in mind instead of the future. This will need to be different for this to be successful.
- Hinder. The ROI on the games are simply too undesirable.
- No please see earlier comments

- No. 900m just for proper security??? It's embarrassing anyone is considering this. Not to mention the amount of money going straight in to the IOC pockets (no benefit to Calgarians, Albertans, or Canadians). Waste of money
- the impacts will cause an increase in property tax, this is nothing but homeowners funding people who do not pay municipal tax and want a party with no accountability or responsibility. Add in provincial mismanagement to the deal and these olympics will cause AB to have a provincial Sales tax/Fuel tax for nothing more than a bunch of non relevant sports to be played and enjoyed by people who will never have to pay the cost.
- Absolutely NOT WORTH THE COST. Simply because we cannot afford it. When Switzerland and Austria look at the economics and withdraw from the competition to host the 2026 games, that should tell you something. Calgary has not recovered from the disruption in the oil industry, and when the oil industry does come back it will be no where near the strength and fiscal level it was. Get Calgarians back on their feet before mortgaging more of the future on a one time party event.
- Not even close to being worth it!
- ABSOLUTELY NOT. IN NO WAY DOES THIS MAKE ANY FINANCIAL SENSE WHATSOEVER, THIS CITY CANNOT AFFORD AN OLYMPIC BID, EVEN CITIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN THROUGH A MAJOR DOWNTURN ARE NOT BIDDING ON THIS, WHY ARE WE?? THE COSTS HAVE BEEN GRAVELY UNDERSTATED, THE BENEFITS HAVE BEEN GREATLY OVERSTATED, AND EVEN THEN IT DOESN'T ADD UP PROPERLY. PLUS THEN THERE ARE RISK FACTORS WITH OVERRUNS, WHICH, IF HISTORY CAN TELL US ANYTHING, ARE NOT SO MUCH A RISK BUT A CERTAINTY. THIS CITY CANNOT AFFORD TO BID ON THE OLYMPICS, PLEASE DON'T DO THIS TO US.
- Even members of the council think the costs are under-represented, and no city has ever made money hosting the Olympics in recent history. The IOC is almost as bad as FIFA, the risk of overruns are almost guaranteed, cause we will need a new stadium, which isn't included, and the risk of another security event happening in the next 8 years is high, so that will require more spending, and we just went through a recession economically. Nobody has any money, so we shouldn't be buying into luxuries like the Olympics right now.
- Not worth the costs. How does this improve our lively hood?
- I can't answer this question until the city provides ALL costs to the public.
- Dumping billions of dollars into a 16 day sporting event makes no sense. Long term I see no benefit.
- No. The IOC benefits, the elite athletes benefit, but the taxpayer pays the price forever.
- We cannot even house low income or homeless people in our city. Kids are going to school hungry. We should more look at how we are treating our own rather than how we will look to the rest of the world. I understand the prestige of hosting but it will be a rip off for the tax payers that will probably not be able to afford going to any of the events.
- no
- Definitely not. However, I know you at City Hall in your ivory towers will never listen to the "average" taxpayer who you are supposed to represent and you pay your inflated salaries.
- As we haven't really been presented with the costs in detail how do you expect a sensible view to be taken. The costs are proposed at 2018 rates that is 8 years away. Where are the projections for inflation, the cost of borrowing etc. At this time this is a smoke and mirrors exercise that is likely to merely pacify the ego's of those driving for this event to be hosted here.
- No. We have other things to spend that among not of money on.
- They would not be worth the costs. As taxpayers, we will be feeling the costs long after the games are over.
- Not at all. I feel the games will put us into a debt that we will be paying for for a long time. The money is better spent on infrastructure in our city.
- No - people can't afford the municipal tax rates as is in Calgary.
- NO, this will burden us even more then the city and Provincial and Federal govts already have.. NO MORE we are broke!!!
- Not worth the costs. Sure there may be some follow up events to utilize the facilities...but since the sports are not high revenue generating events, they most likely be subsidized yet again by the tax payers. This is a completely different than the time during the 1988 Winter Olympics...they were a success, the economic times were more favorable. Right now we have no clue what the future of economy...this is crazy!!!
- No! We have a long term care bed shortage, affordable housing crisis and more. Plus didn't we just get out of a recession?

- Not even close. The levies and taxes that will be imposed on us and the inevitable ballooning costs will not benefit the average calgarian. Any one in city hall reckless and irresponsible enough to vote to have the games will be voted against by me in the next election
- No
- NO! Any new venues are just assets that tax payers then have to pay to maintain. There is no return on investment, EVER, on City run sports facilities.
- Nope not at all. Security alone is not worth the costs.
- No. The investments proposed by the games committee could be made without needing to throw a party for corrupt IOC officials.
- Long term financial impacts are the biggest concern. Who pays shortfall, doubt it will be Provincial or Federal sources.
- No, there are no long term gains only costs and loses for tax payers. Start running the city as if the money being spent is a limited amount and not a free for all. Tax payers should be consultantef on all large projects and listened too!! Council needs to start acting like they have the residents of Calgary best interests in mind instead of free for all, no accountability spending.
- No , we can not afford to go into debt. The money being spent to research the bid is ridiculous. Why are we paying the head of the committee so much money , could this not be done cheaper
- Not worth it, invest in parks and community centres instead.
- No. I think the long term benefits will be minor and the costs will be paid for years or decades. The plan should've included some long term thinking that would've brought projects that would benefit Calgary. I was hoping there would be more investment in legacy infrastructure. Since there isn't, I can't support this plan.
- Absolutely not. It's a 2 week amateur athletic showcase where crooked delegates and city council will get to hob nob and show off on our hard earned money. Let's spend our money on roads, parks and new facilities for the teams we already have.
- NO. I do not see any benefit to hosting the Olympics. There are significant issues that need to be addressed in the City currently (road repair, snow removal, schools, EMS, police, storm/water systems, etc.) and funding shortfalls. The empty buildings needs to get filled up to increase the tax base and essential services need to get back to well funded levels. NO to the Olympics.
- No. City needs to focus on diversifying from O&G ASAP.
- No
- Use the money to imorive transit and housing instead of hosting (especially Transit, after travelling and working internationally Calgary Transit is among the worst I have encountered).
- No, and historical data is on my side. They haven't benefited a single host in decades. The only party that gets anything out of them is the IOC
- No... There are people still unemployed, shouldering huge debt... As well the money could be better spent on the homeless and other helping organizations.
- If done correctly yes. Particularly if plans are changed to include things like Calgary Next and new convention center at Stampede Park. Current approach taken in plan WILL NOT yield reasonable long-term benefits!
- No fieldhouse, no hockey arena? Give us a break.
- no
- Not worth the costs, this is about ego and showing off to the world.
- "For Calgary, if in the end, the city ends up with better and quality infrastructure that sets it part, then it might be worth it. But again it all depends on so many factors that it is very big risk to take when the city is already is struggling.
- For outdoor enthusiasts however, if the Olympics will attract more people to our already overcrowded parks and almost inaccessible parks, then NO! The only way would be to have Parks Canada involved and come up with viable options."
- all the secrets on cost, council CANNOT be trusted on this matter. It smacks of 'this is MY legacy'.
- Not worth it in the slightest
- No. As per responses to other questions.
- Again...our city has billions in the coffers but we get hammered on garbage, taxes, sidewalks, etc...and now this useless, corrupt waste of time and money? Whomever idea this was at the outset should be fired and exiled from

Canada....and that is me being nice about it. 20, 30 million spent already, correct? And the bid isn't even...well I don't know where it is in the process but its not done and clearly it needs more money, hence this public opinion survey.

- No. We should pay to avoid shouldering the Olympic burden.
- No!!!!!! Calgary has enough debt already, with all the mass transit expansions that only hinder the large amount of vehicle traffic we now have.
- YES. Make calgary moreeeee in debt then they already are...
- No. They weren't for '88. History does NOT need to repeat itself. This money would be better spent elsewhere.
- Again. Limited facility benefits. No NHL arena.
- Repeated studies have shown beyond doubt that hosting a games or other sporting initiatives like hockey teams is always a nett loss or AT BEST breaks even. In this case, the corruption and kleptocracy of the IOC will guarantee that these games will end up at a nett loss after all the bribes and kickbacks are paid.
- Again, I understand that you cannot provide data you don't have -- but you haven't given me any information I would need to seriously consider this question. Anyone who said yes to this question would be speculating, based on what has been provided here.
- Me, my kids, and potentially their kids would have to pay for this adventures. NOT WORTH IT!!!!!!
- See above.
- The long-term impacts are absolutely not worth the costs because the costs are usually for short-term spectacle. The City will be paying for the Olympics - economically, socially, and environmentally - for decades to come. We cannot compare the Olympics now to what they were in 1988; they have simply become too big and dominated by multinational corporations. If we value sport as we say we do, we should put our energy into developing inclusive sports programs and facilities at the grassroots level. We do not have to depend on the Olympics to do this, and we will be better off without them.
- Simply not wort it. If this was at all a profitable venture the private sector would be organizing a bid.
- Yes. See above answer.
- It would cripple us with debt that we will be paying off for years.
- Absolutely not. We are so deeply in debt already, and the Olympics wouldn't bring in nearly enough to improve our situation; rather, it would worsen it. We simply cannot afford it. It sounds great on paper, but in reality, it will hurt us greatly. Too much would need to be spend on new facilities and changes to the city and we simply cannot afford it. We need to invest in things our city needs now just to bring us to the world-class standards we want to be at. Roadways, snow clearing, our transit system, affordable housing; all of these should be solved before hosting something like the Olympics. The City needs to take care of its citizens first and foremost, and right now, they're hurting.
- No. Too expensive for the risks involved. I would like my taxes to not rise because of this event.
- No, will displace tax payer capital into a frivolous one time party with no long term redeeming value. Most Calgarians are not lugers nor are we Flames owners. The non-legacy effect from the 88 Olympics for the vast majority of Calgarians is self-evident and speaks for itself.
- Not worth it, this city is hurting enough without this added burden
- Yes.
- What long-term impacts? These games will do virtually nothing to encourage foreign investment in the city and province. It will do little or nothing to create well-paying, long-lasting jobs. It will do nothing but line the pockets of a few real-estate developers and construction magnates and will increase taxes for taxpayers for years to come will little to show for it except a few spruced up sports facilities that are regularly used by only a small percentage of the population. The bid organizers would have us believe that the athletes village will be turned into affordable housing. Forgive me for having a hard time believing that. This is the same city that promised us that the land once occupied by Currie Barracks would be turned into affordable housing. What did we get instead? A development where even the least expensive housing costs at least 750,000 dollars. And what about the perfectly affordable housing at Midfield Park? The city turfed out a group of vulnerable low income citizens and then reneged on a promise to provide them with a plot of land to which they could relocate their mobile homes. Many well regarded economists have refuted virtually all of the spurious claims of long-term economic benefits put forward by proponents of Olympic bids.
- Not worth the cost due to risk. Long term impact is typically poor quality housing and unused sports infrastructure.

- NO!!! We are wasting hard-earned money even preparing to submit a bid.
- Not worth the cost. We will never make the money back and my children and soon to be grandchildren will be burdened with this debt.
- Yes, we still use facilities created for the 88 olympics.
- No. The amount spent on security alone is lost tax payers dollars. Also will we really see the volunteer mentality of 88 - when lots of Calgary are just trying to earn enough financially to keep their families housed, fed and warm? Much of the infrastructure spending in the plan will not have an impact on the majority of Calgarians day to day life
- Ensuring that costs are kept reasonable is important
- NO. Who benefits? An extremely small population who may choose to become a professional ski-jumper etc... but the rest of us who work and pay taxes get stuck with the bill. IF the games were self-funding then sign me up to volunteer. Since I am going to be forced through my tax dollars to pay for this luxury then forget it.
- It is not worth the cost
- NO!
- The long term cost is not worth it. The city needs better infrastructure not an event.
- No. It is something that Calgary will pay for for years to come.
- Not worth it
- I think the 5.+ Billion is a low figure...it's 8 years out..who has the crystal ball to know?
- It's not worth the cost.
- No, I don't think cost is a problem because Calgary will a long period of prosperity after the Olympics. Again, just look at Vancouver after hosting Expo 86 and Winter Olympic 2010.
- Risky, but worth the cost as long as facilities and venues can be reused!
- The only benefit I see is that the city may overhaul infrastructure quicker to ensure that the city is ready for the Olympics, rather than a slow gradual build that would occur if we didn't host. This would then result in less inflation.
- no to expensive will be paying for it for yeas to come but the big business won't because they made there money for the tax payers .
- No, in the years since the 1988 games, I don't feel that there have been any long term impacts. I feel a lot of the money would go into the pockets of those trying to push the games.
- "Yes it is definitely worth the costs and the work, lots of work. Many, many people and many businesses will be involved to run this event. This is not a one month party for a few people, our City has been enjoying the benefits of the 88 Olympics still today. This is a fantastic opportunity to revitalize a growing diversification of our economy into sports for the next 30+ years.
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- As soon as council approves the hosting of the games, the next day the energy in our city will be palpable. Everyone will start planning to get ready - media, hospitality, medicine practitioners, clothing, advertising, tourism; store fronts & restaurants will put on the extra polish, paint, furniture, supplies. Calgary needs this.
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- The sports industry is big business around the world. The German FES Institute (Federation of Sports) gets 90%of its funding from the federal government, 4.5 million euros â 6.8 million CAD annually. FES has 35 engineers and 70 staff, their sole purpose is to ensure that German athletes have the best equipment possible. They put all that German automotive design and technology into winter sports equipment. In PyeongChang 2018 our Canadian 2 man bobsled team tied with Germany for gold. Amazing. Canadians performance at the Olympics is truly amazing, for a country with a small population and little dedicated funding we exceed all expectations. Lets continue to grow our sporting industry by hosting the Olympics in 2026.
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- Two more points:
- 1. I believe that the IOC is attempting to change the way they govern. There will be 3 Olympics held before Calgary hosts in 2026 and I think we will see improvements for the host cities. I believe the Calgary Olympic committee is dedicated and strong and they will continue to push for transparency and fairness. And they will fight for a bigger fairer share of the revenues, lets give them a Yes.
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- 2. Housing and transparency:
- There was no leaked document about the bus barns, the contamination and the housing project, this has nothing to do with the Olympic bid. Housing at this site was announced years ago as part of the East Village redevelopment even I knew that when the story broke and Rick Bell knows it too, he should be ashamed of his article. The City is transparent, I can go on the website anytime or call 311 and get more than enough information. (I love the snow plow map, what a fantastic tool.) I have written to Druh Farrell and she took the time to respond, we didn't agree but I think council and the city is transparent and approachable.
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- I hope people get involved and informed and vote, and we don't have a Brexit or a 2016 US election result. It's easy to protest and say NO! the media loves a protest, the people that work hard and quietly for the benefit of all don't get the same media attention. Trans Mountain!
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- I hope council votes YES for our future."
- No. It's not worth it.
- "Costs will double if not triple the anticipated values. Calgary, Alberta, and Canada does not have the finances to support this event at this point in time. Property taxes are increasing, essential services funding is decreasing, there is a lack of schools, the typical issues with healthcare, office vacancy rates remain high from the recession, costs of living have increased, and the costs towards home ownership (and therein the second biggest industry in Calgary) have made many things taken for granted much more difficult to attain.
- The long term impacts will be akin to Montreal in the 70s more than Vancouver. While unlikely to be as grand as those held prior to the recession the fact is that Calgary has not recovered and will not recover entirely for some time."
- NO. NO. NO. Got it? NO. Tired of being taxed to death for someone else's benefit.
- The problem is, I don't believe the costs that the City has told the public are true. So I can't comment on this, but my feeling is that if the City is keeping this behind closed doors then the real answer can't be good.
- No. The games are not what they used to be.
- It would cost too much when we have other priorities. Finishing stoney trail, a c train line to the airport etc.
- "The short term and the long term costs of holding the games should be enough to pull OUT of the bidding process.
- Other countries have pulled out for various reasons , costs likely a factor for them to.
- NO to the Olympic game proposal!!!!"
- Definitely not worth the cost.
- I do not view them as being worth the costs. The average home owner will not be able to live in their homes when they have to pay for the Olympics with their property taxes. There is not enough affordable housing planned for them.
- Not worth it in our current economy
- Absolutely not.
- "Absolutely NOT!!!
- First, the IOC is largely a corrupt self-serving body. Getting into bed with these clowns is no better than doing business with the mafia. (See Russia re-instated with-out ever admitting to state sponsored doping.) The only way to fix this is for non-corrupt entities to WALK AWAY!!
- The cost estimate produced by the bid committee is so far out of whack that there is no way it's believable.....on what planet can they claim that the security costs will be significantly lower than the security costs for Vancouver's games - my god they must think we were all born yesterday.
- Everyone knows the record of Olympic bids coming in several times over-budget and the bid committee wants us to believe it can be done for \$5B - ridiculous. And it's Calgary taxpayers that get to pick up the tab for any cost over-runs. If this goes ahead I'm moving out of this town."
- Mortgaging our kids future is selfish. Wake up city council. This city doesn't want the games.
- No - because all the figures are hypothetical and not based on any historical facts! It will cost massively more than is being stated and it will not bring in the amount promised. If the Olympic organization can underwrite the costs and take on the risks, then sure, let's do it, but that is not going to happen.
- Absolutely NOT. This city is still struggling to recover economically, as it is.

- "No. It is either short term or nothing.
- I cannot understand why they want to see the long term when every other decision for every other project or idea is only considered with the short term in mind."
- No. I think there is so much more that the City needs to invest in before an Olympics. Complete/expand the cycle track network, expand transit lines, maintain our existing roads/sidewalks/pathways, upgrade existing facilities as required...
- No. I would only agree for Calgary's bid if IOC and the federal government will pay for the entire costs, and not Calgarians.
- Not worth costs.
- There is no benefit from hosting the Olympics that is worth the cost to Calgarians. We did it once, there is no need to go it again.
- Yes, the long term gain of hosting the Games should outweigh the initial impacts. This will in fact bring a deadline to building facilities and infrastructure that this city desperately needs. People are gun-shy about spending money that they don't think is worth it. These Games are WORTH IT.
- Absolutely
- If the ROI is realized within 5 years of games, then cost was worth it
- No. We could better spend tax dollars elsewhere
- Probably not
- Nope, it's a gamble. A very expensive one.
- No, no one cares about the Winter games. If people loved bobsled and luge we would have huge attendance at our current yearly events here, likewise with world cup events at Lake Louise.
- No evidence of long term benefits. If 88 venues are so highly used then they should be bringing in enough money in user fees to maintain facilities.
- I've never heard of any city that's hosted the Olympics making a financial profit from them.
- I see very little benefit
- No, I do not, especially given that other cities have gone into debt after hosting the games.
- The costs and expected return on the investment do not substantiate the risk undertaking.
- "NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!"
- The people in charge have no incentive.
- How about their kids or grand kids have their pay garnished (like taxes) if you screw things up now.
- I'm all for the Olympics in Calgary, IF I DON'T HAVE TO PAY A PENNY FOR IT."
- NO!!!!
- We will like all other game hosts pay out over time far more than we eill het back. We have serious evonomic issues without adding more debt!!
- Absolutely NOT. See reasons above.
- Hinder. There are other things in the city that require this money and effort other than Olympic Winter Games. As in schools or hospitals or rinks arenas for recreational hockey not for professional hockey ect.
- No - The Olympics have been proven to not bring long term economic benefits. Coupled with the cost of bidding, this is a waste of public funds. See: <https://www.economist.com/britain/2017/07/29/assessing-londons-olympics-five-years-on>
- This is a tough one for me. Yes, I absolutely believe that the long term impact of the games will be worth the costs. However, I struggle with how much money the public will have to contribute. I am very uncomfortable with the fact that the public will have to pay such a large amount and the IOC will only potentially contribute a small portion. The IOC should be paying all hosting cities much more than they do. I also am concerned with the current Alberta economy and what could happen if the oil industry takes another downturn over the next 8 years. What impact might that have? I will feel better about the cost once I know the committed amounts that the federal and provincial governments will contribute. Calgary hosting the Olympics is huge for our entire country and I believe we should be supporting significantly by our federal government for taking this large task on.
- No. Too much uncertainty in future. No support from federal government

- Not worth the cost. The Games are not like they once were. It's a high politicized money pit where countries and cities pour buckets of money into an elaborate marketing campaign to compete on "image".
- Hinder, we do not need more taxes
- The increased taxes would be felt for far to long
- No. I do not trust council or the mayor to manage the costs.
- No. I don't want to see the city go into debt and then have to cut additional services. I'd rather see us go into debt by increasing services to those in need
- I definitely think the impact of the games as a positive for the City. And any negative impact such as cost etc. would be eventually outweighed by the positive impacts that the games will bring.
- It is, because very small property tax increases are an excellent price to pay to put international eyes on our city.
- No. Not now. The economic situation and debt just don't support. Plus who knows if the IOC will actually kick in their share. Let them prove that elsewhere. As much as I love the Olympics, I really don't believe this is the right time to do it.
- The money spent will not help Calgary's future, only burden the taxpayer at all levels.
- Absolutely not. Infrastructure that is required for the games, but "would otherwise be built", is not included in the costs. In no way should Calgarians or Albertans have to subsidize the IOC to host a massive party. The Olympics are a losing proposition for the majority of citizens.
- No. I don't see that the infrastructure will be any use in the long term. Does the city need more housing at the moment? I don't think so as there seems to already be an over-supply. Does the city need new winter sports venues? No, and I don't even support a new rink for the Flames (even if that were on the table) as I don't think we should be subsidizing professional sport teams.
- No. I think we will end up in debt like the other Olympics in other countries.
- Yes. Legacy infrastructure, venues, housing, if done correctly, will leave lasting benefits.
- Hard to say since the costs are not a definite number and there are a lot of factors that can change things in the next 8 years which could escalate costs or perhaps save some money??
- No it's not. We shouldn't have to pay for the games. We live here we shouldnt have to take on that
- Not worth it, look at all the other cities that have done it. Theres a reason no other cities are bidding.
- No. Way more important things we should be spending our money on. New stadium. New arena. Getting people working again. Veterans food bank. Snow removal. Road maintenance. List goes on
- I think you are underestimating the costs significantly.
- The games are not worth the cost. Has anyone actually considered why the Olympic committee is trying so hard to get Calgary to bid!? And why other cities are not bidding. The cost is simply to high and most are born by the taxpayers. The benefits are not guaranteed and are not returned back to the average taxpayer - sure there are groups of people and businesses who might benefit but why should money go from my pocket to others.
- I think that this whole bid process has been rushed and not thought out. The legacy from the 1988 olympics was a lot of great training facilities, the legacy from this bid will be a lot of pet projects being built and no great planning. We need a new football stadium hockey rink and field house. A plan was put forward and rejected last year. If this bid was serious for the good of the city this plan would have been looked into and added to the bid possibilities. Still want to see the whole plan and the big picture.
- No, I don't think the Games are worth the costs. The longterm gains of new or upgraded facilities could be gained without the overhead of the Games. The bump in city enthusiasm, short-term hotel/restaurant stays, etc., are impermanent and the burden of the cost will be felt much longer.
- Hinder - extremely unlikely to make money... the debt isn't worth it.
- Yes, provided the costs are not allowed to run rampant. This is a huge investment opportunity for our city leading up to the games, and if planned well may provide dividends in the future.
- What long term impacts other than debt, a few new venues outgrown in months with Calgary's surging population We need so many other items in Calgary more than a really expensive feather in Nenshi's cap Let the IOC find another sucker
- I think it is worth the costs because the Olympics are an important event. Calgary was smart with their first Olympics and I believe we could be just as successful with another one

- No.
- NO. As I've outlined in other questions, I feel the longest lasting impact of the games would be the cost, and if Calgary hosts them it would put hundreds of other money-starved programs and services at risk. Hosting another Olympic games when we have already hosted one and have another more affordable and world-renowned tourism money maker (Calgary Stampede) would be the worst decision Calgary's city Hall could make.
- Not worth the cost. Olympic games are notorious for cost overruns and the city and taxpayers wind up holding the bag.
- No.
- No
- Only if the bid is improved to provide long-term sport development for all Olympic sports in town, that is, where the population is. This needs to be well-thought-out so that it is a legacy that lasts and is not susceptible to mismanagement (like that of Winsport in the past - there has been a ton of good come out of the '88 Games and CODA/Winsport has been mostly positive, but TONS of room for improvement), new infrastructure such as new mass transit linkage, better accessibility and high-speed train to the mountains.
- Council is hiding the true costs, I have lost all faith in city hall and most of our dishonest council. How can you expect people to make a decision to host when we are not told the real cost? The province shows no sign of slowing its wild spending spree either!!! Also housing for the athletes will be used after the games (in 8 years) when we need affordable places to live now.
- Nope, its shady that there are missing costs in the budget already, Alberta's in recovery mode right now. Focus on Calgarians well-being first.
- No we do not. Again because of the lack of transparency, We have no trust in the process. The taxpayer cannot afford this.
- No, <https://youtu.be/U-rBxNHd2fI>
- Yes. It is worth the cost. I worked at the 2010 games and Calgary needs this.
- Not worth the cost. Too expensive.
- No.
- No
- No. The games should be profitable or the IOC needs to change how they operate.
- Yes. If two major facilities are built
- No.
- Not entirely against the games, this is just bad timing for Calgary and Province. Look at Calgary's deficit now. how are we climbing out of that? now add on the Games.
- Calgary's economy is not ready for such a big ticket item. What is going to be giving up in exchange to fund the event.
- Absolutely not! I don't want to be paying for this stupid thing for the rest of my life! I don't get how this is even a question. I'm sure my kids will totally understand why they should be saddled with the taxes to pay for games they weren't even alive for. Honestly, guys.
- "Since we hosted the games in 1988, I would assume the city would have data related to the continual use of venues such as the Olympic oval, COP, or other training facilities.
- All those venues have been used since 1988, so some of those have been a long term impact. Can't we grow off that and increase our reputation as an athlete hub?"
- This is an investment in the community, it's sport and culture. It's not a cost.
- Guys many families still struggling, shame on the city for ignoring that. No more taxes please!!!!
- Heck no! It's bad enough we have Trudeau screwing our children's future this will just add to the devastation of our national debt
- Strong no. Games are never profitable. The costs are very likely to soar beyond expectations. A fraction of the proposed budget could be used for so much good in the province. Infrastructure, services, research, let's put the money where it will have a more lasting impact.
- They are NOT worth the costs
- No. There are so many current and many urgent needs vying for financial support. I can't even Comphrend why Council would entertain such a frivolous idea.

- No, not worth it.
- Absolutely not. To spend \$3 billion on GAMES is gross negligence. This city has so many more critical needs that we should be spending this money on. To put the WANTS of players and athletes over the needs of everyone else is ridiculous. To spend money on an area instead of upgrading the facilities for our homeless population, or making our roads safer. We have adequate sports facilities for those who wish to use them, but they are not a critical need facility. If people are that invested in sports they should privately invest in upgrading sports facilities. The city of Calgary needs to invest in it's people as a whole, and to prioritize public funds appropriately.
- No, I do not see enough signs that a much less expensive 88 games had a lasting affect to warrant a much more expensive hosting again
- Not at all.
- No it does not justify the cost, evident by recent city hosts and by the way the city has not been honest with us about the cost of the Games
- Not worth a penny
- Definitely not, just throwing money away on a frivolous event instead of where it's needed.
- No. I think it is an invitation to increase the corruption that is already becoming a problem at city hall.
- "Other orders of government MUST give their full financial support in order for Calgary to go forward with 2026.
- Ticket prices need to be correct in order to get the maximum amount of people out, coupled with cost recovery (South Korea was a great example of ticket prices keeping spectators, especially locals, from the events).
- The IOC has bent over backwards to get Calgary to bid, I don't know if we would be able to get a better deal out of them than what they've already offered (though potentially could reduce some of their demands [dedicated road ways, for example]).
- I believe with our time zone, we would get maximum benefit out from media sponsorships"
- Every level of government is struggling to balance its budget (or is running a spectacular deficit). There is no money. It seems as though each level of government thinks that money from a different level of government is 'free'. But it's not - we all pay for it. Given the economy I honestly don't know why this is even being discussed. If we had our finances in order and there was a ton of cash piling up and we just couldn't spend it all, then sure - host the olympics. But when schools have no money, hospitals have long wait times, roads are full of potholes, and my local park is littered with needles, it is clear that there are other priorities that are underfunded. Therefore, it is preposterous to discuss throwing billions at an event like this.
- The long-term impacts are not that consequential. The fieldhouse is a result. But a mid-size two-sheet arena is not. We have not retained ski-jumping from the last Olympics, cross-country ski-ing has all but disappeared from "COP", and financial mismanagement of "COP" led to a downgrading or increase in costs for attending these previous legacy facilities. It's fine if you're into snowboarding, want to take an expensive aerial runway, or go to hockey school but it's become more of a theme park with less real opportunity for the total variety in winter sports, e.g. loss, rather than expansion of cross-country, loss of biathlon, loss of ski-jumping. With no new major arena, no rail to the airport - unless these get added in afterwards and the costs soar - then the only real win may be the fieldhouse and affordable housing.
- No - it will be over budget and insanely expensive with little value and return
- Yes - any investment in infrastructure comes at a cost, and at least a portion would involve government funding. There's no free lunch.
- City council will spend our tax dollars on useless things like controversial art and mundane ideas like changing speed limit signs. My taxes will go up anyway so why not spend it on a world class event that will improve our city, grow our economy and increase our tourist dollars!
- No. I do not.
- The costs will be borne by future generations for far longer than they deserve and will not offer any long-term benefit as payoff.
- The cost will be high but the benefits outweigh the costs when it comes to health, sport inclusiveness and accessibility for all.
- No. No new arena or stadium would be a wasted opportunity. Proposed venues not enough for spend.

- Only if new venues such as an arena are built other wise no, there would be no benefit to taking on huge amounts of debt for no reason
- No. I do not believe that this is worth the cost.
- We are already in debt in all levels of government. Why can't these governments understand we don't want any more debt?! STOP it is not YOUR money, it is the taxpayers money!
- NO NO NO. Nothing to gain. Only additional taxes on the horizon.
- Not. The debt will be astronomical and Calgary's economy is not what it once was. The debt is not it will take to host the Olympics is NOT worth it.
- I can't possible repeat .. myself enough..... there is a terrible use of money. Its a stunt. .... rather then discarding it after a recession.... invest in local communities. I don't understand how this is even being discussed.... its nothing short of ridiculous
- Yes. Back to the building and upgrading our city. Calgary wants to do this anyways and if the games gives us an excuse to do so why not
- Look at all the other Olympic cities that have had games lately. Has it got them ahead? No it hasn't.
- Definitely not worth the costs at this time. With all pipelines built and supported fully by all levels of government, there may be a realistic future bid by Calgary.
- Definitely not worth the short and long term costs to Calgary residents. Many Olympics worldwide have proven that the economic impact of hosting a Games is far outweighed by the costs of preparing and putting the Games on. The pride of the city is simply not worth the significant financial burden that an Olympics would bring upon us.
- Not worth it. We would take too long to recoup the costs
- This is a tricky question mainly because I feel that the answer is both yes and no. Yes because if the right things are updated or added it will be beneficial to the city years down the road. On the other hand no because this, as stated above, will cost the city billions of dollars that we just don't have.
- It's not Calgary games it's only Calgary bill.
- No. We did all this once already, and are left with a few reminders scattered throughout the city that the '88 Games had happened. Not to mention COP. There is no long-term impacts, unless you count people's memories of the event. People come and go, and it would just be another page in a history book for young people in the future to yawn over.
- Absolutely not. We are coming out of some very tough economic times and many people are still out of work. Put the money towards other things that we need in the city. Roads, affordable housing, grants for small businesses, the list could go on and on.
- I don't trust this mayor and council to make shrewd spending choices
- See previous
- No. I understand it would be an incredibly fun time. The costs are significantly more than what is reasonable for a good time. The facility plan seems poorly thought out. The funding plan seems optimistic and leaves Calgarians on the hook for too much of the costs.
- Absolutely would worth the cost.
- No.
- Predicted costs for the games are excessive to be considered a safe choice for not leaving us further in debt.
- The initial cost is very large, but the reciprocal benefit is worth it.
- City currently has multiply very high cost efforts in progress. The burden of another very high cost program that will certainly go over the estimated cost and fall back on the tax payer is not tolerable.
- NO. NO. NO. Even 5 minutes of research will show that hosting the olympics is a BAD INVESTMENT.
- Costs will be levied on locals by taxing. Increase in prices overall. Locals won't be able to attend the Olympics due to high prices. Business will open up for a year and die soon after. Most of the city will be reeling in debt and overspending. Tax. Food. Housing. Travel everything will become expensive. With no way of bringing it back down again.
- No. There is zero gain from hosting these events, they just cost money to build arenas that don't get used
- No I don't see them as being worth the costs. The Olympics have become an expensive show where each city tries to outdo the others gone before. I don't want to pay for this. I'm sure the cost has been minimized to get the public on

board. These things always seem to go way over budget. Many people are just making it pay check to pay check. Don't take more of their money for this project. Calgary already had her turn in 1988

- No. If we spend the dollars used to host the olympics on our own infrastructure the taxpayers will be further ahead.
- Not worth the cost over the long run
- "No, because hosting the Olympics will reduce funding available for other economic and development programs, and shift the focus away from sectors and industries needed to grow the economy. Many of the benefits of hosting the games are to the service sector, which is not where economic growth primarily resides. Increased jobs in security, Transit, snow clearing, ticket takers, Etc. Are low skill, low-wage jobs that do not grow the city's economy the same way that skilled, high paying professional jobs do.
- Additionally, the long term debt increase at all levels of government will hurt our economic position, and reduce our ability to handle periods of low growth, recessions, etc. Adding billions of debt is not worth it! The current governments seem happy with taxing and spending, but I would rather see consyained spending and lower taxes."
- No. Too much expence is burdened on the tax payer
- Great.... more money the tax payers need to cough up... and for what? Big buisness... and professional athletes? No thanks. Not worth the cost. Even all of these continual polls cost a ridiculous amount.
- No. we have better places to put our money
- No worth it. Olympics are becoming more expensive and always come over budget. It jut took Montreal 30 years to pay off the Olympics. This will hinder future required projects.
- Not at all worth the cost, because we get nothing out of it.
- Yes. Calgary has to be willing to invest in itself and its activities to move forward.
- The costs could be significantly more than what we are being told.
- No - having lived through the Montreal Olympics debacle, and seen the overruns at the Vancouver 2010 Games, I think the Calgary bid should not occur. It does not not financial sense as there are so many unknowns in the equation.
- The costs proposed for this could be used to better serve this city in areas such as new snow plowing equipment, paying off debt, lowering or keeping taxes flat, critical road & train infrastructure etc.
- The games do not exist in a vacuum. There are too many other economic factors affecting Calgarians to consider games costs as a standalone. I don't see the impacts as being worth the costs, based on the information that has been made available to us so far.
- No I see it as a short-term construction boost in infrastructure but the long term operating costs and loan payments will catch up with the city, combine this with deteriorating oil industry and it could really get ugly.
- Absolutely not. This is costing an extreme amount of money coming out of taxpayers pockets. Not worth spending this amount for a short term event. I would rather Calgary save their money and help improve city problems.
- No. Because there are very few long term benefits and far more long term expenses
- No. It would be a great party and atmosphere for a couple of weeks and then we would be left with a massive bill and a lot of facilities that still don't address the needs of our city.
- No. Debt is not worth it. Must be causing debt or the council would be telling us everything. No closed doors.
- The City is in debt already. Adding more debt is not a good idea.
- Worth it!
- "Not worth it. Costs will overrun, people will be displaced, supposed low income housing will sit vacant or not be so low income.
- So many cities have been through this and none have realized significant benefits. Not even increased recognition outside of the weeks of the event. What makes us think Calgary can reverse that trend."
- Didnt the last games just come off the city book recently, that is disturbing thought 30 years to pay for last games how long will we have to pay for this one
- Absolutely not. I've been here since before 1988. The benefits for those games were short-lived. The massive expense precludes any benefits the games could bring (which are few anyway).
- Depends on what's done
- One 10 day event will not radically change Calgary's future. Do not spend on an event which is has been shown to cause massive debt.
- I think the costs are being undersold.

- worth the costs
- Yes. It isn't just about the money. You can't buy "remember when we hosted the Olympics?"
- Only if there is a new Stadium + Arena
- No, the long term impacts of the games are not worth the cost. Lagging infrastructure, outdated facilities, and taxpayer burden do not warrant a Calgary bid. Put taxpayer money to better use than an Olympic bid.
- Not without an NHL arena
- Don't like debt but it has to be done.
- Not worth the costs. We cannot continue the Tax burdens on our citizens. We are Maxed Out!
- Need drive the city way from from being solly depend oil and gas
- Only if the bid is done properly and again with a new arena. Smart way to work through the challenges with getting a new facility for the Flames
- Information to date has not said of what percentage will come from provincial or federal funding, either way it means that taxpayers will be funding the Games no matter what they provide. The games are not worth the cost to both current and future residents of Calgary.
- Only worth it if we're left with legacy facilities that will improve our ability to host events for the next `20 years, but I don't believe we need the bump in tourism that the Games will purportedly bring - sites like Banff and Lake Louise are at max. capacity already.
- The trick is to keep costs under control. Do the bare minimum as far as venues and ceremonies programs and make these games about the volunteers and athletes.
- No. we are told now that we don't always have funds for city services. This will only be worse after.
- No. Games come and go and are forgotten a week after they end, leaving a huge bill behind.
- "It will not worth the cost.
- 1. Calgary is overloaded with people. We don't want another exposure like we did in 1988.
- 2. Infrastructures / facilities can become outdated pretty quick. I don't see Calgary needs to be doing this every 40 years. That is not very environmental.
- 3. Calgary will be stuck with a large bill to pay off. The city council is not forthcoming with its numbers, no reason to trust the rosy picture it is painting."
- Calgary doesn't need the Olympic Games. No one remembers a city because it has held an Olympic Games whereas people all over the world know that Calgary has a Stampede. Build on that! Over the past months, I have had verification of Calgary's being recognized for its Stampede from places ranging from Melbourne, Australia; Seoul, South Korea; Austria and London. Even Americans know where Calgary is because of the Stampede
- No! The costs are floating, they will change there will be an over run. Creative accounting is going to be in place. Oh well we needed to extend the LRT we need to build housing so these costs don't count. If you build anything before we have the money in place and we are doing it because of the olympics then those costs need to be counted in. They are costs as we would not have built whatever it was if we weren't having the games.
- Absolutely not. In particular the Winter Olympics feature many events that few participate in on a global scale, as well as events that require substantial infrastructure for the use they see. Summer Olympics are much more forgiving in these regards. ie. a stadium that can host track & field events, but then be used for Football/Soccer/etc. going forward, vs. Ski Jumps & Bobsled Tracks that sit vacant.
- Not worth the cost, it is getting harder just to make ends meet and this won't help out the regular person of Calgary.
- I think so. I'd like to be able to confidently say that I'd like to call Calgary home for the next 10 years...but I don't know if Calgary has enough to maintain a creative class here. I think that if you invest correctly, this would be a city where people WANT to stay in - you focus less on auto dependency, sprawl, public transportation (more than 2 train lines). If you can attract talent to stay here, you can perhaps create a shift in economy that moves away from having a turbulent resource based one. I think that the Olympics are a good starting point where the city can start moving in the right direction....if they are done correctly. There are a lot of people opposing this, don't give them a reason 20 years in the future to say "we were right"
- No, we can't afford the services we have now as a city why would we want to pay more for years to pay off the debt we will be incurring for the Olympics?
- Absolutely not worth the costs.

- It would appear that the long term impacts of the games would not be in the interests of the city or our citizens because higher taxation from all levels of government to pay for the bragging rights will far outweigh any real continuing benefits.
- I DEFINITELY SUPPORT THE COSTS OF BUILDING AND UPGRADING NEW FACILITIES FOR THE GAMES. I THINK THE PUBLICITY, OPPORTUNITIES GIVEN TO OUR CITIZENS AND HOSTING A WORLD CLASS EVENT WILL ALWAYS BE A LONG TERM FINANCIAL GAIN. IF WE HAD NOT FORGED AHEAD WITH THE PROPOSALS FOR THE 88 GAMES, WE WOULD HAVE NOT GOTTEN AN NHL TEAM OR HOSTED THE BRIER OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN PRIVY TO ENJOY AND BE INVOLVED IN. AS LONG AS CITY HALL IS UP FRONT AND LETS THE CALGARY OLYMPIC COMMITTEE RUN AND MAKE THE MAJOR DECISIONS INVOLVING THE GAMES, BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE BUDGET AND EXPLORE UNIQUE WAYS TO INVOLVE THE CITIZENS TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE COSTS, I BELIEVE WE CAN HOST THE BEST GAMES SINCE 88 AND SHOW THE WORLD WE ARE AN ADVANCED CITY WITH ALOT OF FUTURE OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE.
- This is the single most important point, and the answer is no. Considering that the debt we are likely to be burdened with will be enormous enough that paying it off is a long-term project, it is safe to say that the Olympic bid is not worth the effort.
- Definitely not worth the cost. Taxes are all ready too high in this city!
- "Per my previous answer, the costs outweigh any economic gain. The bad debt the IOC leaves its hosts cities with while they wine & dine for two weeks leaves us poor for decades. These costs are too high and will haunt generations to come. Let the IOC put up its own cash to make the games happen, let them have the responsibility for their own profitability and save the host city any potential bad debt.
- If the IOC and and city council/provincial governments can't guarantee a positive return on investment, then the IOC should be responsible for any shortfall on earnings versus expenses should a bid be successful. However I think the costs are already to high and the look into bidding has already costs millions that could have been better spent."
- No.
- "No. I see no benefit to the City of Calgary or the majority of all Calgarians in hosting the Winter Games that would justify the cost to the taxpayer.
- We could take all that money and do so much more that would uplift all Calgarians. Who would stand to win if we bid: elite athletes, the politicians and their friends they will hand out lucrative contracts to."
- No. It is not worth the costs. I expect there will be cost overruns.
- No.
- Absolutely not - we cannot afford the Games.
- Abdolutly not
- There is no chance in hell these games are worth the money spent.
- Not at all, if they were worth the costs our councilors would be able to share with us the risks, but all this red tape in the 'most transparent games ever' is the biggest red flag that even the council knows the costs are way higher than what is anticipated. Every Olympics in recent times has gone over budget, and at our time these costs will ruin our city, and take away funds from the critical things we actually need.
- No, I do not. The venues will out-date (as the ones from 1988 already have), and we'll be paying the costs for generations. I don't think any increased tourism - if there is any at all - will make much of a dent in the costs.
- It's going to cost way more than the projected 5.2 billion. You'd have to be either an idiot or in the pocket of the IOC to believe otherwise.
- Absolutely not. Only the well connected will profit from the games while the poor, seniors and unemployed will receive ZERO benefit
- the cost is too high.
- It would not be beneficial on a long term scale as you look to other places that have hosted Vancouver who had the Olympic village left in terrible shape when the money runs out.
- "No!!! The games are not worth the costs. What is the total expected cost to tax payers? This number has been kept from the public - which is shameful. Publish real numbers for all to see. Calgary is already overextended in major projects - we have been warned to expect tax increases from these projects. Provincial debt is over \$40 billion with close to \$2 billion in debt service payments. Federal debt is massive. Debt levels for Municipal, Provincial and Federal,

continue to grow, with no declared repayment plans. The games will only add to this. Taxpayers can not afford this nonsense - if we ran our family budgets like this, we would very soon be homeless.

- Please show some compassion and persuade Calgary City Council that we should withdraw our interest in hosting these games. Please!
- Please show some respect and caring towards the taxpayers. Thank you."
- No, the Olympics will cost too much, and as a 30 year old I do not want to be paying it off for the rest of my life far after council has gone.
- We don't have any money now anyway so does it matter what we say!!! We already pay ridiculous amounts of taxes for the "amazing" art in the city already so why not build another thing like nenshi's blue asshole in the NE of the city!!
- "No, they are not worth the cost. There are enough Global examples of failed Olympic sites that never justified the expenditure.
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- The Olympic selection committee is highly corrupt and the process is not transparent. Stinks of an excuse for dirty politicians to get greased.
- I hate the idea of an Olympic games with the fire of 1000 suns. The press release by Evan last year on the subject (I want to keep emotions out of this, but hey let me tell you this really emotional story) was garbage and made me feel like this guy has 'Grease Me' written on his forehead."
- NO. We can upgrade all the facilities with less money than would be spent on a 10 day party for the wealthy. NO OLYMPICS. NOT NOW. NOT EVER>
- NO. The Olympic Games are shameful and absolutely disgusting.
- It's important to invest in the future and this will help. Construction quality would be an issue (think the shoddy Vancouver construction that cost citizens dearly for many generations)
- no
- No.
- No. Because it's starting at \$3 Billion. Is there something on that list that we couldn't buy with \$3 Billion?
- We often forget the maintenance costs associated with infrastructure projects. It all looks good when unveiled and increase the pride factor, but any infrastructure must be maintained on a constant basis to remain effective. Tying ourselves now to such infrastructures commits a portion of future budget to maintaining something that future citizens would not have approved of. Thus we are not only committing ourselves but others that currently have no voice on those expenditure.
- Yes I feel the Games is worth the cost for reasons I have already stated
- IOC has terrible reputation. Finances will be importa t
- No...We are not in an economic position to even think about spending more money. Forget about it!
- No, once the games are gone, calgarians will be fully responsible for maintaining these site. We don't even do a good job now with what we have. These cost would be paid by many generations to come without any benefit for them.
- Definitely not. Any money brought in by the games will be far outweighed by any debt accumulated. The fact that this city is not currently able to maintain enough first responders with the budget it has, yet politicians feel there is enough money to entertain an Olympic Games, is baffling to me. If the average Calgarian actually knew, for example, that on a night shift from 3:30 am to 06:00 am, it is relatively common for only 4 officers to patrol an entire district. It is also completely commonplace to have every ambulance in the city tied up and unable to respond to a call for assistance. The city's transit system and infrastructure are sorely lacking. There are essential services in this city that are grossly underfunded as it is, and the fact that there are politicians wanting to spend money that the city doesn't have in order to host a 2 week event costing billions of dollars, is absolutely frightening. I think those members of city council who are entertaining this idea should consider doing a ride-along with a member of either the Calgary Police Service or a Paramedic unit in the city and talk to those first responders about the challenges their organizations currently face in order to function on a street level to provide essential emergency services to Calgarians. I suspect that would change a few minds.
- If Calgary went ahead with Olympic bid I would strongly suspect someone is messing with ballot boxes. Anyone who saw the hidden behind closed door breakdown of costs would say no. No thank you. Not in my backyard. We can't pay for our current infrastructure...in my household its necessity before luxury. Bringing the Olympics here doesn't

improve my job, it doesn't give me job security...in fact it will likely result in shutdown during the event because it will be just another, longer version of Stampede. Wait that means I'm not working and can't afford to attend events.

- As costs rise, and no profit for all parties. Why should Calgary take this risk?
- The costs are excessive to begin with and have almost certainly been under-stated. According to an expert sports economist (Moshe Lander at Concordia) the cost will approach \$8 billion, not the \$5.2 billion estimated. These monies will have to be borrowed and paid for later through either tax increases, program spending cuts, or both.
- us, our children and grandchildren will carry the burden for years
- This is a blatant waste of tax payer's money
- Yes. There is always a benefit to growing our worldwide profile
- no worth the cost of going further into debt. start building the pipeline and then we can talk
- Of course. World class city for the world to see, tourism, legacy facilities, much needed field house.
- Not worth that costs, small portion of population would benefit for a short time.
- Long term we will have a greater debt that will draw funds from future projects. Not worth the cost for a 2 week party.
- No, the games will cost more than proposed as they have cost more than thought for every host city over the last couple decades and the venues and items that really need to be built to make a long lasting impact on the city are not being looked at so there for they are not worth the cost.
- Yes!
- No. Because the economic future is so bleak and current recession precludes optimistic projections
- The City is already threatening to raise taxes or reduce services. Hosting the games will certainly increase the cost of living in Calgary for years to come. The City budgets are already stretched to the limits. We can not afford these games.
- Yes. The positive long term impacts of a well managed games include infrastructure a more vibrant cultural scene and more civic pride
- Too expensive.
- While the total costs have been revealed (5.2b \$), it has not been shown how the 3B public portion would be recouped. Many in the 'no' side are worried about their property taxes. What is a plausible increase in taxes as a result of hosting? Without knowing, it is difficult to assess if it's worth it.
- See comment above. Hinder.
- They definitely are not worth the costs. These games are a wealth transfer from the taxpayers to the politicians and Olympic officials. Pure corruption.
- Absolutely not worth it.
- I don't think that the long-term impacts of the Games will be worth the costs. Our economy presently is fragile and the costs incurred could have long-term negative effects
- The long-term impacts of the Games are NOT worth the costs. Every Calgarian, Albertan and Canadian alive at this moment are going to be footing the bill for a generation. Set an example of fiscal responsibility, environmental respect and taking care of Calgarians and our own backyard....and withdraw the 2026 bid.
- No. I do not think it is worth the costs. My reasons have already been covered in my answer to question 5.
- No. No. No. the costs will flow down to individuals while city council keeps getting raises! There are better ways to spend the money for the city
- I do think it would be worth it to host the Olympics. We gave now-bankrupt oil companies all kinds of tax breaks and then have to watch the orphaned well association monitor the liabilities from said companies, so it's obvious that we waste a lot of opportunities to build a better future for ourselves in favour of short term benefits. I think the Olympics could be a cultural investment, if it is done in such a way that puts Calgarians first. It would be ideal if we had a stadium that was built in this century, because it benefits both sports and live entertainment fans. I'm in favour of most of the public infrastructure upgrades over the years that have contributed to the unique personality of Calgary (NMC, peace bridge, city pathways, etc) because they are a permanent gift to the citizens, and make us a world-class destination for tourists.
- I don't find the long term impacts make sense in the long run. From City Council deceptively hiding costs of the Olympics from the general public, to what I believe will be the lack of key structures in the initial bid proposition, the Olympic bid seems to me like a fools errand. An expensive two week party where, yes, we will have some updated

infrastructure, new housing, and other benefits, however, there is a lot of negative to that as well. Calgary is in the midst of construction hell with road maintenance going on this year already. When you are trying to update infrastructure, and build new infrastructure, you are going to create a construction glut over the next 8 years. Projects like these without an Olympic deadline would take place over a much longer period of time, but due to time crunch, they will all need to get done sooner. This will also cause a problem with quality of workmanship. As someone who works in the trades, I have seen what happens when you throw tight deadlines and a "go go go" attitude into large projects. Things get missed, things get done shoddily, and we are left with infrastructure that needs to be repaired almost as soon as it is built. Economically I would be thrilled to hold the Olympics if oil was still at \$120 a barrel, but that's not the case. I think that the economic forecasts are unreasonably optimistic when you start to look at the previous Olympic cities for both the summer and winter Olympics. All over budget, with tax payers footing the bill for years after. The Olympic have the ability to enhance city pride on levels unheard of, but it has the same ability to make Calgary a world laughing stock, and anger it's citizens also on a level unheard of. With all the information (and lack there of) presented, I will be voting a very firm NO to the Olympics, and I will be urging my friends and family to do likewise.

- See above answer.
- Absolutely not
- Definitely not! We are unable to predict the value of our own homes in 2026, how can we put a value on something of such magnitude 8 years from now? Hence the incredible over runs from large international events.
- Every major event has a huge cost but we have to think about the upgraded infrastructure as well
- The games are not worth the costs. We have other priorities in capital spending with Green Line etc.
- We didn't know if the long term impact will be a result of a deficit or a surplus.
- As long as the games are successful I think the costs are justified. We just have to be smart on what needs to be built/upgraded
- Absolutely not. Huge waste of money. Try working on local social programs if you're so concerned about "culture".
- What long term impact besides a staggering debt?
- Yes. We will have the benefit of having the games in our wonderful city.
- No. The costs are too high for what we are getting. In addition, i think the committee has vastly underestimated the cost of security when they are suggesting holding events in Edmonton, Whistler and Canmore. This will spread the security really thin.
- "Absolutely not
- Alberta is 1 trillion dollars in debt!
- We just bought ourself a pipeline for nealy \$5 billions!!
- You guys understand tax money come from citizens right?"
- Yes.
- I believe that the residents would end up being on the hook for much too high costs after the games were over. Why is there NO mention of how much BC will be paying towards games???
- Not worth it....if we have the money it should go to getting proper transit that is underground and maybe snow tires for buses and an actual snow removal budget
- No if someone actually showed estimate ROI however there are few people here who are only looking out for own wallets zero for the actual residents of this city.
- Business is the only winner, yet they will bear a much smaller portion of the cost
- No definitely not worth the costs in the long run. We can better Calgary's economy by putting the money into investments and diversification. I don't believe such a giant cost will give us the return we expect
- Not worth costs, there are too many other services that Calgary needs to upgrade NOW
- Absolutely not. We, as a city and province and country simply don't have the money to support hosting the games.
- no way, massive cost, sort benefit, focus on making the city great from the bottom up, not some mega event
- If done right then yes butthe proposal shown does not give me any confidence in these Games.
- Definitely not worth the cost. The world is currently so mobile and change is so quick that there is no such thing as long-term impact. Do you even remember that last Winter Games or anything about the city that hosted them? I don't, and I watch the Games and pay attention. We will be forgotten within weeks and the impact will be as short

lived. We did it right in 1988 but these are different times and the expectations have exceeded what can be delivered in a reasonable manner. I would rather have the memory of the great Games that we had than the depression that this economic disaster would bring. Let us focus on reality and get our economic affairs in order. We can do better for the citizens of our City.

- No - the costs are too high and public money is better spent elsewhere
- No. The costs are so inflated due to the nature of the event that there is no hope to ever recuperating them through long term revenues other than taxation. The city needs infrastructure, but it would be better to build it suited to the city and to the city's timeline instead to try to please the Olympic committee.
- Long term debt for our great grand children
- October 12 Data Pull (online)
- there are always hidden and unforeseen costs that could easily add up to hundreds of millions, even BILLIONS of dollars. The current 3 levels of government are all completely and absolutely incompetent when it comes to handling finances, especially our Royal Purpleness Spendshi. It is not a good idea at all to host the olympics because we are already strained. Taxes will increase more than they ever have in a shorter period of time. You want to do something great for the city? Lower taxes and say NO to olympics
- No, as the games will not reverse the economy.
- Simply a complete waste of money and resources
- Only if we recoup the costs.
- Yes
- I believe the long term impacts of the Games to just barely be worth the \*current predicted costs\*. I'm highly doubtful that the predicted costs will be equal to or greater than what the 2026 Games actually end up costing. Government always has a way of doing things, they give a modest price estimate at first to get the voters' approval and then ask for more money when they inevitably blow past the budget.
- No No No. I will be a senior. I'm currently on disability and even the thought of cost overruns with increased taxes is making me ill.
- There is a lot that has not been budgeted for and it will cost significantly more than estimated.
- I am concerned about the costs and the impact on my taxes. Especially since despite the monies spent, there will be no new arena, thus kicking that expense down the road for the tax payers. I appreciate the benefits of the new facilities, but I need to have some idea how much this will cost me personally.
- I don't feel it's worth the costs. I don't think the average Calgarian or Albertan will greatly benefit, in the long term, from hosting.
- No. This city is hurting, and spending all this money on a two week party will not help.
- No, I seriously doubt there will be ANY long lasting economical boosts. Quit wasting our tax payer dollars.
- The costs are way more than the "study" suggests. I do not believe the study was done in a unbiased way, I think a lot of people already have decided they want the Olympics and these engagements are attempts to look transparent, when the decision has already been made. As an average Calgarian, this just looks like a waste of money, to me it says "you are paying for a party you cannot even afford to attend."
- If the games can not support themselves without public tax dollars, they should not be happening. Big business happening off the backs of the people . Not interested.
- Definitely not! The long term impacts of these games will hinder Calgary moving forward, just look at Montreal. They FINALLY paid off the 1976 games, some 40-50 years after they hosted. These games will kill any chance of Calgary and Calgarians have of improving the city and the lives of the citizens. We are taxed way too much as it is, we don't need to be taxed heavier to pay for Nenshi's ego.
- No no no. This city has a record of not managing costs.
- Fix the Westbrook LRT station please
- NO!! Previous Olympics have lost money and continue to cost taxpayers.
- Not. We don't need to suppress our economy any worse than it is.
- NO, we have been hurt by the recession so let's focus on getting our city back on it's feet before we engage in a risk such as the Olympic.

- No. No major event centre will leave Calgary as a small time player. It is not 1988 - which was great - no one is going to accept square dancers at the opening ceremonies this time. We have no idea of the actual costs. And then there is the cost of security on top of it all.
- Absolutely not, the long term legacy that will be left is the cost to tear down the white elephants, Saddledome isn't good enough now and the tax payers will be asked to tear it down, look at the ski jumps. We should build needed infrastructure. The only factual legacy will be some extravagant play pens for spoiled athletes and a massive debt for the rest of us.
- Not worth it if we incur debt, it will be with us for a long time, and we are not getting improved roads or transit
- ABSOLUTELY NOT WORTH THE COST. STOP THIS MADNESS OF COMMITTING CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY
- Absolutely not. There is no possible way that the expense can be controlled properly, no way to recover for us financially.
- No, feed the people. Help business Essex that are being forced to close. Councillors get out in the real world. Walk the streets and see what is happening-get out of your cars and walk!!
- As mentioned in C5 - the only long term impact would be greater debt to pay off - all over a 2 week feel good party.
- Long term this will be a major help to the city. By up grading it's old infrastructure aka sports facilities
- No. No more debt
- Do not have cost certainty, another question that is misleading.
- No. The massive cost of the games can only be absorbed and viewed as 'worth the costs", if that city and in our case - Province, is flush with economic wealth. This is NOT the position that Calgary and Alberta are presently in.
- No, most city's don't gain any tangible benefits for their citizens.
- Not at all, for the above stated reasons.
- "Just asking this question shows the slant of the survey.
- It is very biased in the PRO vein. We are going to spend all of this money to upgrade 2 facilities that should be replaced (McMann Stadium and Saddledome). Really how much sense does this make??
- Then I see council hiding costs like the relocation of the Bus Barns and having our mayor berate the person that made this information public. This should have been known all along,
- This is all been sold as a feel good thing for the city. When we held the Olympics in 1988 it was a different time. We did not have security issues and we got all of the Television revenue."
- Ridiculous expenses that won't be completely covered and the ioc is set to make millions while the host suffers. Private hosts private \$ should be spent
- There will be no long term positive impacts, only negative financial impacts. The olympics are way more expensive than they used to be and they are just a burden now.
- No. The economy sucks and we don't need to spend money on this. Spend money on what is needed. Road repair, sidewalk repair, plowing streets just to name a few. No money for that but millions to look at maybe putting in a bid. Good to see politicians still have there heads up there ass
- No. It will leave the taxpayers on the hook for billions of dollars which we do not have and have no line of sight to with our current incompetent or secretive governments.
- "No. The 88 games gave no long term benefits to most Calgarians. We built COP, which is now outdated for competition. Today's ski jumpers would clear the highway.
- The cost is too high for what we get in return."
- NO. In this scenario time is fixed and scope is fixed. The only thing that can flex is budget. Calgary is concurrently running massive undertakings such as the green line and providing services to 11 new developments. It seems obvious that the costs will balloon and Calgarians will suffer. What will we be left with? Cool skating rinks and ski jumps? The benefit of this is only to a tiny subset of people (those who can afford to use the facilities).
- Not during this economic time.
- Nope! We have current needs in the city just to make day-to-day living easier
- Probably hinder. I'm on the fence regarding the ROI for the city as a whole vs the long-term effects of diverting funds away from regular City Council priorities.
- No
- No, let's do it at a time when we're in a better place

- No, there are no long term gains in my opinion. It's short sighted
- Not worth the billions especially when we don't have the millions to provide the services we need now. Nothing but a party for the elite with our mayor getting his ego stroked being the center of attention. This Olympic bid is BULLOCKS!
- Not worth the costs if we are paying for these games for years before and after - while some infrastructure will be able to be done quicker than without the games, not sure if that is worth it -
- Not worth it.
- Absolutely not, this city has proved time and time again that they are not careful with our money. We have a massive under budgeted snow removal program alongside half-attempted 'upgrades' to the city all while paying someone hundreds of thousands of dollars to put up 'art' downtown which ultimately had to be removed due to plagiarism. Let's do better with our tax paying dollars please.
- No - our federal government runs deficits, or provincial government runs deficits, and our municipal government raises property taxes every year while saying "tax hikes or service cuts". We can't afford this, or even the consultation that we are being ripped off paying for.
- Too hard to say. See above.
- Definitely NOT
- I think that hosting these Games will decimate Calgary in both the short- and long- term. We will go into debt and get nothing for it. And I really don't want to see our city associated with all of this corruption - the IOC, regardless of the new image they are trying to trick the world into believing, and the athletes involved in doping. They can do this on their own money.
- Yes. See above. Increased and improved facilities will be used.
- "So not worth it!"
- We don't have the money for these ""fun"" games!
- Let's take care of our poor first."
- Only if there is a new NHL sized arena
- It is critical the City stay inside its funding envelope and is absolutely ruthless in doing so. If it can do so, spending \$500 million for several Billion \$ in new projects is a good deal. The Fed's are covering about half, the funds are a part of their annual budget, if these funds are not spent in Calgary they will be spent elsewhere - like Quebec.
- I do not think tax dollars should be taken from basic infrastructure maintenance, use the money set aside for public art. Can we get a refund on the Blue Ring?
- Worth the costs - Civic funding is a drop in the bucket over 30 years of legacy following these games (don't be penny wise pound foolish), we have the support and funding of the province and the federal government - many of these projects need to be done, let's take the help.
- "To be blunt, the vision for the Games as currently being advanced by BidCo and YYCCC, is quite uninspiring. Without significant change, a much bolder vision, like described below, all the members of our family are likely to vote no on Nov 13.
- We are extraordinarily disappointed in the collective behaviour of YYCCC on this matter and the most disappointed in the behaviour of the mayor. As we understand it a citizen's group called the Calgary Bid Exploration Committee delivered a report to YYCCC in June of 2017 and from what we understand of that large detailed report and the current proposal by Calgary 2026/BidCo, little of significance and positive impact has changed in over the year since. We are left to wonder what YYCCC and Administration, which we understand have managed the project for most of the intervening time until BidCo was formed and its CEO appointed only a short while ago, productively accomplished on this issue (perhaps a transparent public, not run or controlled by YYCCC or administration, post-vote review of work products produced and costs incurred during that period is in order!). In our view that time could have been constructively used to test concepts and alternatives with Calgarians and obtained genuine and valuable citizen feedback. Instead that time appears to have been mostly wasted with boondoggles to Korea and wheels spun discussing the prospect of a Games with the IOC instead of with Calgarians.
- As we noted in our response to Q5, we support a bolder vision for a YYC Games which leverages the offered contribution (\$500 million) of Calgary Sports and Entertainment corporation toward a Calgary Next-type of project, the relocation of the Victoria Park Bus Barns site for athlete/games personnel accommodation and post-Games higher end condo-type dwelling maximizing the value (long-term property taxes of that and adjacent sites) of a prime site

along the Elbow river and full development and build out/expansion of the BMO Centre at Stampede park to accommodate Games related logistics and media for the Games and make YYC North American competitive for conventions, trade shows, etc. Failure to develop a plan to work with the private sector and leverage such \$\$\$ seems to rest with YYCCC.

- Again, simply updating existing facilities may have economic impacts related to the updates but the likelihood of generating INCREMENTAL lasting impacts is little to nil. A bolder vision, albeit at a high cost (but better leveraged with higher private sector \$\$\$), holds significantly greater promise of long term incremental economic benefits to YYC.
- We all want to vote yes but presented with the current uninspiring vision for the Games, without significant changes along the lines we describe above, we are likely to vote no. Why? Because the current vision/plan for the Games is unlikely to generate real long-term incremental impact to YYC. It's quite a shame and very sad to us that this opportunity appears to have been wasted."
- No
- No! we must be fiscally responsible and spend our money in a way which will benefit the largest percentage of our population
- Yes, it will expose Calgary to the world and attract business.
- NO, BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE A SOLID HANDLE ON THE OVERALL COST IN TIME TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT HOSTING THE GAMES. I THINK OUR MONEY IS BETTER SPENT ON PRIORITIES THAT WE DETERMINE. I THINK CALGARIANS SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSULTED BEFORE THE CITY BLOWS MULTI MILLIONS OF OUR TAX DOLLARS POSTURING AND PREPARING THE UPCOMING BID.
- Resounding no. Will cost too much and wont pay itself back.
- This has no added value to Calgary's economic future
- With so many people suffering from poverty and illness/in this city, with so many flaws and such desperate need for improvement to every aspect of our city, how on earth can anyone think that such an extravagant, expensive cost for games be a better option than focusing on improving the quality of life of those struggling to afford food/dental care/education/mental care/ senior citizen care/ disability assistance and more? Do you have no empathy or sympathy for your suffering citizens? How does spending any money at all on games fix whats wrong in this city when there is absolutely no viable way for us to reclaim those tax payers hard earned dollars? It does not take a genius to see that we will never see a profit on the wasted expense that is the Olympics. How can you spend all that money on games when it could be going towards fixing so many problems. How is it logical or caring to put all that money towards games when our city pays the most for dental care and parking in the province? Over the next 30 even years how is spending billions of dollars on games for one year not harmful to our environment, our people, our children our struggling adults? I can't believe so many good hearted citizens are trying to convince other educated adults(council members) that spending billions on games is not a productive or responsible choice.
- No, we have already hosted the games, so why again.
- Not worth it - not enough value for the cost.
- How do the costs of these games really help the taxpayers? No, I do not see the games being worth the cost. Calgary has more critical issues to deal with by council other than burdening the taxpayer for their own "legacy"!
- No, if Calgary all of the sudden has that much extra money to spend it should be spread out in essential services and infrastructure upgrades that would benefit the population as a whole for longer than the duration of the Games. Focusing on sporting venues only for the Games is short sighted and long term doesn't benefit the majority of Calgary itself.
- Absolutely not worth the cost. They never have been and never will be.
- No. The new infrastructure that has been proposed would be a dinosaur and not utilized well in to the future. No. No.
- Resources could be better used for more positive long-term impacts.
- NO FULL Stop
- Definitely not worth the investment. The city has too many other areas it needs to spend dollar on: transportation, housing, infrastructure, etc.
- No. As mentioned earlier, the lack of respect most people feel for the IOC and the Olympic process would taint any city's involvement in it. The 'prestige' that existed in the past no longer exists, this is a different world now. The only legacy would be the financial burden it would leave and the bitterness of the citizens for many generations. I would

prefer to see our city create a global presence in more valuable ways like through environmental leadership, support and creation of a thriving small and local business market, or leadership in senior support and low income housing. The best legacy would be a council who truly listened to the citizens and provided the services they need at a cost that is realistic.

- No, not worth it. See above answer.
- No. This is not a wise move.
- Not worth the cost for one event.
- No. Historically, Olympic Games always end up costing more, and there are no long term positive impacts.
- This is just one three-week event - most of the venues have no use outside of this time period - those investments will never return
- no.
- The games are not worth the costs especially since the budget is at least 40% understated. When was the last time the city brought a project in on time and on budget?
- No, the long-term impacts of the Games are not worth the costs. Please do not get me wrong. I am okay with the Olympics being held at a central location, just not Calgary. Nothing that the Bid Committee has said has convinced me to accept the Bid. I lived in Calgary at the time of the last Olympics. It was a fun party that has pleasant memories. But not enough to spend the amount of money needed for the next one. Let the IOC fund it somewhere else.
- Not! Too expensive and frivolous!
- NO. We cannot afford it. There is no point in driving this city further into Debt. It does not make sense to host the Olympics for now. We are already wasting too much money even \*thinking\* about it.
- No No a thousand times No
- I think the costs can probably be handled by Calgarians, and the benefits are many for the city. In the provided information it is stated that investing in games-related infrastructure potentially means fewer capital dollars to invest in other priorities. I'd like to see a breakdown of what these other priorities are, so Calgarians can compare those priorities to the benefits of the games-related investments.
- Debt.Debt.Debt
- Absolutely not. There are no measurable long term benefits to Olympic host cities.
- The long term impacts are definitely not worth the costs. We should not be paying for high level athletes to compete. This is very misguided from a societal perspective. There are so many more worthy causes.
- No
- No it will not. At 6 or 7 billion. not a chance!
- No. Costs will outweigh benefits based on previous Games.
- It is NOT worth it. Our debt continues to climb at the Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels it is time that our council listened to the public and stop this excessive spending that includes the bid for the Olympics
- Definitely not worth it. Not all Calgarians are interested in these games and accumulating debt for fun is not what a mature and responsible person will ever do.
- Not worth the financial burden. By the way would Calgarians have to pay for the venues in Canmore? And why? Why is there such a secrecy at the city hall? Corruption and kickbacks.
- If we get the games there will be cost overruns and those costs will be picked up by the already overtaxed taxpayers of Alberta ! If the international Olympic Committee think the games are so wonderful then they should pick up any cost overruns ! These games could put Calgary into bankruptcy
- What are the costs? Nothing but "estimates" that are sure to go over budget once the process begins.
- Yes. Because the team has obviously done a great job focusing on using existing infrastructure. All of the work done will be used after!
- Absolutely!
- No, this is not 1988, costs are exponentially higher to construct venues and housing. This money will not be recouped
- No - real long term costs to taxpayers for generations will outweigh short term benefits
- No it's not worth the cost. It's all about ego right now, not how much taxpayers are going to suffer
- I believe it is worth the costs. Again aligning the games bid with resolving other issues will be a big benefit to the city and the extra venues will help generate more income with the growing sport culture in this city.

- How can long term impacts of crushing debt be worth the cost?
- No benefit for the outrageous costs
- Long term impacts are not worth the costs. Most benefits were realized after 1988 Winter Olympics and were neither as great nor as long term as originally anticipated. I lived in Calgary that time and remember the details very well.
- No not worth it. will be holding massive debt. not fair to tax payers .we already pay to much tax to the point most cant afford housing .food .heat .
- No its just to much money tax payers money use my money another way like lowering taxes instead of hiking them up
- It seems ridiculous for this city government to talk about facilities and Olympics when they were not willing to work with our professional sports teams to equip them with their needs. I do feel the games are with the costs if they ALL take place in Alberta, there is NO reason to have any part in BC.
- No .self explanatory. why doesnt the city look at putting that money to something we need instead of pissing in wind. like health care or affordable housing .
- City officials are need to be more transparent with projected costs
- Long term impact is just a pipe dream for the BID-co. There is too much secrecy in their planing, and forecasting 8 years ahead with bad data points, is almost like trying to forecast what will be the weather in 8 years in Calgary. Considering our huge economic problems, and security problems these games would not be worth the cost to carry.
- It will definitely cost additional taxes that are acceptable if amortized appropriately and progressively, and other necessary investments are still made (ie. Train lines, schools)
- Absolutely not. I'm horrified we're considering it. See above.
- No. The costs are too high with our economy in it's current state.
- No. Focus on what the city needs now, not a party eight years from now
- There are no measurable long term impacts. This is a party for the elite run by a corrupt organization paid for by the already struggling middle class.
- No. I don't want my children paying for Nenshi's "legacy"
- No way. Increase in taxes.
- Yes it will be worth the cost, providing it is managed as well as the 88 olympics were
- No. Put the money back into the city and the people, roads, safety in public, snow removal, homeless population etc etc. If you want a better city, build it, don't gamble with our money.
- No. I do not view the games themselves, nor the associated costs as worth it.
- Not worth the cost....I would like to see roads improved in Calgary first and a LRT built to YYC Airport.
- Without a solid business case and a proper risk/benefits analysis other than words like "Trust Us" by people such as former Olympians and the people paid to work on this bid, the only thing we can go on is the reputation of the IOC and history of previous games. Based on these facts verses the soft comments (no facts or solid data) provided so far by this committee, my instinct is to say run away as fast as we can from hosting the Games.
- Absolutely.
- "Calgary is not the same city as in 1988
- Our economy, culture and priorities have changed as has the environmental and political climate.
- Do not put our city at citizens at risk for perceived benefit of fortune and fame. Let's get our own affairs in order rather than inviting the world"
- Absolutely not..... I have stated in previous answers my rational.
- No. It's not worth increased taxes. Also, when do these events ever stay within budget?!
- Costs? a cool \$7 billion for King Nenshi - buddy how you won any election is a mystery for the Scooby Doo gang to figure out - oh yeah, missing ballots and racism
- no
- I don't believe the cost is worth it. The games aren't what they once were with all the doping and scandal that seems to come along with them.
- No. Simply a waste of tax dollars
- Totally just like in 88

- "I feel that it is worth the costs to invest in the games but only if you are looking at the big picture. The social and long term benefits are there, but if you are looking at and for numbers the picture isn't a pretty one. Too many ifs on the potential benefits makes it hard to say 100% its worthwhile. I feel if people are to understand the positives they need to want to.
- Any potential infrastructural benefits, be it roadworks, transit improvements or affordable housing Should be outlined in its entirety and made clear to the city. For people to gain the necessary buy in they have to truly SEE a long term benefit that is defined and clear."
- No. Records tell us majority winter olympics are a money loser
- Yes. We will use the world class facilities and it will help our athletes get better.
- Long-term, Calgarian's will be left with huge tax increases. Borrowed money isn't free money. All 3 levels of government are running HUGE deficits and debt. Why are politicians immune to this reality? Calgary needs schools, affordable housing for working poor, better snow removal, community centers and parks. Build a better Calgary first!!
- Absolutely not. The plan provides for a mid sized arena and some upgrades to McMahon? That's what 5 billion dollars gets us? I think we could build that infrastructure without an Olympics
- NO , we had Olympics before and it has not had significant long term positive economical impacts right now or even 2026 the timing is bad for Calgary as we are in economic uncertainty as is the whole of Canada...
- Definitely not. There are a lot of benefits to be had from an investment of this nature, but they are all low level cultural and possible low level business. From a direct ROI standpoint, it would be a bad decision.
- Not worth it when you consider that the people who will be paying for it are not even taxpayers yet themselves. Or even born. Totally reckless of us to decide their future in this way.
- If the games provided the city with new and upgraded facilities and infrastructure that would serve us for the next many decades, I would say that it may be worth doing, but the bid lacks several key pieces of infrastructure.
- No
- Absolutely not. The benefits are being sunnysided and the costs understated. The IOC still cannot be trusted (note the reinstatement of Russia after state sanctioned drugging) . Let someone else prove the IOC has changed then go after the games.
- No not worth it
- No
- Not a chance. Cost vs Revenue. Doesn't take a survey to figure this out
- not right now
- Hard no! There is no way a plausible ROI exists here. The city will suffer under the weight of the costs and overruns. We can achieve many of the intended benefits without the games and a much more economically feasible price.
- To me it is of immeasurable future value to host. The longterm gains will outweigh the preparation costs I feel. Especially if we can repeat the success of 88. I fully support.
- No. The Games are utterly overpriced and the vast majority of cities that host them never pay them off. This category is where the Games would be an unmitigated disaster for Calgary.
- Calgary's future will be hindered due to the economic impact off higher taxes.
- There is a cost of doing business and this is it. If we can get Canada and the province to help foot the bill for much needed infrastructure (C-Train link to the airport, better transit, Arena for the flames) why wouldn't we? If the bid prioritizes Calgary, Alberta and Canadian vendors for the work needed, we would be paying ourselves to get thing which we need!
- This is one major sticking point with me. You are never going to convince me that the final costs for the Games will be \$5.2 billion. Especially when I see lines in the budget discussion suggesting that certain costs may increase; there may be higher costs for other items, etc. The bidco doesn't have commitments from either the federal or provincial governments on their level of financial support. And how does the bidco expect Calgarians to accept their cost figures as accurate and final costs? In the 1980s, the estimated cost for the Olympic Saddledome was \$83 million. The final cost was more than \$100 million. As a taxpayer, I refuse to support this event when there are so many other pressing financial matters facing Calgarians. The bidco is saying the Athletes' Village can be built on the site of the Calgary Transit bus barns in Victoria Park. But the City is going to have to cover the costs for site clean-up and remediation

because that's not included in the bidco budget. What else isn't included in the bidco budget, and when are we going to be told about these other items?

- No. Sport has become way too professional
- NO. The Pro-Games Team says we get money from Provincial and Federal Government. That money comes from us too! Let's stop paying more just to give Nenshi and his cronies a "legacy".
- Absolutely not worth the costs. I would likely move from Calgary (where I was born and raised) to avoid the fallout from the costs.
- I strongly believe that the hosting the games is not worth the cost.
- No. As a senior I am looking to reduce my costs in the future not have to pay double or triple for something that we will ultimately not derive any benefit from. Crippling debt for the next generation. You seem to think that we will all have access to these games. Again only those who can afford the tickets will get to attend but we all will ultimately pay.
- The Olympics are not worth the cost and anyone who understands basic economics would have been able to tell you that for much less than you are spending to look in to it.
- The costs to host the games far outweigh any future economic benefits
- At this point, i'm not sure - I think that we should be able to extract a better deal from the IOC - there are not many cities left in the running and I think that we don't need the Olympics, but rather the Olympics need us. They should bear a bigger share of the burden/ share a bigger piece of the pie (broadcasting and sponsorship revenues).
- Not worth it.
- NO! THE DEBT WILL LAST LONGER THEN THE GAMES. I HAVE TO TRY LIVE WITH WHAT MONEY I HAVE AND CALGARY NEEDS TO LEARN THAT TAXPAYERS ARE NOT AN ENDLESS MONEY PIT!
- Absolutely not. Olympic Games have had their day.
- No not at all. We are being taxed to death already. We can't afford to cover the costs. We are nowhere close to the economics of 1988. It seems we always hear from athletes, former athletes...not much from those against hosting the Olympics. I myself love to watch them. I attended a couple of events in 1988 as I could afford it then. I have never been able to afford to travel to another city to watch them- relying on TV. I couldn't afford to attend events in Calgary unless something changes with all the other expenses my family is trying to cope with and the increased taxation that we have seen. It seems ludicrous that after the past few years of our economy that we are even considering this...I don't see many other cities jumping at it! IOC don't care- they just need a city to commit. Hopefully that will be one of the other two and not ours this time!
- Absolutely not, unless the costs to taxpayers is on the ultimate end users. For example, user fees for new/upgrades facilities paid by users, improved transit paid for by riders, if a new Flames stadium, them paid for through increased ticket prices until paid off.
- The olympic games are not worth the long term costs. Period! The simple reason is that there is no guarantee of return. Every city has lost more money than gained. The Common sence thing to do is not host the olympics
- Nope, maintenance and lack of infrastructure to other areas are more important then new facilities that won't make a difference.
- No. I do not see enough long term benefits that we do not see already - we are already quite famous from the '88 Olympics. I would much rather see the money put towards actual long term benefits such as a complete Green Line.
- Nope!!
- No. Layering the provincial and federal contributions on top of their already high and growing deficits is outright stupidity.
- NO!!!!you people have wasted so much time and money on a stupid idea. Drop it before we go any further into debt,
- Nope.
- No! Build community athletic resources, and contribute to programs. That's what makes great athletes NOT some national training space.
- There probably will not be a positive impact from the games. The new facilities built for the games will be nice for the City. As we have not been given all the facts on costs (they are being kept behind closed doors to this point) which is a sad state of affairs for us Cirizens of Calgary.
- no no no

- No. My children will still be paying for them.
- Not worth the costs - period.
- The cost of hosting the games is astronomical for the risk and benefit to the tax paying public....the games are not worth the costs. No tax payer money should be used for these games....EVER!
- The end does not justify the means. The true cost of hosting the games is unknown and will only become known once the games are over and the rest of the world has gone home. Our economy does not justify spending billions of dollars on an event that in the modern world makes no sense. Does anyone remember the names of all the athletes or participants of previous Olympic events? No, most would not. The games are a luxury we can ill afford. We have massive problems with our education system, health care, infrastructure and employment. Politicians are trying to bait the taxpayers into believing these things will be cured if we host the Olympics, they will not. Calgary is already a city in a sad state of repair in large part due to irresponsible municipal government incompetence. In business one does not invest in an entity where true costs cannot be determined, before the investment is made.
- No, I don't think the long term impacts are worth the costs. All the scandals surrounding the IOC, including allowing the Russians to participate again have tarnished the Games. Why should we support and respect an organization that doesn't support and respect the athletes that participate?
- Without more information, this is difficult to know. I appreciate that we are doing a cost analysis.
- No. Absolutely not.
- Definitely not. We have massive debt, both provincially and federally, where do you think they get their money from? WE CANNOT AFFORD IT!!
- Calgarians require a comprehensive Proforma with P & L details, reasonable contingency factor. It is important that there is a low probability of a financial loss as a burden to taxpayers.
- Only if we get world class facilities as a legacy and it doesn't look like we are going to get that with the alpine venue.
- The long term costs are not even known to the committee. Any government project that I have seen in the city has always exceeded the original projected cost and the cost always seems to far outweigh the benefit.
- No. Eventually we will have the cost of maintaining antiquated facilities that mostly people from wealth have used.
- No, the city cannot afford this. Infrastructure and city services will suffer. Property taxes will increase and not be lowered. The city is being groomed/pressured by the IOC. If the vote indicates passing on a slim margin, council should cancel the proposal. The vote should only proceed if there is a big margin of acceptance. The bid also doesn't have the complete picture. There are still many unanswered questions.
- Yes - there is absolutely no doubt. By any measure or metric, the benefits to Calgary and Alberta far exceed the costs.
- NO. Same as above. Question seems redundant.
- No the city is facing a budget shortfall as is and taxes have continued to increase. Both provincial and federal governments are running deficits now is not the time to indulge. If it would truly be good for our economy private businesses should be shouldering the majority of the costs
- No, average citizens will not be able to enjoy the "benefits". They won't be able to afford the tickets. They'll just be saddled with the debt.
- They are not even close to being worth the costs. Spend the money on literally anything else please.
- Nope - not even close. The Olympics have a tarnished reputation because of their inability to penalize and prevent illegal doping and drug of competitors. Let's increase taxes and use service cuts for YYC citizens for an institution which does NOT even promote fair competition
- "Have you people seen the costs of these events in the modern age? Do yourselves a favor and google costs of the olympics. Vancouvers profit was less than 2 million. Nagano's losses are unknown because the chairman of the olympic bid committee had the accounting documents burned! Sydney lost more than 2 billion dollars!
- ""Lyle Lanley:
- You know, a town with money's a little like the mule with the spinning wheel. No one knows how he got it and danged if he knows how to use it.
- Homer:
- Heh-heh, mule.
- Lyle Lanley:

- The name's Lanley, Lyle Lanley. And I come before you good people tonight with an idea. Probably the greatestâ Aw, it's not for you. It's more a Shelbyville idea.
- Mayor Quimby:
- Now, wait just a minute. We're twice as smart as the people of Shelbyville. Just tell us your idea and we'll vote for it.
- Lyle Lanley:
- All right. I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll show you my idea. I give you the Springfield Monorail!
- (everyone gasps)
- I've sold monorails to Brockway, Ogdenville, and North Haverbrook, and, by gum, it put them on the map!
- Well, sir, there's nothin' on Earth like a genuine bona-fide electrified six-car monorail! What'd I say?
- Ned Flanders:
- Monorail!
- Lyle Lanley:
- What's it called?
- Patty and Selma:
- Monorail.
- Lyle Lanley:
- That's right!
- Monorail!
- Cast:
- Monorail...monorail...monorail... (continue over the following lyrics)
- Miss Hoover:
- I hear those things are awfully loud.
- Lyle Lanley:
- It glides as softly as a cloud.
- Apu:
- Is there a chance the track could bend?
- Lyle Lanley:
- Not on your life, my Hindu friend.
- Barney Gumble:
- What about us brain-dead slobs?
- Lyle Lanley:
- You'll be given cushy jobs.
- Grampa Simpson:
- Were you sent here by the devil?
- Lyle Lanley:
- No, good sir, I'm on the level.
- Chief Wiggum:
- The ring came off my pudding can.
- Lyle Lanley:
- Take my pen knife, my good man.
- I swear, it's Springfield's only choice!
- Throw up your hands and raise your voice!
- All:
- Monorail...
- Lyle Lanley:
- What's it called?
- Monorail...
- Once again!
- MONORAIL!

- Marge:
- But Main Street's still all cracked and broken.
- Bart:
- Sorry, Mom, the mob has spoken!
- All:
- Monorail...
- Monorail!
- MONORAIL!
- MONORAIL!
- Homer:
- Monoâ D'oh!""
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- Please don't let these grifters fleece us! I'm begging!"
- As stated above: The key is not to look only at the straight dollar figures. Of course, we have to be responsible but we are getting significant value for our money. Promotion of the City, maintaining and expansion of facilities, growth as an urban area, tourism and related spinoffs (before, during and after the Games).
- Not worth the cost. The City is already broke, has no money for snow removal, roads maintenance, parks maintenance etc. - yet constantly increases taxes. The Games will fully bankrupt the City and 95+% of Calgarians resulting in many families losing their homes and becoming homeless
- No. Your gambling with the economic future of our kid and grandkids. There's absolutely no up side to this other than a bunch of politicians patting themselves on the back.
- Mayor is hiding costs and the olympic committee is low balling costs I fear. I think Calgary will have an over spend of 2 to 4 billion; what will my taxes be to pay that?
- "NO. The debt would take too long to pay off.
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- I'm also not a very sporty person. I could care less about a huge new sports stadium being built. I don't ski often, therefore showing up at a ski hill with a flag waving in the distant memory of the Olympics means, sorry, nothing to me.
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- Maybe the left over venues created for the Olympics will be used for other sports enthusiasts and their families, but not worth the cost to build them."
- No. Too expensive.
- Costs are a prime concern of everyone excellent city hall. Look at this question being on the bottom of the list hoping people will give up before getting to it.
- No, voting for the Olympics is like voting for higher taxes
- 100% not worth the costs. The long term effects of debt servicing will hinder the city for generations to come and impede any prospects of delivering needed infrastructure in the future. Imagine Calgary, no new transit, reduced maintenance of existing facilities, roads, pathways, bridges which are already falling apart. Cut the cord now and do not spend another dollar on this useless 10 day party for the elite. Start budgeting within your means and quit coming to taxpayers for more and more and more. There is no more!!
- Undecided.
- Definitely not worth the cost, and since the real costs are being kept secret from the taxpayers, this makes it obvious that our leaders think so too.
- no
- No, long term benefits are nearly non-existent
- Very much worth it.
- Not worth the cost as a small group would benefit most calgarayians can not afford the tickets to see them .
- Hinder! \$\$\$\$\$\$

- It depends upon what the costs are. If Calgary is able to manage the finances as it did in 1988 and how it was managed in the Los Angeles Olympics, the costs will be minimal (either positive or negative).
- NO
- To make money you must spend money and we are not having to spend the large amounts that other countries previously had to because we are sharing the events amongst different communities. Its a win win situation
- Yes, its worth the cost. Businesses make more money, we collect more taxes, there is more employment, and the facilities are there for our young people to use and to train on and athletes from around the world will come here to train.
- Yes. Via cost benefit analysis, benefits far out weigh.
- Absolutely not worth the cost. Total waste of money. Why is city council trying to withhold reports that tell us what the true costs are? I can't believe your biggest concern is who leaked information that taxpayers are entitled to.
- We are going to be in debt afterwards... how about no!
- Definitely not! I do not want Calgarians to be paying off Olympic debt generations later. Again, look at past winter Olympic game cities, have they had a lasting tourism bump?
- Not a chance. Any municipal funds should be spent on bettering our city, far ahead of funding games that will leave a legacy of debt.
- My belief is that the number one LONG term impact is debt, and at best the displacement of public funds from spending on quality-of-life programs to the Olympics. I have the greatest fear of a Montreal style issue recurring, ie 30 years of massive crippling debt.
- Not interested in hosting the games at all.
- Too much
- Not worth the costs. Way took high. Cities are dropping out worldwide. Take the hint Calgary makes no sense.
- More in formation needed please.
- As long as there are no cost over runs I'm in. How do you guarantee that? We do not want the olympics at all costs!
- Yes - new/improved facilities, ability to utilize those facilities to host future events, put Calgary on the map nationally/internationally leading to increased tourism
- You're looking at spending a huge amount of money on events that are not beneficial to the greater good of Calgarians from all walks of life. We have people living on the streets, people who can't afford food, roadways that can't support traffic and we still haven't repaired all the flood damage and you want us to spend this money on bringing in the Olympics. We are going to bring in more traffic, more people to congest our streets and make it harder for people to access health care and transit and to get around the city. The answer is it just isn't worth it in terms of the financial costs or the burden to the city dwellers!
- Let's look at the history of olympics. The cities are left with a big debt at the end.
- If the City turns a profit from hosting the games yes there are great benefits to be had. If we're saddled with debt we'll continue to see even more cuts and service reductions across the City.
- Not worth the cost! Our city doesn't need more taxes to pay for this vanity project
- Not worth it
- ABSOLUTELY not worth the cost. Massive debt incurred for a few weeks of fun. Increased property taxes.
- Definitely NOT worth the cost. We have more important things to spend our money on. Our taxes will go up and Calgarians do not want that.
- Not worth the cost. Will not break even due to increased security costs. Short term increased cost of living for residents.
- The cost provided should have been back by a range. And the understanding at any level of funding is provided by tax payers.
- If we are asking current municipal programs and cultural institutions, including Heritage Park and Telus Spark, that serve Calgarians in diverse ways to reduce spending, then we should not be spending resident's tax dollars on a predominately athletics-focused event.
- No. Not in the slightest. Do some research regarding cities that have hosted the Olympics in the past. Look at how many of them have benefited vs. how many of them have suffered as a result of the Olympics.

- Not worth it. The entire Country will be saddled with more debt as a result of hosting the games. Any potential returns are not worth the investment.
- Hinder. Historically every Olympic games since our 1988 games has lost money. We should not expose ourselves to this risk.
- Absolutely not.
- Not worth it because the facilities we build will probably never be used nearly enough afterwards and the money could go to many better things.
- Sorry, short term gain with long term pain. This is NOT 1988
- The major corporations cannot sponsor the olympics as in years past. There is too much debt in our city due to high living expenses, lay offs, The costs would go to the people once again in taxes and we as Calgarians cannot afford to pay anything higher. If the Olympic Committee wants to hold the Olympics here, they need to accept the costs involved or the Federal government must pitch in
- the 'costs' to Calgarians is an expense we cannot afford to add to our already high cost for services (garbage/recycling costs). the facilities that will be left will only be used by the privileged few who can afford to use the facilities. about 87% of Calgarians will not step foot in any of the new facilities post Olympics. our roads are in desperate need of repairs, if you have extra money, spend some on existing infrastructure that is in need of repairs or reduce our cost of services by half. that is what would help the Calgarians who are living at the low income level. the rich already have exclusive access to such facilities. lets make it fair for everyone instead of just elite Olympians or the rich.
- ABSOLUTELY NOT.
- Not worth the costs.
- Higher tax burden to the average family for a 2 week party. No thanks. The IOC laughs at the bid cities. Sure they are amateurs competing but the IOC is big business.
- It is NOT worth the cost. Very little long term benefit to be had.
- No. Olympic Games are far too costly for most cities. The costs always outweigh the benefits historically
- Most definitely not
- The games will be worth the cost. Nothing is like the joy of supporting Canada's Winter Olympic aspersions! Cost should not hinder City Counsel's decision to approve an Olympic bid.
- No because our economy is awful and council keeps spending friviously. We don't have the money.
- "Not worth the costs long-term.
- The bills will all still be there when everyone's gone home, and we can't count on another oil-boom to offset that."
- No. If we really need to spend well in excess of 3 billion dollars (and it certainly will be), in order to promote sport, cultural and entertainment there are much better ways to do that.
- as long as the costs are well thought out & planned, this event will be more successful than the Vcr 2010 Olympics, where they had to truck in snow. This is the place to have the Olympics, Calgary has the infrastructure and proven history that the event can & will be successful.
- Worse case we will be like a Montreal taking decades to payoff the debt.
- No. Too much money and I don't want to live in constant construction for the next 8 years to accommodate a short event
- No. I think universally, every city that has hosted the Olympics since Montreal has found the economic benefit to be insubstantial. When we can find videos on Youtube exploring fully abandoned facilities that were used in Olympic events just two to four years ago, I question the intelligence of heavily investing in new facilities.
- Not
- The long term impacts are not worth it. This city needs two things: a new arena and a new stadium. If we host the games, we will never get either.
- Long term all Olympic cities have burdened their citizens with heavy additional taxes. Huge negative.
- Yes! It takes bold spend to make impactful change. Nothing comes cheap, and if you just sit on the sidelines all the time, you become Winnipeg!
- For regular Calgarians who will not be able to afford to go to the games, have the price of living sky rocket I don't think it will be worth it.
- No it's impact is over when the games end

- "It can't be known in advance. Olympic Games are notorious for going far over budget. The cost/benefit at \$5 billion is very different from the cost/benefit at \$9 billion. The ever-escalating cost for security leaves no benefit behind afterward. New facilities like the two-sheet hockey arena would certainly be nice to have, but is that really a priority right now? Much of the financial success of the 1988 games came from a bidding war for TV rights. Since ratings have tended to disappoint it's unlikely there will be that kind of bonanza again.
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- Jean Drapeau once said something to the effect that the Olympics could no more run a deficit than a man could have a baby. By the time Montreal finishes paying the debt from the 1976 games most of the people who attended will be dead.
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- Do we really want to risk being billions more in debt throwing a party for a few thousand people?"
- No, more debt for luxuries is unacceptable
- Definitely not! We simply cannot afford it. City \$\$ provincial \$\$ federal \$\$\$. Every \$ comes from our taxes.
- Too costly! Citizens will be on the hook for years to come.
- No. We are looking at a minimum 3 Billion dollar debt from this at one of the times in our history when we can least afford it. This debt would add to the already considerable anchor dragging down our City, Province and Country.
- Not worth it, we don't even know what the bid amount is, that isn't factored into the equation
- not worth the costs
- No. Impact is transient, the costs are not.
- Yes, because the short term investment will bring about long term gain for our city and for Alberta overall.
- Long term impacts are a lot of intangibles. We will spend the money on something anyway....may as well have a sharp focus on what we need!
- Not at this time. I think there are current needs that we should be spending the money on. New and / or improved sports facilities are not as important as low cost housing, improved infrastructure, realistic operating costs. While a successful Olympic Games might help with some of those in the long term, in the short term funding would not be directed to the most critical city needs.
- No. I don't think the IOC covers a fair share. Taxpayers will pay added costs for years for elite sport and IOC elitism.
- No, we are being taxed to death, services are being slashed, the city is not being maintained, and now you want us to shell out even more for a short adventure?
- No
- No. One-time deal instead of steady income over the long term. This is a feel-good project. We already have the very expensive Stampede to feed our need for recognition. We did a great job in 1988, there is no need to repeat. STOP this madness.
- "NOT Worth the costs.
- We got our benefits from the 1988 Olympics.
- A repeat would produce diminishing returns."
- The Olympic Games of 16 days length cannot ever outshine the 20-30 years of debt that we will be left with after the games are over.
- When my young grandchildren will still be on the hook by having to pay for the games well into the future, then the long term impact is significant.
- Use the money for other projects, such as snow removal or reducing our property tax
- No. Too many large capital costs and too many unknown additional costs around supporting and upgrading city infrastructure
- YES! The great Canadian habit of telling you why we can't accomplish something was sidestepped prior to 1988 and we should try hard to do the same in this millennium.
- we cannot afford the services we currently have...have you seen a utility bill lately...I use 10 dollars worth of water and I end up paying almost 80 dollars for various sur-charges that a senior on a fixed income cannot afford.
- Worth it as Calgary is definitely a city that will reuse the venues for public use. We proved that with the other 1988 venues including Winsport (COP), the Olympic Oval and Olympic Plaza.
- Yes. The people and advertisement it will bring to Calgary, plus upgraded sporting facilities

- i think I already answer this question by saying it wasn't worth the cost.
- This is difficult to answer. A cost of over \$5.0B is difficult to comprehend and frankly scary for those of us who realize that supporting/getting the Games could impoverish our children and grandchildren. There needs to be more clarity on the costs. I also think the citizenry would be less leery if we could be shown that the last few games were minimally breakeven or, better yet, profitable. Cost wise - How did Calgary fare in 1988? Vancouver 2010? Russia 2014? (that last one may not be fair)
- I don't know yet. This is my hesitation. Are the numbers realistic? Are the costs worth the benefit? I am still researching the information available.
- Calgary can put on a financially responsible games. The benefits to economy and new infrastructure long term are completely worth it.
- No, simply due to the fact that the costs vs gains is just not enough to justify hosting the games and leaving the citizens on the hook for years
- Absolutely not!
- Yes as long don't try to turn the event into an architectural event
- Not sure
- Yes, where would we be without the games? No NHL. We can't even build a decent football stadium that could be used year round. WITH COMFORT
- Absolutely - do we want to remain a Winter Sport City of excellence? Do we want the world to know where we are (not just the place you fly to go to Banff and Lake Louise)? Do we want to get our swagger back? If there is a better plan to spark economic development and accomplish a unifying event to rally behind - let's do that. There don't seem to be any projects or programs on the table that the City is reviewing that offer benefits even close to those offered by the Games.
- Stats... It's never been worth the cost. In any country.. Unveil the fake news hidden to world public realism. Building a wall around poverty in Brazil is an example. Calgary.. Alberta.. Canada. We are hurting. You raised min wage to allow low income to live higher. Causing middle class to become lower. Removing dual income to single in economy on higher tax brackets. So who is flipping the bill after games.. If they come my extended family is moving out of Calgary. I will not support the death of middle and upper middle class
- Absolutely not.
- Not at all. Whatever impacts there are in the long term, they will never justify the enormous amount of funding needed.
- No When has the city been good at executing projects on budget? Can not afford the risk of cost over runs to tax payers.
- NO
- "The costs hugely out weigh the benefits, even with the current cost projections. And it's extremely likely the current cost projections are very low. 6 to 10 billion dollars is more likely what it will cost us, along with huge debt problems, and a significant drop in City services due to lack of money in the future.
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- It's not even close to being worth it.
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- If the BIDCO really wants to host the Olympics, they should form a private corporation, and get investors and banks to support it (and the City could then put in \$200 million, which is more likely the benefit to Calgary). If they can't get these professionals to invest in the 2026 Olympics, then why should we citizens and City Counselors assume we know more about money and business, and warranty any losses they have?"
- Yes.
- Yes, politicians are going to spend it anyways, I'd rather see the Olympics in Calgary again than a "Green Line" or another library.
- Contractors will benefit short term and there will be job creation that's also short term but I see no long term benefits for the average Calgarian.
- I think the infrastructure development will be worth the cost.
- No.

- The published estimated costs are a pipe dream. Just look at all the money that has already been spent just to discuss the possibility and to get taxpayers on side for this. The using money coming from the Province and the Federal Governments as "partners" to help put these Games on is just a joke. Calgarians will be taxed by the city, the province and the feds or don't you all realize that we pay taxes to all three levels of government? Also, it won't only be Calgarians paying it will be all Albertans and every other taxpayer in all of the rest of Canada. Neither the province or the federal government has any money just laying around to pay for this event. They will have to borrow it so borrowing costs had better be included in the estimated costs? Have you people not heard of Montreal? The sporting events and number of competitors have increased since 1988. No one can guarantee what the revenues will be? No one can guarantee the costs. 1988 was wonderful. We can't repeat it. The world has changed. The sports have changed. If Calgary wants to do something to put it front and centre on the world stage, why not do something different? There must be some other world wide festival that we could go after, or perhaps we could build on something uniquely Albertan and start something new? I'm sure there are big enough brains somewhere in this province that could come up with something unique. One more thing, 1988 was planned, organized and run by volunteer business people who understood time and money. So far, having this proposal run and planned by bureaucrats at city hall shows how other peoples' money is easily spent, without any responsibility, just promises and "trust us" comments.
- I can't say whether the Olympics would be worth the cost at this point, but historical and statistical evidence at this point heavily implies that hosting the Olympics will see a huge cost put onto Calgary citizens in the form of taxes for decades to come. As it is, unless measures are taken to drive down costs placed onto tax payers I cannot support Calgary hosting the Olympics as it will ensure that generations from young to old will be paying heavily for an unreasonable amount of time.
- The long term facility legacy is important. Need the upgrades to the facilities.
- NOT. Cost of these games have become way to expensive. Each city tries to out do the last one. Calgary has to stop looking at this like it was in 1980s. Calgary is taking on too many costly projects all at once. The cost burden per citizen is going to be debilitating.
- The cost is worth the risk. Most venues were built in 1981 and after, the 1988 Olympics had much greater risk to them than hosting them once more in the upgraded Olympic facilities.
- No, there are no long term benefits.
- Not worth it
- Absolutely not - Calgarians will be left having to pay for this after every in the world has gone home. City Council has demonstrated that they do not know how to be fiscally responsible and the ONLY strategy they have is to raise taxes so why would their approach to the games be any different. They are not honest with Calgarians about how money is spent.
- Yes, as the infrastructure boost will have lasting impact if administered properly.
- Absolutely. Calgary will be at the forefront of conversation the world over. Cities that host events like this have a legacy factor associated with them which can only be a benefit to Calgary in areas such as tourism and business trade.
- In today's economy, no. Most Winter Olympics in the last 10 years have cost much more than quoted at bid time, some significantly over. If the games cost \_only\_ double the current estimate, that's roughly \$10000 cost for every man, woman and child in Calgary (from all sources, from the same taxpayers) is pretty high, and all I can imagine is further reductions in City and other government services, increased costs for those services that remain, and a huge tax burden that will never go away.
- No, Calgary is already on the world stage from the 88 Olympics, the Stampede and prior to an NDP gov't and a Liberal federal government, as an energy hub. I want my dollars to go to making Calgary, Alberta and Canada great again, not to host Olympics that are losing its luster on the world stage
- The cost will be put on the tax payers.
- No, not worth the cost
- Our resources need to be deployed against the existential threats looming over our community. Not playing games and jetting in 100's of thousands of people. It's pure Lunacy. I can't even believe we are considering it.

- No there are no long term benefits, only long term costs. You have not been honest and straightforward with the venue locations, the costs are way understated especially on security, you don't have the huge corporate support the city had in 1988 from the Oil and Gas industry thanks to Socialism. There are NO long term benefits.
- Long term impacts to the City of Calgary are not worth the risk to potentially saddle public with more debt. Since 1996 the budgets for every Olympic games has seen cost overruns despite the city's bid committee efforts. It took Montreal over 3 decades to pay for the cost overages for the Olympic Stadium. Big risk can bring big rewards, but this risk is not worth the potential burden that could be left with the tax payer.
- future Calgarians would be on the hit list to pay off the tax burden from the hidden costs by the Calgary Olympic committee lies that we all know exist in the cost of not only the high security risks of ISIS getting fighters and using Edmonton and Calgary for fighters that is still on going on the world stage and what country is going to send there athletes here when ISIS has EDMONTON AND CALGARY CITIZENS FIGHTING IN SYIRA
- No. Taxes in Calagry have been going up at a unbeavable pace and add the Games on top of this, WHY!!!
- At this time, based on the information presented, I don't think that the costs of hosting the Games are worth the long-term impacts.
- The costs will escalate and the resulting overruns will come from the taxpayers either in the form of increased taxes or decreases in spending in other areas.
- It's a risk. We have other pressing things to spend money on locally and provincially.
- The long term impact will NOT be worth the cost except for a few insiders.
- No - facilities will go un-used after the Olympics just as the facilities from the '88 have fallen into a state of disrepair. Unnessasary infrastructure.
- Not worth the cost for a 2-week party. Too many facilities for one-time or exclusive use of just a few citizens, security will be an enormous endeavour and expense, cost to the environment is not being considered, and the higher property taxes we'll all pay for years (or generations) to come are not being accurately considered or counted. The IOC is corrupt, the Games Committee is totally biased towards approving them, as are City departments. Other cities are recognizing the true cost and impact these "Games" have and are backing out - Calgary should as well; there are no true economic or social benefits to holding a 2-week wingding for the rich.
- No, I do not believe the long-term benefits being touted is worth the risk of hosting the Games. The costs will far exceed the benefits. Why would Calgary consider itself any wiser in its budget planning than other great host cities have done, when none of them ever got the actual costs even close to their budgeted forecasts (especially in the past 20 years)!!!
- This is the most important. City Hall has not been up front about costs. What are they hiding. There is no money.
- Detailed cost benefit analysis and value for money needs to be determined before putting any money towards bid. All consulting and bid preparation budget needs to be monitored continually and data provided to public in case bid fails. People should be held accountable for chasing non productive unicorns.
- Absolutely no is my answer
- NO
- All these questions are asked so you can rework them in favour of a bid. Let me say again. NO.
- No. we already had the Olympics here in 88 and do not need snatcher one.
- Nope, not at all. If we had the cash to spend, go nuts. Borrow nothing and owe no one.
- Not at all. Too much money that won't be paid back and will be forced into calgarians
- At this point no but I haven't seen a good cost benefit analysis yet.
- Additional higher taxes at all three levels of government to pay for this two week party is not worth the hardship on Canadians.
- NOT WORTH THE COSTS.
- What long term impact? A lot of hoopla for nothing significant. Olymics is tainted by money going to the IOC
- Definitely, this city needs these new and upgraded facilities. Calgarians will pay less overall when the province and federal governments share the costs, which they won't do unless there's an event like the Olympics. We may never have an opportunity to gain these assets or to have them built so quickly. Furthermore the ability to host future events, grow tourism and continue to train children and athletes is where our city needs to be.
- Absolutely not

- Yes. Look at what the 88 Olympics did for our city
- I am not for private companies getting renovations and expansions at the cost of taxpayers. The costs are going to be blown through the roof in terms of what you are expecting. We just bailed Mary Moran out from her last time trying to run a business, why are we trusting her again?
- It is worth the financial risk to bid for these games in order to revitalize our 88 legacy assets, rebuild Calgary's spirit, lift us out of the economic doldrums,
- I don't think hosting is worth the costs. I think that money would be better spent investing where there is a demonstrated need within our community.
- NO!
- I don't think it is worthwhile. There are many other things I would rather see my tax \$\$ go to. Also I am very concerned about the potential for cost overruns.
- No. We need to put the focus/money back into rebuilding our city services / health issues (particularly mental health services) / drug harm reduction / transportation. I can't get a bus or taxi when it snows. We're a city of 1.3 million, situated on the Canadian Prairies where we're dealing with snow for 8 mo/yr. We cannot shutdown with snowfall. Unless you have a car as a backup means of transport, there's no reliable means to travel. It's embarrassing. It's shameful. It's lazy. I know transit isn't "glamorous" but it's critically important. How do you expect to move the visitors around town in a city that can't accommodate its residents? (Do you know what visitors say about Calgary? The worst-run city in the world. Honestly. I wait for taxis DT everyday; folks here on business trying to get a taxi tell me, all winter long, that Calgary is by far their least favourite city--because they can't get anywhere without a car. Please stop trying "to make fetch happen." )
- No. It's a two week party for the rich and for corporate interests. Most people won't be able to afford attending these events and will be expected to pick up the tab for years to come. Without a plan to finance long-term maintenance of these facilities, the burden will be borne by increases in property taxes. This will make living in Calgary unsustainable for lower and middle income families.
- Until figures are released it's not really possible to say. I do expect that the estimated \$5,000 in taxes for every household would be spread out over many years?
- Not worth the costs as the debt and raised taxes will hinder businesses and people
- Absolutely not. We don't need higher taxes or to go into debt. Spend on local infrastructure and community. I would rather have a Flames arena then have the Olympics. Costs would be less.
- The estimates you hear for spending on something like the Olympics is always, always underestimated. I think Calgarians will be paying these bills for generations to come.
- NO! I think the entire Olympic concept needs to be reevaluated, and the best way of doing this would be if all 3 potential Olympic cities dropped out of the bidding process. I remember the 1988 games and how the IOC and other organizers acted completely entitled to whatever they wanted. Nothing about the games since then has made me admire the concept any more than I did then, as there have been significant scandals over doping, spending and judging at, I believe, every Olympic games. This is not a good use of the taxes I pay.
- Is paying the interest on a long term debt worth the cost? I say no.
- "Because you are only bidding to host the 2026 games and not three winter games in a row, you have all the costs being born to host a few
- weeks of activity. You are asking the host to spend 1.7 million per athlete competing in the games. That is not including inflation. Please go back and rethink your bid that in its current plan lacks any vision that could excite anybody."
- The long-term benefits of the games is what we need to focus on. We will reap the benefits for decades to come. Only looking at the couple weeks of the Olympics, as your measuring stick, is very short sighted.
- This question is virtually the same as #5. I strongly believe the costs do not justify the Olympics. A lot of the venues will be training centres for Olympic athletes in the future. Why not spend our taxpayer dollars on an NHL arena that will continue to generate revenue to the city of Calgary far in the future?
- Nope I definitely do not think the long term impacts are worth the cost, it's provides nothing substantially benifital to the citizens of Calgary, building schools quicker, expending c-trains, more recreational centres etc is were I want to see my taxes dollars go to.

- "no as we don't believe the costs will be as estimated.
- why are some of the costs being kept secret from the citizens of Calgary?
- as published, the 2020 olympics in Tokyo has ballooned from less than 8 billion to 25 billion and still climbing."
- "Not worth the cost
- The economic reality would be financial ruin."
- No, I do not view the games as being worth the costs. We live in uncertain financial times at best and any potential furthers risks associated with additional costs with so many areas of society cry out for financial aid and assistance is one reason that does not justify such games going ahead.
- Totally not. Other priorities for hard earned taxpayer dollars.
- I don't see a long term or even short term benefit from the games. Should the games be cost neutral, there is still the ongoing maintenance decades after the events are a distant memory.
- No You do not know the full costs
- Who's money is going to upkeep facilities we couldn't afford to build in the first place!!
- Yes, tourism, future Olympians, infrastructure.
- The long-term impacts of the Games are NOT worth the cost. Calgary is in debt now, this will only push us deeper into debt and more important things that are crucial to Calgarians will not be able to be paid for. We need more long-term care homes in Calgary, more money spent on infrastructure, more money for the arts and music scene, more money to help those that are jobless, homeless and in despair. We are no longer a world class city as we cannot even help the most vulnerable of our citizens and putting on a multi-billion dollar party will NOT make us a world class city.
- No. Especially when Secret City hall isnt releasing the total impacts and BidCo is motivated to bid and not being 100% up front.
- I do not view the long-term impacts as being worth the costs. Ultimately I do not thing the cost and disturbance of the preparation for the games will be worth the month of potential economic growth the games could bring in. Instead the city should focus on taking care of its own citizens first and foremost and making the necessary improvements to our existing facilities, venues, transportation, and housing, to benefit Calgarians, and not tourists.
- No, the games as proposed are not worth the cost. I would be far more likely to support a higher cost games that will deliver more wide-ranging improvements to our city than the budget games being proposed. As currently proposed the cost is high enough to prevent other important projects in the city from moving forward but not high enough to deliver real improvements to our city.
- Yes
- Definitely not. Infrastructure that is needed and will be used can be build independent of the games.
- NO.
- "ABSOLUTELY NOT.
- It seems that the city can barely afford snow removal. Money would be better spent on necessary infrastructure projects and not wasted on special interest facilities."
- No. It would be fun but the risk outweighs the rewards. The cost is just too high
- hinder - costs of having to improve and maintain facilities will be high.
- Nope! Anything important that the Games could do for our city, we could do as well or better without.
- Absolutely not.
- "No not worth the risk.
- Definitely not worth the cost to the tax payer."
- No. It's a waste of human energy and tax dollars much more worthwhile when directed at other causes such as health, elder care. homelessness, education and tax reduction to improve living standards. It's a rough world...leave the games and pretense behind to do what were you elected to do and what you promised.
- No. Not even approaching being close.
- No. The benefits of '88 are obvious but it is a totally different time today, the Olympics are different and the city is different.
- yes i do, look how 88 has impacted calgary in amazing ways
- Absolutely not, pretty much none have in recorded history once again.

- No, I don't want to pay for this in my taxes for years and years to come. I live in Calgary so I pay taxes here, I also live in Alberta so I pay taxes here, and I live in Canada so I pay taxes here. I am the only tax payer and I wouldn't buy this ever. Just don't go ahead with this folly.
- 1988 was a succesful games we have the right people to keep these costs under control - think outside the box to make money
- ABSOLUTELY NOT! The cost is WAY too high to hose these games. The security costs alone are staggering and that is just to keep these games secure.... not including the cost of these games.
- No because the current venues can't support themselves.
- As I have mentioned before, I believe in the long run the costs will be worth what we get out of them, as long as the replacement of the Saddledome is on the list. If this structure is ignored in the pitch to host the Olympics, then it's more about politics than civic responsibility, and I will not vote in favour.
- No. We have already hosted the olympics. Give someone else the opportunity and the debt load.
- "The Olympics are absolutely a waste of money. If we had the money, then sure. But we don't.
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- We will be spending money we don't have to buy the things we need the least - at the expense of having money for things we need in this city and province.
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- It makes no sense."
- It depends on what costs we are on the hook for and how substantial those costs are. This is a terrible question without having any idea who is responsible for cost overruns.
- Olympics are not worth the cost. Our city, province and country are so far in debt a significant portion of our taxes goes to pay interest on the debt. We need pipelines to bring money into our province and country and career jobs to Calgary. The economic benefit of pipelines will be felt for decades. The economic benefit of the Olympics will be temporary at best and provide short term construction jobs until facilities are upgraded and minimum wage hospitality jobs for a few weeks.
- No I don't. I think at best we would break even with the more likely scenario being that we would be over budget and then the money would come out of taxes.
- Long term debt is all we would get.
- No, plain and simple!
- No. The debt will be utterly unmanageable for the city, there is no question that Calgary will end up bankrupted by the games and be forced to seek a bailout from the province or federal government.
- Absolutely not.
- Again these would be short term benefits. The upgrades of existing and addition of new facilities would be great and potentially could exist and benefit the city in attracting new business or investment. Unfortunately none of these additions or improvements do anything for the oil industry or even the trades in the long term. As a city we are still trying to diversify but we appear to have become stagnate and I don't see any new business influx. Just hosting the games does not improve a city's potential at industrial growth. I believe we are being proactive at trying to attract new business but I have not seen much in the way of sustainable growth or new BIG INVESTORS.
- Not worth as IOC doesn't share the risk that citizens do.
- no - interest in the games has dropped significantly - so many scandals; better to spend our money helping the less fortunate than grandstanding for a few
- yes, the legacy left behind will pay for its self with new facilities and legacy
- No! Just look at all the other cities who hosted the games they don't look any better for having them So what would make us any different.
- No
- How can these be valid questions when the true costs have not been revealed. I'm sure what the city residents have been told is billions less than what we would have to "swallow"
- Definitely not worth the cost!
- "Absolutely not worth the costs. Nemshi and bidco should be jailed over this. We need to cut back costs, privitize city departments like waste and recycling and trim city benefits not add more costs to the tax payers.

- If my taxes go up I'm moving out of the city - or running for councilor myself. Time to drain this swamp."
- No, it will be too much for just a few weeks.
- "Never worth it.
- Select few participate in the games and select few can actually afford to attend"
- I do not view the long term impacts as being worth the costs and from what I've read, it seems that no economist has ever found the Games to be a significant economic boost. If we have \$5.2 Billion to blow, it should DEFINITELY and IMMEDIATELY show an impact, and Calgarians shouldn't have to cross their fingers and wait for 25 years in the hope that there will be some intangible, unverifiable benefit coming from the massive financial outlay.
- Absolutely not - our City is still trying to claw it's way out of debt.
- Absolutely not, like I mentioned above, 10 days of drinking coolaid party will not help in the long term. Let's have low tax, to attract more investment and with more job opportunities, more people will move and with more people and low taxes, more investment will be pouring in. This will create a positive circle vs vicious circle. We already have the lowest tax in the whole Canada, let's use this to our advantage and be the no. 1 in the whole North America as starter then the whole world!
- No. I would rather invest less money in everyday projects that have great impact on quality of life.
- Na
- No. The games are not worth the cost of fueling Nenshi's ego. Consider the taxpayer for once.
- "I believe the long-term impact is definitely not worth the cost to host the games.
- Why is City Council and the Mayor not being completely transparent about the possible costs to tax-payers to host the games ? Put all the cards on the table and let the citizens of Calgary decided if this is a good idea or not.
- The only reason City Council is hiding details of the bid from Citizens of Calgary is because they know that those details if made public would be detrimental and likely not help a YES vote in November.
- City Council and the Mayor should be embarrassed by their actions in regards to this."
- No worth the cost. Build the arena and let's just say the hell with the Olympics.
- "City administration is drunk on the tax payers tab. Services Calgarians really need will suffer more. Less money for Police. We need community offices reopened not millions spent on riot and Olympic security training. Less money for roads. Snow removal equipment needs attention and updating. Less money for all city services. Everyone in City hall knows the cuts Calgary has suffered- at least they better!
- Taxes will go up but that's to cover the debt. Infastructure and services will continue to suffer. The olympics will hurt this city for generations.
- A select few people and a select few contractors will make a quick dollar to impress a few misguided people."
- no - the long term impact is that calgary will lose money and the taxpayers will be stuck with it all
- Big risk when it comes to cost. I don't think it will be worth it.
- Of course not. Losing tons of money is never a good business plan.
- No the Games are definitely not worth the cost! At this time when our economy is still struggling, I don't feel incurring additional debt is beneficial for the city or taxpayers.
- Absolutely not, cost will likely triple like it has for many other host cities
- We need to be on top of the costs
- No. We can accomplish similar benefits for less cost, without the Olympics.
- No, the impacts are not worth the costs.
- Not worth it as mentioned in Q.5
- We don't know the costs, our provence and federal governments already swimming in debt, the long term impact might be disastrous for tax payers .
- Definitely not worth the cost. Invest in long term infrastructure that benefits ALL Albertans and Canadians
- Nope- I don't think it's worth it. Get your house in order ycccc - do a proper job of building a better city for Calgarians and worry less about image on the world stage.
- As above. Olympic spending is rarely on budget. I believe Calgary's 88 Olympics did lead to profit, but I find it pompous to think we can pull that off again, just because some of us want to. I also think spreading the games out over multiple cities will take away from any potential long term gains

- No...10 days of fun do not justify the billions spent
- hopefully manageable and on budget :)
- No. I don't want to pay for them.
- No I don't see any long term impact we will get from the games cost.
- Absolutely NOT! Tax payers are already burdened enough by municipal, provincial and federal governments. I can't believe how little the municipal government cares about the IOC corrupt reputation and bothers to engage with them - the deal needs to weigh significantly more in our favor. The IOC has not done anywhere near enough.
- The Olympic Games is one of the worst investments in history. Ask Rio, Athens, Sochi, and the list goes on and on. How about Montreal?
- Not at all worth the costs. We cannot afford this at this time. We are still struggling!
- If we won't pay up for a new NHL arena why the Olympics
- Costs can never be budgeted without escalation clause usually a lot more than the budget.
- No, look at Japan - out of control costs and still paying and will be for years and years .
- The Games is NOT worth the costs.
- Any investment for a major sporting event on the world stage is going to cost us money. Investment back in 1988 created a 30 year legacy. Investing in the next 30 years only makes sense .
- No... a 2 week boost in tourism is not worth the enormous cost
- Not worth it.
- higher taxes to cover overruns are not worth the time or energy..
- Absolutely not. We don't need this right now. Too many families are at the brink of crisis. The people of this city are simply not able to afford what amounts to creating a winter playground for entertainment. When you have to tighten the belt, that's the first thing to go.
- They will reap benefits for years to come as they did with the last Olympics we hosted.
- there is little evidence that the games ever have substantive long term benefits. calgary 88 may ironically be the last games that did.
- Too many secrets costs being hidden by council, the projected incoming provincial government is not showing support.
- No, the costs far outweigh the benefits or impacts of the games
- It's not worth it.
- NO! There is not enough solid information provided that will convince me that economically this is a good idea. The use of words such as might, could, should, and may do not cut it.... let me fix this statement for you "May impact The City's future operating and capital budgets" should read "Will impact The City's future operating and capital budgets".
- I believe the true costs are being understated to try and fool Calgarians.
- No absolutely not.
- No, the economy is very slow and not getting better, why do we want to spend more money.
- The Olympics are not worth the potential costs. We're already seeing sky rocketing taxes on houses and businesses. If there are any cost overruns (and there will be) the burden will be on the backs of Calgary tax payers. This is reckless.
- They are worth the costs long-term. Potentially inspiring a new generation who love sport, and who can train and recreate at facilities that support this passion. If the games results in a more active younger generation, the costs savings to our health care alone, could be enormous
- No - The City of Calgary has other projects that warrant the \$\$\$\$ being spent on pursuing and possibly holding the 2026 Olympic games which will have more immediate & direct benefit to the citizens of Calgary.
- NO.
- Yes. Municipally, the \$500 commitment is less than what it would cost to build the field house and renew the '88 facilities. The potential to increase Calgary as a tourism destination is huge, through media attention that cannot be bought. How else are we going to get such significant support from the Fed government?
- Many of the 15 Olympic Disciplines have failed to scale despite 23 editions of the Games the last century. Too much tax money has been spent without reaching the object clauses of the Olympic Movement. This can be rectified with additional sports that scales. Ice hockey and ball sports scales. Suggest the Twin sport of ice hockey, bandy.

- We haven't looked after our "benefits" from the last games, see ski jumps, so what would make you think this time we would. We are losing our place as a training venue due to the incompetence of our government to keep up the facilities.
- No. We're slowing crawling out of an economic quagmire that our provincial and federal governments seems to be ignorant to. This will be a LONG road back to our former level and without help from the quashed projects that might help speed that recovery, the Olympic spend will be a death blow to an already struggling city that has already weathered a long hard storm. I think \$ spent for this event that has proven to be an economic failure is irresponsible. If it moves ahead, the results will be witnessed at the ballot box.
- Not worth it. I don't want it so I shouldn't have to shell out my money for your STUPID Olympics.
- Yes we will be in a significant amount of debt that won't affect those in council, but will affect us 'little people'. And you hid all this information from us? Why trust you at all with money?
- No.
- No the games are not worth the costs. We can invest in better infrastructure or lower taxes to attract manufacturing.
- spending money you don't have is never a good idea. We are already in-debt, why put us further in the hole
- No. Past experience.
- Yes I do.
- Absolutely not - this city is not diversified enough economically to be able to afford to host these events. High unemployment, high vacancy rate, etc.
- Yes, definitely the winter games define calgary
- no, I repeat, only the rich will be able to afford a ticket to the games, concerts in the future, hockey games, etc.
- A million times NO - the cost will be much more than originally intended and the taxpayer will end up paying for it. We can not afford this!
- Long term impact will be absolutely good; however, based on current economical situation, I do believe other aspects being worth the costs more
- "no.
- there are too many unanswered questions.
- if new and better facilities are required, we should build them and get essentially the same funding support from government. it is called infra-structure spending."
- Not worth the cost as tax payers will be paying for this for years and years with higher taxes!
- "NO. We should be taking care of the issues we have in our city before we EVEN THOUGHT about submitting a bid. WAY TO ASK THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE PAYING FOR IT IF A BID SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED!
- Transit, sanitation, snow removal, construction, should be our priorities in the long run.
- Please don't make the future people of Calgary pay for the mistake of hosting something that will not befit us in the long run and only put us in more debt."
- Absolutely not. Hosting the games will cost so much that my yet-to-be born grand children will end up paying for them. Hosting the games is a selfish choice being made by people interested in self aggrandizing with other people's money.
- Yes, it's an inspiring event for athletes, the community, creates jobs + new facilities that are much needed
- If we meet the cost estimates and the other levels of government step up and meet their commitments, it should benefit in the long term.
- Not worth the costs. I don't believe the costs are understood or if they are, they are not being honestly shared. The emotion and drama of athletes competing is being used to sell an overpriced, corrupt and elitist "Olympic movement".
- NO. There is no benefit of any kind that justifies millions (and possibly billions) of dollars of debt to leave to future generations.
- Many people in Calgary are already struggling. Any positive impact from the games would be seen far down the road, in the meantime taxes would increase and city funds diverted from other projects.
- NO cause the cost is going to go up by 2026
- At present I do not think it is worth the cost. If oil was higher, and/or we had better equalization payments with the other provinces, then the cost to Calgarians and Albertans might be manageable. I do not want my taxes to go up or

other services to suffer because we'll be paying this off for decades. Why would I saddle my kids with this so that when they are adults they can pay taxes to help pay the interest owned on these Games??

- Ask Vancouver if 2010 was worth the cost?
- Not worth the costs. There are far better investment opportunities.
- NO. Because we cannot afford it.
- The long term impacts of the games are not worth the cost. First of all, the current cost estimate is a complete joke and has no where to go but up. Tax payers will end up being on the hook for these cost increases. Second, the perceived impact of the games will likely not be as beneficial as currently projected. We only need to look at the impact of past games to see that project benefits are overly ambitious and the games end up providing little value to host cities other than great sports infrastructure and huge debt loads.
- No. For all of the reasons stated above.
- NO... until our economic and political environments are stable and we stop getting gouged by THOSE mistakes why add another one?
- Let's look for more ways to cut costs. For example, Security Expenditures - why do we have a national guard and a military if we can't deploy them during an event like this to help manage security?
- See previous answer.
- There are likely more costs than gains hosting the Olympics. The gains I can think of don't feel like they'd outweigh what I understand are the environmental and social justice-related costs that are known to come with Olympic-hosting and that haven't yet been identified/addressed in how Calgary might consider preventing these costs with a 2026 hosting effort (including increases in human trafficking; displacement of low income/homeless populations leading up to and during Olympics; huge environmental costs). Said another way, if Calgary's bid could demonstrate how all of those costs would be mitigated; how "2026 would be different" from all past Olympics based on the social and environmental factors then I might feel inclined to be somewhat supportive. Also endorsing agencies with known corruption (the IOC? nations or agencies related to doping in sport?) without proposing how to improve accountability isn't very progressive or convincing either.
- "NO GAMES, this cost is not worth the impact or exposure.
- This city cannot afford the games. The costs that are being presented are an outright falsification of what the real costs to the city and province will be. It is not realistic to think that 4.5 billion will cover the costs when the last games were 12 billion. NO GAMES!!"
- No. 2 week event for a lifetime of debt!
- I have explained it above . my generation is retiring how ever the amount of taxes we pay are absolutely insane as compared to the services we are getting in return! No matter who the mayor is or the councillors are they always are just asking for surveys that will ask for more taxes thus we cant retire to make both ends meet. I am working , and so is my husband even after retirement !! If we keep working after the retire ment it is so very difficult for younger university grads to find employment , just way horrible situation !! we cant survive with that extra income , new young generation can not find jobs .. what kind of legacy we are leaving ? thanks to all the governments since last 4 years !! Pod is legalised , thus more accidents on roads , more insurances will increase , not sure where the humans in our country are focusing ?
- Absolutely not. limited depth of taxpayer's pockets. Already squeezing the rock dry. A legacy for some council members is not worth decades of debt for my generation.
- No. Firm no. The games have consistently gone over budget to such an extent that the estimates at the time of putting a city's name in for contention appears to be based far more on wishful thinking than on reality. If the \$5.2 billion number was presented to us taking the recent history of how much fantasy has informed these estimated and done a serious job of showing how it would be realistic I might believe this was a realistic number to consider. As it is, I'm going to double it and act as though there will be no possible way it will end up being less than that. Calgary could put \$10.4 billion to far better uses than the Olympics that stand zero chance of its ideals being seen passed the inevitable controversies.
- Amazed you would even include this question given study after study after study by leading Economists who generally agree that the Games DO NOT BRING LONG TERM IMPACTS. STOP WASTING MONEY AND TIME AND FOCUS

ON CORE SERVICES LIKE SNOW REMOVAL FOR A CHANGE AND A COUNCIL WHO ARE NOT CONNECTED TO PERSONAL AND BUSINESS SPECIAL PROJECTS TO WASTE MONEY THAT IS NO THEIRS TO WASTE

- Too expensive. Tokyo was estimated initially at US\$7.3 billion but it is estimated it will potentially exceed US\$30 billion
- NO, not worth the cost. People should come to Calgary to see Calgary, not the Olympics. Tourism should focus on what we already have to offer. Stop spending money on stupid stuff and think about your current citizens who have to survive! Spend money on what you NEED, not what you WANT.
- Not worth the cost at all, not even close. No Olympics!!
- Our current Government has wasted Billions of dollars and reduced our economic output to a trickle of what it once was. At least the infrastructure and citizenship building created by this Olympics would make something other than debt and misery.
- The long-term impact of the Games is debt. Money that will be used for the Games could go towards help for small businesses, for creative ways to fill up those 25% empty offices downtown, for help for underemployed or unemployed workers (for goodness sake we have 8.2% unemployment in Calgary!). The Olympics will not increase tourism or hotel occupancy rates, the tourists who go to a host city are there to watch the games and the athletes, they do not intend to visit the city sights or local venues. They will not return to enjoy our city another time, in fact tourism tends to decrease during an Olympics for the host cities as other "normal" tourists stay away. Touting the Olympic games as a way to show the world what Calgary has to offer in the way of business or technical expertise is ridiculous when you consider we would be spending billions to do this. Much more sensible to send delegations to other cities or countries at a fraction of the cost. People are not interested in the business possibilities of a host city, they are there to see athletes perform.
- Absolutely not. Spending money for a feel good event for politicians, media and elites is unconscionable to average citizens.
- Not worth. Every Olympic game in recent history has turned out to cost FAR MORE than the estimates.
- Absolutely not at this time. Far more important civic priorities need to be dealt with before taking on this massively expensive burden.
- Our first time hosting? Sure; we were a young city in need of a status boost. We're all grown up now. Let's act our age.
- hinder.
- "The brain trust that put together the bid and indicated a cost of \$5.2B must have started smoking weed before it became legal. Vancouver cost \$6.4B US and they did not build a stadium either. That means our Brain Trust thinks we can host an Olympics 16 years later for cheaper - absolute fantasy land.
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- The people of Calgary are being misled on what the true cost will be."
- Not worth the costs - This is bad timing for Calgary to be making an Olympic bid at all. Wasteful spending by our municipal government, attacks on our oil industry by provincial and federal governments. The CARBON TAX money grab by our provincial and federal government has pushed many average tax payers in Calgary to their financial limits. I sincerely don't think hosting a 10 day Olympic party is worth the price tag to the City of Calgary Tax Payers. Our money could be much better spent in many other areas, or hey, why spend it at all, how about showing some fiscal responsibility for a change and saving us some money?
- I DO NOT SUPPORT A BID FOR THE OLYMPICS! They would create an ongoing tax liability to Calgary taxpayers
- Not so far...not unless you can quantify the benefits waaaaaay better
- There are risks - proper and good quality controls will be required to ensure fiscal responsibility. The 2 biggest risks are construction and security. Construction costs can be managed by effective management practices and good bidding. The environment is right to maximize these prices. Security will be an issue but it can be managed.
- Not worth it.
- No not at all. Research shows continually host cities see only a VERY temporary gain from hosting. Calgary is unique only because it is at such high altitude which makes it ideal for training. So, take this money and build up the reputation and infrastructure here with that instead of hosting. City council/ mayor needs to check their egos and quit trying to push a legacy event that is fleeting and leaves our next generation in exorbitant debt.
- No. Not worth the cost to Calgary or AB. Feds need to kick in.

- It will impact our children's children, who will be paying off the debts associated with the cost overruns and inefficient gov't spending for decades to come.
- There are benefits but the long term costs, to me, clearly outweigh the benefits. We are too small to deal with the payback of the costs.
- Not worth the cost at all.
- Nope. Just nope.
- Of course not. I don't know a logical person who thinks so. The fact the city has been so shady, non transparent, and refuse to release any info is strong proof of that
- The games are a long term investment. Look at 1988. 30 years later. world class venues. budget surplus. Lets do it again.
- I watched the CTV special on October 8 and from what I saw the economists that reported on that program were inclined to view this bid as not worth the costs. Too many costs are not fully recognized and given the Olympics are 8 years away there will undoubtedly be an increase in costs. Again the talk on the program about the "legacy" was rather obscure and not backed up with facts. I don't feel the "legacy" will assist our city's low income and homeless population or those charities that assist these people. Even ordinary Calgarians may not find much to be impressed with other than taking visitors to some new attraction. I believe that long-term impacts will be a large debt for tax payers.
- No
- No. The costs are being understated. The latest estimate released to the public does not account for inflation. Security costs will be over a billion and depending on the political climate in 2026 could rise to astronomical heights. The city would be responsible for cost overruns. In the past every Olympics has had cost overruns. The IOC has consistently been shown to be a corrupt organization. I don't understand why we want to do business with people that have such a bad reputation.
- Yes- they are worth the costs.
- No, the long term impacts will not be worth the large costs of holding this event. How many of our thousands of children will use these athletic facilities to actually become a professional in sports? I think few.
- Most Olympic games cost 50% more than budgeted so Calgary will cost \$7¼ billion and would saddle each household with a \$45k tax burden which will take 40 years to pay off. It is grossly unfair to place this debt on the young generations especially when there are not the high paying energy jobs anymore. Council needs to come clean with the citizens of this \$7¼ billion cost as both the provincial and federal governments have not granted a firm commitment on their contribution. Accordingly, Calgary city council should abandon its bid for the winter Olympics.
- Waste of money
- no
- The current plan is to have the Olympics break even. The infrastructure costs will have long lasting benefits for the city. The only cost that yields no benefit to the city is that of security.
- I don't believe the long term impacts will be worth the great cost of the games
- No
- trying to find out the total cost of the games but keep running into smoke screens so not sure if I can answer this as I do not have enough information yet
- The Olympics has nearly bankrupted numerous cities and countries, please do not host the olympics
- Over the longer term, so long as the work is completed ethically, respectfully, responsibly, and in line with the vision and values in the Plan, the longer term impacts will be worth the cost.
- same as above, if it's a net profit then it's worth it. if not then you should spend the money on other things.
- With the legacy these games could provide, and the current costs it's forecasted to be, it would be worth it.
- Absolutely not!! This city is a city of plenty and a city of waste!!! It is shameful that a condition such as 'the working poor' exists here. Many public school libraries are desperate and grossly underfunded, discounting the schools that are situated in a healthy socio-economic neighbourhood. There are many more situations that are in need of the monies that the Games would swallow whole.
- It would not be worth the cost!!
- The Olympics are not worth the cost. In the long run we will lose not gain

- No. Olympics don't make money and don't leave a lasting economic benefit.
- No we will be paying for this through increased taxes for the next 20 years
- No, the costs are not laid out, and every Olympics last decade have been over budget.
- Nope..how is losing money worth it
- no!!! I was a huge fan of the Olympics coming to Calgary as I personally and everyone I know had such a great time in 88 but „ This is a different time.. sadly .. I can't support this endeavor
- Not worth it. So many more worth while things to invest in to benefit calgarians.
- Undecided, possibly good but if managed poorly like other things in Calgary, could also be a huge risk.
- NO. TOO EXPENSIVE FOR WHAT WE WILL GET OUT OF THE GAMES
- No. As a major project development professional (LNG) the basis for the Olympics cost estimate is opaque and dubious at best. There are hives upside risks. When I heard that all direct and indirect cost impacts were not included including potential impacts on future city budgets and taxes there is no way I could support the bid. The arguments presented are flimsy. I am also a former major bank economist and finance professional with a PhD. When I found out the Toombes study from the U of C was purposefully suppressed by the city administration in part because citizens like me supposedly couldn't understand it the jig was up. I am very active telling people some of whom are out of work and leaving the city (some for the US or other international locales all with advanced degrees and training) to vote NO.
- Not worth it. Especially when the full lineup of events isn't even being held in this city. With how the bid has been handled to date, Calgarians can have little to no confidence we're being fed accurate and complete information. It's highly likely the long term impacts of hosting the Olympics with this administration would be extremely negative.
- Already explained
- No. Other infrastructure projects are more important
- No, no no. The well is dry. Time for someone to step up and be the fiscally responsible adult in the room.
- No. There are short term impacts traded off on the long term effect of higher taxes. We're already in bad shape in Calgary for taxes.
- Yes - money from other governments wouldn't come otherwise
- I do realize the costs are extremely high but feel the long term benefits are worth it.
- No! Calgary city council needs to start being mor fiscally responsible!!!!
- The long term cost impact will not justify hosting the games. The present cost estimate underestimates the cost, has many items missing and closed door meetings by City Council clearly indicates a lack of transparency and veracity towards taxpayers. The City of Calgary already is unable to deliver needed services at unacceptable rates of taxation. Adding additional billions in costs will only make things worse overall for the tax paying citizens of this city. Decades of debt servicing will divert badly needed maintenance, capital and operating spending.
- No... see above comments. My taxes are already high!
- Long term costs are not worth it. Where the hell is the money coming from????
- NO
- No. No more taxes. Everyone is in pain living off nothing (except if you are a politician)
- Not. Worth. It. There aren't even really any short term benefits, so why would there be long term benefits?
- No. I do not believe Olympics have a lasting impact on the host city in most cases.
- Absolutely not. NEVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- No. There are far more important programs and services that need and would benefit from additional funding rather than cutting back in order to fund the olympics.
- I would like the money to go anywhere but the games. We have so many much needed places for the money, like the people who served our country, people living on the streets, the elderly, child care and our safety. I have to look before, during and after when ever I drive. Our streets are not safe anymore with all the crime, shooting, drugs, and drunk drivers. And to top it off we now have to worry of people driving stoned. Calgary is not a nice place any more and by that I don't mean what it looks like, people are what makes a city nice, our attitude is what makes a great city and by the sound of it, Calgary is doomed to become one of the worse city in Canada.
- No. The games are only on for two weeks, and Calgarians live here 365 days a year. The Olympics always goes over budget!

- No. New sports facilities and a several month-long televised tourism campaign will not outweigh the costs of not spending money on affordable housing, roads, social programs and other infrastructure.
- No..Again, there is only one tax payer, and it really doesn't matter how many levels of government "chip in". In all levels, there is only ONE tax payer. We did the games once....enough.
- No
- The previous comments explain the concern about cost.
- Many of the infrastructure projects align with what the city needs, eg. Green line, affordable housing etc. I believe the olympics is an investment we will reap the rewards of for years to come.
- I don't believe there are any broad, positive long-term impacts to hosting an Olympics, so no, it's not worth the cost by any stretch.
- Nope
- No I feel the cost will vastly out way the long term impacts. The possibility of cost overruns are statistically high looking back to 1960. I have no faith the the current Mayor and the majority of city council to keep costs on budget. They spend too much time in closed door meetings to instill confidence in citizens. I want more transparency in this bid, realistic cost analyses, truth. The Mayor is doing a poor job backing up his claim of transparency. The current council need to wake up to the citizens needs.
- I think the games may be worth it, but I'm not sure as there's a lot of costs that don't contribute to anything tangible, like security.
- not at all the costs will be staggering and what we are seeing are purely carrots to tempt us into believing that will be the true cost, from a logical point of view whatever you are quoting multiply by 3 and that will be a way more realistic .
- Based on what I know today no, it seems like a really large bill for a few days of fun.
- No. It is not a necessity and cost are unknown as factual. Times change, security is unknown and should be borne by IOC in total. Risky at best as Tokyo is out of control. Project escalation is a commonality in these projects. In 88 we volunteered as did most of the committee. Today everyone wants a high salary to perform same tasks.
- Not worth the cost
- No
- "No. It's like flushing it down the toilet.
- Improve our homelessness, give money to the food bank, pass on some money to schools to help. Give parents money to feed there kids."
- no
- Absolutely not at all. WE CAN'T AFFORD IT NOW OR IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS! You will deplete us and for sure Calgarians won't reap from any benefits only a few, Nenshi for sure.
- No. We will be paying higher and ever higher taxes to all 3 levels of government to pay the costs back ticke sales will not civerbthe costs and nor will the media contracts. We do not want the games.
- No. Per above.
- No. It's been irresponsibly handled by a group (or mayor) that clearly has a legacy agenda.
- No! In this economic climate, where many Calgarians are still out of work due to downturn in the oil and gas industries, it is irresponsible to be pursuing the games and wasting money on the bidding process
- Absolutely not! Calgary's and Alberta's glory days are over. Costs are not the same as in the 80's, people are having a hard time making ends meet and governments at all levels are taxing us to death already.
- No, I do not believe the frontend expenditures in any way will be off set by long term increased business investment or tourism
- Not worth the costs when there is no guarantee of a positive impact.
- Long term debt of who knows what? Certainly not this council. Your are asking us to provide you a blank cheque and just trust us. Sorry trusted you bunch once, never again! We now have a white elephant of a library over time and over budget, I'm sure it will be a great place for the homeless to gather if they can get by the armed guard! We have an over priced under budgeted short LRT North track, a buried tunnel at the airport. That's a great use of resources, but hey your not accountable and we can only talk about that in closed door sessions!
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- \$1 billion will buy and operate much needed snow clearing equipment for many years.
- “Legacy” is not worth this cost...in fact, our legacy, if we go through with this, will be that of the pathetic fool, desperate to hang on the glory of their prosperous days so much so that they ignore their present realities and spend even more recklessly.
- 100% worth the cost. You will never get this kind of investment from other levels of Government or this kind of boost in the economy. The money invested in this will be able to be leverage in a massive way.

- 2 weeks of partying and lifetime of property tax increases. Even without the games the City has been increasing taxes relentlessly. For their legacy the council will put the entire residents of Calgary on unsustainable tax increases.
- 5 billion dollars for a 2 week party is just not worth it. Also I expect the cost of the games will balloon beyond it's initial budget, just like it has for previous hosting cities.
- 800M? No. Just look at cities in recent history that have hosted the olympics. It is common knowledge that the olympics is a hinderance to the economy, so I not only think it would hurt calgary, but also the politicians that support hosting the olympics.
- A 'cautionary yes', but as we do not know enough details yet, I can't say that with a high level of certainty. I look for more info to follow from the Province tomorrow. I also believe Calgary and Alberta's unique entrepreneurial spirit will shine, and the costs, if managed well, will be outweighed by the economic return and a legacy of public good.
- Absolutely hinder due to the massive cost and near 100% probability of over-runs. No reason to take on such levels of debt in these times to host a party for a few weeks.
- Absolutely No. A million times NO!
- Absolutely NO. We're planning on wasting billions for an upgraded arena, a small new arena and a field house and possibly some 'affordable' housing. look at the affordable housing legacy for Vancouver: million dollar condos on False Creek.
- Absolutely not
- Absolutely not
- Absolutely not
- Absolutely not
- Absolutely Not ! We can not afford the costs of this short term venue. Too many people are hurting and struggling now. Spend the tax payer's \$ on schools, roads, health care, etc....there appears to be not enough money now to afford what the city needs to get done.
- Absolutely not the games do not pay for themselves and it will all fall on the tax payer. As a Calgarian I will be hit three times, from the city, the province, and the country.
- Absolutely not worth it!!!
- Absolutely not worth it.
- Absolutely not worth it. Any facilities constructed for the games will become a burden to the tax payers post olympics for upkeep/maintenance
- absolutely not worth the cost
- Absolutely not worth the cost and risk.
- Absolutely not worth the cost.
- Absolutely not worth the cost.
- Absolutely not worth the costs and inevitable cost over runs and resulting tax hikes. Low taxes attract people, business and jobs. Look at places like Illinois. Broke with higher taxes year after year and people fleeing, reducing the tax base. Make Calgary Great Again. Strive for low taxes for all and watch the growth, and growth in tax base. Besides this plan by Bidco looks like a bandaid plan. What a joke. The Alberta gov has already put us in a 300 mil hole. The first of many. The other thing is that I was here in 88. Economy was recovering. The city was young. Lots of under 30 single professionals with time and money- no and few kids. Lotsa time for a party and to volunteer. Calgary is different today. Way older. Those who are young are struggling and/or have kids. I don't see the epic volunteer army that was here in 88. Especially if the vote is 52 to 48. I will bet that the 48 % will NOT volunteer AT ALL. I know I won't. Give it up. Get on with making Calgary Great Again and qit pissing money into the wind.
- Absolutely not worth the costs or risks - spend money on required infrastructure and social needs, not on throwing a party for the sports elite.
- Absolutely not worth the costs.
- Absolutely not worth the costs. If the costs keep rising year-over-year like in recent IOC endeavours, without a plan to have the overruns covered, the costs cannot be properly estimated for stakeholders, and therefore, it is irresponsible to think that it is worth the costs.

- Absolutely not worth the costs. Perhaps Mayor Nenshi wants to host the Olympics here as part of his legacy (not unlike Bronconnier and his folly, the Peace Bridge), but he is not doing Calgarians any favours in promoting this lunacy.
- Absolutely NOT worth the costs. The budget will be blown out of the water as it is massively underestimated. Even with the current budget, the long term impacts would be detrimental to YYC. This is NOT a sound investment.
- Absolutely not worth the costs. The Olympic model in its current state is dead and needs major revision. The host City in democratic democracies are left holding the bag, plus the facilities have to be maintained. See Sochi or Rio. The places are already falling into disrepair, because there is no use for the facilities, and no budget for their long term upkeep. These are unsustainable vanity projects that cost the heavily burdened tax payers footing the bills, while the perpetrators of the follies have all long disappeared.
- Absolutely not worthed. Olympics will only be hosted once and in 10-15years facilities will be 'obsolete'. The city's population is not even big enough to use these facilities in their full potential and there is no overall return on investment
- Absolutely not! I seriously doubt that international companies will see Calgary as a good place to invest when we will be mired in debt from the games.
- Absolutely not! Every Olympic Games since the 1988 has had massive cost overruns that are sometimes many multiples higher than the amount that was touted to gain approval for them. The games have literally bankrupted countries, they would financially destroy our city. This council must learn to control its spendthrift ways and learn that the days of unlimited spending on their pet projects of appeasement and pandering are over. Larger cities have had to learn this harsh lesson, why are our elected officials wilfully blind to it?
- ABSOLUTELY NOT! Money will be taken from projects that provide long term gain such as health, housing, and education and of course taxes will go up to pay for a 10 day party.
- Absolutely not! The IOC, the Calgary Flames, Murray Edwards, Calgary Sports and Entertainment are all about putting their costs onto the public and then keeping the rewards in their private hands. There is no public benefit to these costs. Screw them all. Say NO to the IOC.
- Absolutely not! Witness the number of cities who are with-drawing from the bidding process and look at the cost over runs and that have plagued past hosts. Its a massive risk for little or no gain.
- Absolutely not!!!! Tax dollars should not be used for an Olympic bid - municipal, provincial or federal.
- Absolutely not, taxpayer money should be spent on what it was intended for.
- Absolutely not, the costs will come in at significantly higher than the original estimate and will we will not end up benefitting financially.
- Absolutely not, the team leading this initiative should be ashamed of the resources spent and wasted thus far on it.
- Absolutely NOT.
- Absolutely not.
- Absolutely not.
- Absolutely not.
- Absolutely not.
- Absolutely not.
- Absolutely NOT. Education, healthcare, seniors support, law enforcement, social services, housing, infrastructure upgrades, etc. need funding. NO Olympics.
- ABSOLUTELY NOT. I don't feel the benefits of facilities are with the pay off. Again I feel we will lose a lot of money.
- Absolutely not. I strongly believe that our money would be much better spent on healthcare, homelessness, food banks, returning Calgary Transit to the way it was before the new BRT mess, snow removal from sidewalks, etc etc etc
- Absolutely not. Let's get our house back in order and spend money on what the city needs to thrive and grow for the next 10-20 years. We are so heavily in debt, it's like a drunken ex-wife with the spouses credit card . . . There is NO more money. Balance the budget!
- Absolutely not. The city is already adversely affected by the current economic climate and its going to take a significant portion of time to bounce back, lets not add the cost of hosting another Olympic games on to tax payers.

- "Absolutely not. The only people being benefitted by these expenses are those who wish to be in the public eye and those who receive the monies. No new economic sectors will be created. There is no long-term plan for a sustainable economy. There is no plan for who, other than local taxpayers, will sustain any new ""venues"".
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- While Calgary might still be able to say that it has the fastest skating oval in the world, who cares? Is that helping all of the unemployed, the homeless, those with mental health issues, food banks, etc.?"
- ABSOLUTELY NOT. The venues will just rot and be useless afterwards like everywhere else who stupidly spends money on a ONE time event.
- Absolutely not. There is no justification whatsoever of going into massive debt to pay for this lavish party. It is totally inappropriate for Alberta to even consider this. Egos are what is driving this versus facts.
- Absolutely not. Thirty years after the last games we are still talking about how to secure Calgary's Economic future. That money would be better invested in attracting new industry to Calgary (biotech, IT) and fixing our infrastructure. The Games do not bring affordable housing, nor do they bring good quality jobs. As previously mentioned, the security costs will be astronomical.
- Absolutely not. We are not in a current economic state to support the cost of the Games. I believe that the desire to host the Games is driven by egos and not common sense.
- Absolutely not. We cannot afford to host the games and it is not fair to burden future generations with paying it off
- Absolutely not. We can't even afford proper snow removal now, why are you wasting our money on Olympic bids?
- Absolutely not. We will be in debt for years.
- Absolutely not. a 2 week party for some individuals and corporations to benefit at the expense of the city and taxpayers and no long-term gains. who of you is travelling to Sochi, to Utah, to pyongchang after they held olympics? no one is and saying it puts calgary on the map is baloney, it is on the map for 2 weeks and then goes back to the same position in world view. what will help develop the city is longer term thinking and investments and yes possible debt in worthy projects that improve the city for citizens and visitors alike, and last for much longer than 2 weeks.
- Absolutely not. At this time when our budget is so tight, we are willing to fork out so much? Seems like Nenshi wants to pad his resume for his move into federal politics or speaking tours or whatever. You know that it's going to go way over budget. Look at how other cities are looking at the games. If it's such a good deal, why aren't cities jumping at the opportunity? Not to mention all the greasy palms of the IOC getting their hands on the cash too. Maybe the older folks don't care, but I'm young and will be paying for this for the rest of my life!
- Absolutely not. Far too much money, the IOC is a corrupt organization, we will have debt for 20 years with no real return. These events are meant the the elites and offer nothing to the community at large. And yes I was here for the 88 Olympics. It is a different time and spending is astoundingly higher now.
- Absolutely not. Funding from governments equals tax dollars, regardless of the level of government. And all are already broke. No pipelines to boost tax revenues. The IOC steals most of the broadcasting revenue. No Olympics come in on budget and there is no real money to be made, anyway. It is simply irresponsible to continue even one more day with this.
- Absolutely not. I am not convinced there are any long term benefits to be had.
- Absolutely not. I do not think enough funds are allocated to municipal services such as transit and snow removal as it is. Hosting the Games will force the city to cut the amounts budgeted for these services even more, which is not in Calgary's best interest.
- Absolutely not. I have no interest in wasting our money. We already had the Olympics once and we would need to upgrade many facilities to even use them again
- Absolutely not. I will be appalled and ashamed of the city I've grown up in if it decides to waste money and resources on this imbecilic plan.
- Absolutely not. It only benefits the politicians who get treated like princes at the expense of the tax payer.
- Absolutely not. Low long term return, saddled with debt
- Absolutely not. Not enough return on our investment in the games.
- Absolutely not. Pretty obvious to most folks
- Absolutely not. Public spending is out of control. Where along the way did people forget that this province is running an 8.8bn deficit? This shouldn't even be considered this as an option given our economic health today. If I went to the

president of our private business and asked him to spend the equivalent amount based on the assumption that we might make the money back, I would be laughed out of the room. Given the province and city has no money, there is only one question that needs to be answered before addressing any of the social, environmental etc benefits. Will hosting the Olympics make money or not? Given the dollars in question it is inexcusable to look at his project as anything but as business decision and if that question can't be answered definitively, then the answer is probably not. If city counsel approves this and expects tax payers to bail them out then they will have one less citizen in this city. Enough is enough.

- Absolutely not. Something of actual value could be done with the money - the money that does not actually exist. It is a debt.
- Absolutely not. Taxpayers will be burdened with the cost overruns for decades
- Absolutely not. The cost of the games will be difficult to offset and would be better used for other ventures in the city (restoring heritage sites, infrastructure, architecture)
- Absolutely not. The costs are being VASTLY underestimated, and that amount of debt will require tax increases or cuts to services (or both) in the future.
- Absolutely not. The costs of these games are not worth it. We will be paying for them years after and the way our economy is at this point, I don't think we can take a hit like this. We need to focus on the current issues, getting people working, and companies being able to pay the workers a reasonable wage/salary to be able to live.
- Absolutely not. The experience of other cities should be our first point of reference; an honest, transparent look at actual costs versus actual money brought into our economy would help.
- Absolutely not. The incredibly high cost for low roi is reason enough not to bid key alone host.
- Absolutely not. The Olympics will not be on budget but over budget. The cost to tax payers will be significant. This city council has a spending problem already and are already planning tax hikes....enough spending already. Anyone who says that the there are no hidden costs are full of crap.
- Absolutely not. The tax payers will end up being stuck with the bills.
- Absolutely not. There are better investments to be made that would provide monetary, environmental, social, and cultural benefits. The Olympic Games are a joke.
- Absolutely not. There are much more worthy initiatives to invest in such as a new arena for the Flames and infrastructure for the City.
- Absolutely not. There are no long term benefits, economists across the board agree. I urge councillors to follow Druh's lead. She seems to be the only one who cares about Calgary as a whole.
- Absolutely not. There are only negative impacts associated with hosting these games.
- Absolutely NOT. These games costs takeaway from what the people of Calgary need, not a 2 week party
- Absolutely not. This will be an enormous burden for the purpose of lining IOC pockets and making some members of Council available for taxpayer funded speaking engagements celebrating the "success".
- Absolutely not. Tourism is one thing to promote but not on my tax bill
- Absolutely not. We are basically getting nothing in terms of facilities for the potential financial risk. If low cost housing is the objective there must be a cheaper solution.
- "Absolutely not."
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- How can it be worthwhile to spend billions of dollars and let the IOC take the profits???"
- Absolutely not...NO..NO..AND MORE NO..We are in no position to even consider this ludicrous idea
- Absolutely not: The Olympics have to either be self funding or we do not proceed.
- Absolutely not-it will bankrupt the citizens for decades
- Absolutely worth it. Calgary is a worldwide leader in sport as a legacy of the 88 games. It is time to renew and solidify that legacy and reputation.
- Absolutely worth it... no problems with investing in athleticism, recreation, community spirit, mental and physical health. Honestly, we might not be financially able to attend many of the events... but we will absolutely be enjoying engaging by volunteering, gathering with friends, hosting friends from throughout Canada, spending time with other Calgarians at medal ceremonies, and spending endless hours at upgraded venues and facilities (please keep

entrance costs affordable at these venues after the games.. all Calgarians need to be able to gain access to the Oval, tracks, ski hill, Winsport, Nordic Center, etc)

- Absolutely, it is worth the costs. One only has to look back upon the benefits derived from the 1988 Winter Olympics to see the long term benefits not only to our city and province, but our country.
- Absolutely?? Now is the time to invest in Calgary's future - council needs to get past their shortsightedness and look past the ends of their collective noses - this will absolutely transform and re-energize this city. It needs a shake up and shot of adrenaline - and the Olympics would be that shot!!
- Adding long term Debt for short term gain - Foolishness
- After spending \$5,000,000,000.00 will we recover that? Probably not. Only two host cities have made a profit from the games (Calgary 1988 was one), so it stands to reason that Calgary will be on the hook for a loss. Just look at Montreal, it took over 40 years to pay off the Olympic Stadium. It now sits under used (two CFL games a year), costing the people of that city a lot of money in upkeep. Money that city could use for something else. We should learn from that and use the money for housing and infrastructure.
- Again I believe it's doable as long as the government and city of Calgary work together and formulate an apportioning term plan that won't greatly affect calgarians.
- Again, I don't believe the long-term impacts justify the costs involved.
- Again, not sure of the net benefits
- Again, the long term impacts are in the hands of the personalities involved. So far, the presentations have been lackluster. The Games could bring a vibrancy making the costs worthwhile, but not if it bankrupts the citizens. Enough of concentrating on "maybe"; actual business discussions instead of just sports personalities.
- alberta cant afford it
- All business have a great impact on the cities and the games are not the exception. Yes, I think the long-term will be worthy.
- All levels of Govt are broke, this only adds to deficits. Are the interest payments on this increased debt load also calculated in? I seriously doubt it
- "All my previous commentary supports this answer. Quite simply - it is NO!
- Our fragile economy is not diverse enough to move into a brief blip in tourism. Post-games, the interest in Alberta, and Calgary in my opinion will be static. We have Banff, which is at capacity now, and the result may well be to develop more wilderness. An area such as Kananaskis is for Albertans and precious. The image I have in mind is from a photo in the Calgary Herald last week. A Spanish apartment adjacent to the sea erected a large sign. ""This is not a resort - tourists are NOT welcome."" While that is an extreme response, it articulates the feelings of those who experience unwelcome popularity. This has created for them unwanted additional costs. Additional people also put strains on infrastructure, policing, the courts and the provinces supply systems. None of these services in Alberta can afford to ramp up at this time. Nor, once ramped up could they sustain the increased capacity. There would be on a temporary demand for jobs. Again, status quo would be reached, layoffs the result and facilities left dark."
- All of a sudden you change the question from helping or hindering Calgary's future to 'being worth the costs'. I feel that any more debt is a killer to our future. If we are spending the money on the Olympics what happens to all the other things that need our immediate attention. We are already spending money at unsustainable rates, the Olympics are a luxury not an important need. Governments, local, provincial and federal have no restraint when it comes to spending.
- All the pro-paganda groups talk about how the Games would put Calgary 'on the world stage'. Thought we were already the #4 place in the world to live, tells me we are already on that stage. Should it really cost multi (unknown final number) billions of dollars to generate this type of interest in Calgary and how can this be fully measured to show that any recognition came only as a result of the Olympics? What are the negative long term impacts and what are the plans to overcome them? How many city projects or necessities for daily living are going to be shelved because for the next 8 years, it's all geared to the Games? How do we improve our basic infrastructure, how does the city get better at snow clearing, what is the plan for the north-south LRT, will there be a new entertainment facility - how differently will many of these issues will be addressed if the Games bid goes through versus just a normal part of business?

- An ongoing legacy of facilities and high performance venues will provide years of benefits to Calgarians and all Canadians
- Any debt when you are strapped for cash is bad. Higher City, Provincial and Federal taxes to pay for this idiocy will hurt everyone especially those in the power income brackets.
- Any job benefits helps us all
- As above.
- As Calgary has proven before, one doesn't need to run a deficit to host a games. We can do this without going into debt.
- As I answer these questions it seems I do not think it worth the costs. The games provide a short term burst of excitement but all levels of our government are running debt / deficit and it seems unreasonable to spend Billions on a party.
- "As in, the long term impact of displaced people, and lack of funds for them? I believe the cost of the games would leave us in a worse position, both in the short and long-term, than we are currently in.
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- We've already had the games once; we don't need them again!"
- As long as additional projects are not piggybacked onto the original bid, the city will benefit from the costs of the games
- As long as it's not too expensive for spectators we don't have that much money
- As mentioned, if we can harness our community involvement, and get as much private investment as possible, we can create not only a cost effective games, but a legacy that will benefit Calgarians and Albertans alike for decades to come.
- At current estimates, yes I believe it is worth it. However, the list of risks is very long.
- At the budgeted costs, the games are not worth it. Considering the inadequate contingencies, and the repeated history of games going over budget, the costs have the potential to spiral out of control. It would be supremely irresponsible to proceed with a bid on such tenuous grounds.
- Awful investment. Disappointed in my government.
- Bad impact we will be badly in debt
- Being on the world stage has many advantages. Calgary will again be on the minds of the world's population.
- Big Concern
- Calgary already benefits from tourism. The Stampede, five ski hills nearby, lots of festivals & good support for the arts; a clean, safe & awesome city. Perhaps a different use of +3B to diversify our economy would be better for Calgary.
- CALGARY CANNOT AFFORD THESE GAMES!! STOP NOW!
- Calgary does not need the games to enhance its reputation or attraction for tourism.
- Calgary still has facilities from 1988 that are a major drain on the budget and used by a very select few individuals that are subsidized athletes who rarely even live in Calgary. How can the expense be justified when the city's roads are abysmal? Potholes everywhere, insufficient resources to even clean the streets when the snow falls? This notion should be viewed as an international embarrassment with the huge number of families living in poverty and the civil servants getting wealthier meanwhile
- Can't say as City Hall is being so secretive about costs. With what little we know regarding costs, I'd say no, it's absolutely not worth it, especially if the taxpayer gets nailed with tax increases over this.
- Certainly hinder. I would like to see harder evidence rather than "the true benefits aren't seen for a few years after" (like Montreal? Et al) or the international visibility will spur businesses to relocate to Calgary because of the Games. Not very likely and if a few companies move (minus an Amazon-type which probably doesn't happen) then the economic benefit is fairly limited when considering the costs to generate the few million potential dollars more from tourism, new business, etc. It should be a fairly easy but a rough estimate if you use Vancouver numbers (ie 25% more tourism, 1 year later, 15% more 2 years later) to come up with Calgary benefit numbers after 2026. People can respond to the benefit if we say ROI if putting in \$5.2B costs then the city/province/etc sees \$5.2B in 5 years in additional tourism, new business taxes, etc. The problem is nobody wants to admit those numbers because the economic benefit is probably more like \$3B or less and then we're wasting \$2.2B on what? A 3-week party and some athletic events. I'd be able to host a great sporting event for \$1B and then return \$4.2B to taxpayers / private investors.

- Certainly not. I can't identify the benefits with going into debt for facilities we won't use for an event that's immoral and usurious. This is reprehensible and a misappropriation of public resources that results in private profit. I don't want to pay for it.
- City should spend money to better the city and forget the olympics.
- Cost benefit is POOR
- Cost over runs. Lack of municipal funds/services before and after games. increased police threat. Possible act of terrorism derailing or destroying event. Corrupt IOC stealing money from Calgarians. Doping and/or sexual abuse of athletes. Unpredictable weather in Calgary means venues removed from our city. Increased pollution. No long term gain for most of us (except a few in the hospitality industry who will have a busy summer, but thanks to the terrible pay scale, ie., >\$20 hr for cooks on 17th Ave,, this brief increase in pay won't translate in to anything of significance; specifically, the few hundred extra dollars won't mean a new house, car, career, or even a vacation...).
- Cost to Calgary tax payers
- cost will be very high and long term impacts will hinder our economy. Our taxes will rise because of costs. The city admin and bid committee appear to hide the risks and promote the games bid. The bid committee CEO is supposed to provide information to the public instead she is giving speeches promoting the games. That is a complete conflict. I don't trust the city or the bid committee to provide full disclosure.
- Costs and revenues should be fairly shared. NO UNNECESSARY UPGRADES OR NEW FACILITIES. Only what is needed.
- costs are and will be excessive. community benefits will not be realized
- Costs are out of control don't see anyway to aid citizens
- costs outweigh benefits
- Costs too high and won't recoup. It's a pipe dream and will not give us a return on investment
- Costs way too high!! There's not even enough money for a fully-staffed police force or medical and social services. All of these require several \$\$ millions -- Where will several \$\$ billions come from?
- Costs will far out weigh income. Calgarians and Albertans will be paying for the Games long into the future. Organizers don't have the control nor the leadership to keep costs under control. The greatest long term impact will be paying the bill. What is left behind will not justify the expense.
- Could the city spend an equivalent amount of funds on a single great idea that would drive the future economy more? Possibly, but unlikely to actually occur. The Calgary area is already a national and world leader in winter sporting events. Renewing this already proven economy would seem to be a safe choice.
- Council already loves tax increases, lets try to avoid them unless every council member wants to be looking for work in 3 years.
- "Crestmont Courier Dec18-Feb19 Edition
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- 2018 has been a very successful year for the CCA. We have built many family friendly events, had the opportunity to continue some important relationships with all levels of government, and gained access to information about new and exciting developments in Crestmont and the surrounding areas. Your CCA board would like to thank all members for your continued support. As we grow, we are able to create events with higher entertainment value for the whole family, and without our members, none of this would be possible. We hope to continue to build our member base, the annual fee is \$25/year/household, and allows you access to all CCA events and board meetings. Associate memberships are also available to residents of other communities who might like to attend CCA events or board meetings. To purchase a resident or associate membership, please visit [crestmontcommunity.org](http://crestmontcommunity.org) or see any of the CCA board members at any event.
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- If you are interested in becoming a board member, please attend our 2019 AGM, slated for \_\_\_\_\_. As well as board elections, we go over developments nearby, issues that affect our community, and present pertinent information to our members and guests.
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- We are still seeking input on a community garden, which has the potential to be created near the storm drainage pond. This would need to be taken on by a committee of volunteers, with direction and assistance from the CCA

board and the City of Calgary. If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer, please email [info@crestmontcommunity.org](mailto:info@crestmontcommunity.org).

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- With no corporate sponsorship, I don't believe this should go ahead. In 1988, a large part of the cost was privately paid, why is this bid based almost exclusively on taxpayer dollars?"
- Cut from the same lying cloth as Jean Drapeau's "Olympics in Montreal could no more show a loss than a man could have a baby." Lying jingoism, at its finest.
- DEBT DEBT DEBT
- Debt for olympics makes zero sense. Not worth it
- Definately NOT worth the cost.
- Definately not worth the cost. The City already wastes too much money on "window dressing" projects, instead of focusing on priorities like mass transit, policing, and snowplowing. Stop wasting precious tax revenue on things like Blue Rings and that disgusting heap "Bowfort Towers"
- Definitely no. The only long term impact is the likelihood of years of paying off cost overruns. As a taxpayer all I am doing is paying. The City of Calgary money, my taxes. The provincial money, my taxes too. The federal money, my taxes too. Then I get to shell out again for the pleasure of attending. Then there is the inconvenience of long term construction projects on my quality of life for the sake of a few weeks of fun, not worth it. If I was so keenly motivated, I would go to another city and watch the olympics. Lots of better and cheaper avenues to pump up the economy and spotlight Calgary, I believe that his is the job of Calgary Economic Development to come up with.
- Definitely not worth it, as a future tax payer I would be put on the line! The cost of living is already becoming increasingly high, this just adds to it!
- Definitely not worth the benefit. Too much burden on taxpayers for the elite to have a party.
- Definitely not worth the cost. I think the provincial government has sent a message loud and clear that we can't afford to throw huge piles of money at the Games at this time. Furthermore, with the economic climate at this time, corporate sponsorship will not be rushing in to put up large sums either. We simply cannot afford the Games in Calgary.
- Definitely not worth the costs
- Definitely not worth the costs for a few weeks of games. Real life, housing, jobs, food, etc are more important than games that most people cannot even afford to go to. And just like a concert, all tickets will go to scalpers.
- Definitely not worth the costs.
- Definitely not worth the costs. 21st century Olympic Games with security issues etc are too expensive and burden the host city with huge debt
- Definitely not worth the long term impacts of having to pay for the Olympics for the next few decades.
- Definitely not!
- Definitely not!
- Definitely not! We cannot afford the games!
- Definitely not! absolutely not. throwing an international party in our city when we have massive unemployment, significant market access problems, a bloated overspending city council, a provincial and federal government running deficits at an unprecedented level, and an ever increasing violent crime rate is absurd. We need to be more intelligent with our spending and hosting the Olympics is not intelligent.
- Definitely NOT! There are few long term benefits and too much enthusiasm from our mayor and council... too much secretive behaviour. In all likelihood we would end up with billions of dollars in overruns for which the city would be responsible. Even if the other levels of government chipped in, it is still the same taxpayers (us) who end up paying , at this point ALL levels of government are broke.
- Definitely not! There will be overruns and the calgary tax payer will be left holding the bag! This will mean increased taxes and reduced services.
- Definitely not!!
- Definitely not, the short amount of publicity and pride are not worth the staggering amount. Build more schools, roads, or hospitals... lower taxes...

- Definitely not.
- Definitely not. I keep hearing about things that have not been considered in the costs. Further, City Council seems to have difficulty living within their means with the current financial obligations. Taking on a massive project such as the olympics would only serve to exacerbate the financial challenges.
- Definitely not. Personally if all it took for the Olympics to come was for me to give a \$100, I'd say no and use that money to help someone in need. Athletes are not a need. The Olympics are not a need. if they never had them again there wouldn't be any big loss.
- Definitely not. Costs are astronomical and keep going up. Check out every Olympic Games in the past 30 years. Why would we be different?
- Definitely NOT. Long term tax payers costs will go on for years for a temporal overall city benefit. Historical Olympic bids since 1969's have NEVER come below or met budget. On average, historical host cities actual costs has gone over 142% of the proposed bid budget (in real terms). Calgary 88' Olympics itself went over it's bid budget by 62%. These overruns are quite certain to be a reality and will end up costing taxpayers for several years well after the 2026 olympics are hosted and forgotten.
- Definitely not. The cost of facilitating and hosting these games do not enhance the cities long term economic environment enough to balance out.
- Depends on ROI business case. Needs to be better laid out to get ppl like me off the fence.
- Depends on the costs
- Depends on the debt and cost overruns. The question is: Can we actually afford it now? I don't think so. Could we afford it in a few years? Maybe, but it will depend on Alberta's and Calgary's economic situation then.
- depends on what we get?
- Disaster - too many sports now, too many venues needed that will turn out useless. Just look at past cities - the tear down or abandon expensive facilities
- Ditto
- Do not believe so.
- Do not believe there will be any long term positive benefits from hosting these games. Take a look around the world and see how many cities are left in the potential hosting for 2026. If the benefits are so good, why are all the other cities not bidding and/or dropping out of being even interested in bidding. The corrupt IOC can see the writing on the wall and are so desperate they are offering to give some of our money back to us!! Calgary is on the World Map now, and do not need to go into more debt in order to become known in the world for it's great venues ie. Rocky Mountains to attract new tourism.
- Do not see any long term benefits or hosting. Calgary has other priorities for tax payer money that would provide more direct benefits to residents.
- Does the province capping their funding not mean the city alone will be responsible for massive overruns? Why are we still even considering this.
- Don't believe it's worth the cost. The cost is funded by tax payers; more costs for the local Calgary at the municipal, provincial and federal. In a city that has raised taxes significantly, I have had enough. In fact, considering moving out of the city so that I can get out from under these taxes.
- Don't know because of the lack of a comprehensive business plan.
- don't know the revenue from other levels of Govt so don't know the costs to Calgary. Budget is not very detailed - one line for new facilities, one line for total of renovations - should have some indication of cost per venue. Govt of Ab seems 300 million short of budget revenue with no responsibility for cost overruns. Feds not yet in the picture. What are the revenue/expense considerations for Canmore, Whistler other participants. Inflation considerations for a 2018 dollar budget - promised govt contributions - expenses primarily in 2020's. IOC contribution appears to be part cash and part services in kind with the IOC probably deciding the value of the services -does anyone really trust the IOC. All these questions were asked at the open house in Dalhousie but no answers
- Don't want it sick of hearing about it
- Every other games has been over budget by a lot. Long term impact would be positive.
- First I need to know the sources of revenue - although I know that Public funding does truly come from the same taxpayer - that's you and me! And we need to ensure it STAYS WITHIN BUDGET to be worth it.

- First of all the costs are unknown beyond vaguely estimated. I have no idea what private funding sources have been secured and under contract. We have no idea what the direct costs will eventually be. We have no idea what the total costs of operations, maintenance and repairs would be over the life of the facilities. We have no idea of the cost of projects unrelated to the games will be such as relocation of bus barns, LRT to the airport, and other civic projects deemed necessary to support the games. Far too many unknowns.
- First, I think we have little idea on what the total costs of the games would be, but even the present projected cost would be better used in other ways that would be more directly beneficial to Calgarians.
- FIX THE ROADS FIRST
- For god sake no, it most definitely will NOT.
- For me, the long-term impacts are overwhelmingly negative. I see only a significant expenditure of monies for facilities I will never use to host events I will never be able to afford to attend.
- "From a strictly economic perspective, we could get the infrastructure upgrades for much less than these Olympics will cost us. Bringing the Olympics guarantees they will occur and fast tracks them, probably unfairly ahead of other priorities."
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- The games will bring economic uncertainty - no Olympic Games have ever been on budget in the recent past. The upcoming Tokyo games are estimated to cost \$25 Billion frothier regional \$7 Billion price tag. We will perhaps fare somewhat better, but with the lack of transparency to date, such as BusBarnGate, expectations should be very low. Anyone who speaks of "the most" transparent Olympics is ignorant: a relative term like "most" has no weight in such an argument - it's just spin.
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- A rarely discussed "reputational cost" is that bringing the Olympics to Calgary is condoning the IOC. This is a corrupt and nepotistic organization with a dark history. The most recent excess by the IOC is via WADA, which it controls 50% of, by the readmission of Russia despite the ban for state-sponsored doping. Most alarming is how this is an affront to our very own Beckie Scott, an Alberta-born athlete who stands for integrity in sport and suffered bullying at the hands of the IOC and WADA for her anti-drugs stance. It is appalling that we should be associated with the IOC and a broken, corrupt WADA."
- Games are not worth the cost. Long term effect is me, my children and grand children will pay more and more taxes.
- Generally worth it. Again, with careful oversight
- Given the outlandish proposed budget (under estimated) and the historic record of amazingly high cost overruns I would only expect that the debit needed to fund the olympics will burden the city for generations to come. I don't believe there is much evidence showing that there will be a net return to the city or the tax payer.
- Given we are putting in most of the money and the IOC is taking most of the revenue. It sound like a great deal for the taxpayer.
- God no. Who in their right mind would spend over 10 billion for two weeks to lose money. There is no economic upside at all
- Good gosh, no.
- Hard to say without clearly defined and defensible cost breakdown.
- Harmful. Too many unknowns and secrets for tax payers.
- HECK NO!!! even at 5.2 billion (which it will not be - cost I guarantee will be at least five times that, just look at Vancouver) - Even if you could tell me that this would come at no cost to us (how the heck can that even be) i would still say no, why? Because I can tell when I am being sold something and i can tell when something is genuine. I have been inundated with news stories, public opinions, ad campaigns, pro calgary talks all pushing me and selling me on a PRO 2026 Olympic bid - Im not buying it, i can see how hard they are trying to sell this to Calgarians, you think we are sheep, but we are not, it doesnt take an idiot to do 5 minutes of investigation into the Vancouver olympics to see what they sold the olympics to their community as (950 million or so) and what the final costs came in at 7+ Billion!!!! then you say, oh thats not us we are quite confident that the games will cost only 5.2 billion, and not only that we will make money off of it. You have to be kidding me right, one of the biggest costs (security) that will leave nothing Tangible for Calgarians is not included in the current numbers, and thats just one large example. Not to mention the Federal government will leave AB high and dry like it always does, Notley wont put a cent towards the games when

the NO vote comes out and good on her, she actually gained some credit in my book on how she is handling this (thank you for the Plebiscite so WE can all voice our opinion instead of having city hall do it for us). Not to mention, look at how much is being spent right now to just talk about it, this survey for example, I am not dumb, i know this is not free, i know i am already paying for this nonsense so i can be brainwashed to allow the city to use my tax dollars to fund this grand party for some elitist egos and legacies. If Calgary got something more tangible then the (2) measly facilities proposed, i think you would have a lot more on board

- Heck no. Cost estimates are low and will have a tremendous burden on Canada
- Hell NO!
- Help and hinder if the city can not stay on budget and put the proper checks and balances to hold the committee accountable through out the process instead of finding out after the its over. If they can hold themselves accountable and ensure they follow the budget, the tourism revenues will help our city.
- Help. Some of the upgrades and new builds are being done either way for no reason. This gives those costs reason.
- Hinder
- Hinder - Calgary already has massive debt and has yet to recover from our current economic woes. Spending money on the olympics at this point seems like an exercise in hubris and ego vs "whats best for the city"
- Hinder - deeper in debt and costs are already affecting citizens
- Hinder - not worth the risk of debt to be paid by taxpayers
- Hinder because nothing to gain and everything to lose
- Hinder- it seems like affordable housing, arts funding and the potential for indigenous housing is being touted as the reason to bid. Can't the city just fund these needs for their own merits and not use them as justification?
- Hinder, Alberta has not recovered enough from the recession
- Hinder, Costs are always over-run
- Hinder, same as above
- Hinder. Benefits will not go to vulnerable populations
- Hinder. Too expensive. We are poor and will not be able to dig ourselves out of this grave
- HINDER. A bunch of short term jobs do not offset the impact on taxes. My family is struggling to make property taxes already. I think City council needs to experience UNEMPLOYMENT.
- Hinder. Costs are very high, benefits are minimal.
- Hinder. Costs with Olympic games are always uncertain an have a very poor record of coming it as planned.
- Hinder. The bid is unrealistic and we will end up paying even more with the only way to recoup is either services slashed or taxes up. Paying off debts for 20 yrs+ for a 10 day event is not something I want to be doing
- "Hinder. The current budget gives is the shittiest, value-tier Olympics ever, and is already a huge sum. Costs overruns are essentially guaranteed, and nothing we build for the Olympics will retain the value we put in. Sure, we might build some shitty, hastily-assembled affordable housing in Vic Park, but what the point if it costs a million bucks per unit when all the dust settles? The budget for these games is already a joke; it lacks detail and proper contingencies (but of course the bidco doesn't care because they are stuffing their pickets with fat stacks of taxpayer dollars already)
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- At this point, the only people in favour are those who will benefit economically or can use this to pad their resume. The Olympics will not provide economic value to most calgarians."
- Historically, cities hosting Olympics have incurred costs which far outweighed the perceived benefits. The IOC has a reputation for corruption and Calgary should stay right away from them.
- "Horrible idea to host the games. Calgary has one of the country's highest unemployment rates. The cost of the games are not going to stay in budget and will cost the tax payers more. The city will raise property taxes - this will increase the struggle for affordable housing. People who own are now on the hook and people who rent will have an increase to their rent.
- If Alberta was in an oil/gas boom it would bother me as much but we are not, many Calgarians are still jobless and are just trying to make it by. The games would be a huge waste of money. Even the money spent around the vote has been a huge waste."
- Hosting Olympic Games are never worth the cost for any city or country. When the world leaves, the city has to pick up the pieces and deal with the aftermath. We can do better things for Calgary to put it on the map.

- Hosting the games have the biggest risk to hinder Calgary's future by drawing money away from other projects that are ultimately more worthwhile. IT has been highlighted in the media and by city council that there is a need to improve transit infrastructure and affordable housing. Spending several billions of dollars, with the likelihood of running over-budget, for the games would leave the city with a financial hole that inhibits improvement of city.
- Hosting the Olympic Games comes with a gigantic price tag for infrastructure, security, and more, and it is not guaranteed that hosting the Games will come with a profit. There is little if any evidence to support that hosting the olympics will generate profit. Alberta will spend billions all the while, the population will still suffer.
- How long? If we lost the city and province to the conservative parties - that will have LONG lasting damage.
- How much civic tax money is being spent to support the olympic bid? How much did it cost to build this inane site?
- Huh no.
- I am concerned regarding the long term impacts. Our children and grandchildren are already facing a pile of bent. Our governments consistently demonstrate a lack of fiscal responsibility.
- I am not convinced that the benefits will outweigh the costs. I am open to be convinced, but have not seen sufficient evidence that the downside risks are being identified and adequately mitigated. If the cost estimates are wrong, who bares the risk of cost overruns? On the flip side, what are upside benefits beyond what is already communicate in the plan? Or, are we assuming that all benefits will come and the risks will not materialize?
- I am still undecided...
- I am uncertain. I do see the potential benefits, but again, I am concerned when I hear that certain costs are being omitted from what is being presented to the public. I would rather see money being invested in more sure things than the Olympics.
- I am worried about cost overruns. The city doesn't do an efficient nor effective job of spending taxpayer money carefully.
- I believe because the government at any level can't be believed at holding any cost down to the minimum requirements the final cost of the games would hurt the average citizen for years to come just in taxes and added fees.
- I believe it to be worth the cost if they are invested in the right places. Such as facilities for training or revenue generating facilities. If this isn't possible it would be unwise to continue with the bid
- I believe it will hurt Calgary. it will saddle us with a huge debt. Removing taxpayer money from other infrastructure and needs of the taxpayer.
- "I believe that the Olympics should now be hosted by countries not cities.
- The winter olympics could be held in Quebec/Vancouver/Calgary and any other city that wants to help fund the olympics. Costs and security never mind the many people that descend on one city could be spread over the country. This OLD format is not working as seen by how many cities have decided not to sponser the Olympics"
- I believe the entire economic benefit to the City should be viewed and analyzed. I don't believe that when fully analyzed there will be costs.
- I believe the long term impacts would be well worth the costs, when considering the access to new facilities for Calgarians and the recreational opportunities they enable. The increase in property taxes would be modest and the likely increase in property values would more than compensate.
- I believe the organizing team is using plans from many other Olympic Games to ensure they have considered all possible costs. This has been done before and should not be a high risk factor. I believe we need to continue working with all levels of government and the IOC to ensure support and adequate funding for these Games. The investment costs will have long term benefits for Calgary.
- I believe they are worth the costs if we make responsible and strategic decisions with the not just the immediate results in mind. Lets think long term investment for the good of most.
- I believe they are worthwhile. The games not only provide an opportunity to celebrate sport, but provides our city with a platform to show who we are to billions around the world. The costs are high, but I do believe that the overall benefits will outweigh the costs.
- I cannot believe Yyc is wasting time and money on this bid
- I cannot imagine a scenario where the benefits outweigh the costs, even in the long-term. At best, we might come out even. I would like to see an extensive, unbiased study on what benefits this would bring to our city. I'm worried that

we are using nostalgia and "oh, it would be nice" arguments for hosting the games. This is very irresponsible and could be damaging to Calgary. My hope is that we do an in-depth analysis on the future impact of the Games, so that we do not make a poor investment on hopes and feelings.

- "I definitely do not think the long term impacts of the Games are worth the costs. I believe the projected costs are overly optimistic and there are too many unknowns. I expect the Games to cost double what the current projections are suggesting. Today the Province of Alberta has made it clear they are going to commit to providing only 70% of the funds Calgary has requested and they will not commit to cover any amount of cost overruns. I am not aware of any of the recent Olympic Games that were able to meet their projected budgets. There will be cost overruns and it is increasingly looking like Calgarian taxpayers will be on the hook to pay a lot more for the Games than being projected.
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- Calgarians will see their property taxes rise, user fees for City services are also going to increase and City services are going to be reduced. As the taxes and costs go up Calgary will be a less desirable city to live in. Is that really worth the cost?
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- Hosting an Olympic Games is no longer the prestigious event it once was. The reputation has suffered from the widespread examples of lavish spending by the IOC and the amount of corruption within their organization. The widespread use of performance enhancing drugs and cheating calls into question whether there is fair competition and this is reducing fan interest and support for the games. The number of potential host cities that are abandoning potential bids should be a warning of the declining interest and value of hosting a Games."
- I do not believe that there will be any long-term benefits either economic or social. Calgary will get exposure during a games but there will be little carry over and the estimated economic benefits are over stated. As well, the estimate of \$5.3 billion is extremely conservative based on other games and does not include many hidden costs as we found out with the recently leaked documents regarding the bus barns. And, as history has shown, even the supposed affordable housing will be one of the first victims following the games if they do see much higher costs and overruns. From all appearances, a major reason for Calgary wanting to bid on a games is to get funding from other levels of government to complete various projects, some not even related to the games. This is not a good enough reason nor is it a logical one given the level of debt the city, province and country are in. Virtually all other countries, other than Italy, have pulled out of the bid process. Nenshi is not the smartest guy in the room, despite what he thinks, and cannot guarantee that a Calgary Olympics will be successful or remain within budget. The only long-term impacts I see are negative and therefore are not even remotely worth the costs of hosting a games. It is unfair and irresponsible for Calgary to even be considering a bid.
- I do not believe the impacts are worth the costs. Municipal debt should be paid off first before more is spent on fun and games.
- I do not consider the long term benefits of the games worth the proposed costs and risk of further cost overruns. Having worked on a number of major projects over my working career the euphoria of a project like this overrides the risks. The euphoria is in the mind the cost overruns and impact on the taxpayers long term will be real and given the state of debt of many people ultimately overwhelming. I look at how the city operates today - just another 3 or 4% increase in taxes, maybe 5% next year, maybe the same after that. It's a joke that anyone believes this Olympic organisation or the city can bring this project in on budget and without future impacts to the citizens. Nothing that's been done over the past 5 to 10 years gives me any confidence people can say no to increased costs or budget aggressively and then stick to it.
- I do not share Calgary2026's view of the Games being worth the costs from an economic nor social perspective. The point of view that Fed & Prov dollars are there for the taking, and if Calgary doesn't use them, someone else will is highly misleading and false. Taxpayer dollars must be for taxpayers' benefit at all levels.
- I do not think it is worth it. I am a person who runs my household with a fairly well known budget. Major cost overruns do not happen because I have planned carefully. Major cost overruns could be very detrimental and the potential in this situation seems very high to likely that we would bear the burden for many years. I would love the Olympics but unfortunately the IOC has ruined the ability to host one without incurring unreasonable costs. I cannot support this corrupt organization.

- I do not think the cost outweighs the pros for the games because it's too much and we are uncertain of the return.
- I do not think we should fund a new hockey arena with my taxpayer dollars. If we lose the Flames, I do not care in the slightest. Also, I should point out that I was not able to buy tickets to the Games in 1988 because of the way ticket sales were conducted. Has anyone addressed that yet? No. Also, I think that holding the alpine events at Whistler is ridiculous. I think that people who enjoy winter sports know about Western Canada as a place to come and do them. I don't think that it will draw more tourists. We have too many as it is. Have you tried to visit Lake Louise or Moraine Lake this year? Now we have to stand in line with Americans and pay for a shuttle. And the biggest reason of all is that I don't want to pay for all the cost overruns for years hence. Has this city council ever been accurate in its costs for LRT? Ring roads? No.
- I do not view the long-term impacts of the games as being worth the costs.
- I do not view the ridiculous proposed cost of hosting the games as being worth it for Calgary. Calgary and Alberta are supposed to be examples of fiscal responsibility to the world, not 'us too' mentality.
- "I do not want taxpayers (including myself) to be stuck paying a huge debt leftover from these games. Montreal paid 30 years to clear the debt of the 1976 summer games. Enough said.
- The Calgary Olympic bid is not including the basic inflation numbers in their current estimates, and many costs are grossly underestimated like the security, the housing, and the upgrades to existing facilities.
- Let's focus on spending that builds new, needed facilities and infrastructure (like the roads, Green Line, Police, Fire, EMT) and not what a childish, petulant mayor wants as his legacy."
- I do not. Either we have the money to upgrade facilities or we don't. Some of these facilities have been around for decades and somehow haven't been upgraded even during boom times. If these facilities were so crucial to our city, we should have been taking care of them all along.
- I don't believe that the long term impacts are worth the costs. I would really like to see a side by side comparison of how the potential public funding designated for the event would impact facility upgrades and affordable housing if it was invested directly into these projects instead of the Games. Will we really stand to gain significant benefits in these important areas by hosting the Games?
- I don't believe the true costs are being presented to the Calgary taxpayers.
- I don't think it will be worth the cost. I fear that the Olympics will break our city financially.
- I don't think it's worth the costs at all, I know it'll end up being more than the estimate and that money could be much better spent. Maybe we should build some low income housing before we start throwing money at frivolous nonsense
- I don't see any long-term impacts of any kind. Hosting the Olympics is not worth the money.
- I don't see the long-term impact being worth the cost.
- I don't think a two week party is worth the financial burden that taxpayers will be required to shoulder for many years to come. The cost of hosting these games is always significantly higher than projected and I don't feel that we can afford the inevitable exorbitant cost when there is such need for funding for education, health care, transit, food banks, homelessness, snow removal and other worthwhile endeavors.
- I don't think I know enough about what the long-term impacts are. The only thing that has been stated is what the overall costs are. But there isn't anything about what the long-term impacts could be. There isn't anything that says how much Calgarians will be paying on taxes to cover the Olympics, or what the potential cost could be if things don't go as planned. Overall, I would like to see us host the Olympics, but I think there are some serious flaws in the information provided to us and in some of the renovation plans rather than rebuild plans. The renovations aren't worth the cost because they are only very temporary fixes and will not last going another 30 years into the future.
- I don't think it will be worth the costs, there are many more pressing needs in this city.
- I don't think so now. I think there is potential, but how would we know until after? The games COULD do so much, but the plans don't seem solid. We COULD become more known on the world stage, we COULD increase environmental responsibility and become a leader in this infrastructure, we COULD make much needed upgrades to infrastructure, we COULD reduce homelessness and increase low income housing..... will we? It's a lot of money. Is this affordable for Calgarians? Could we even afford to go to the games?
- I don't think we can afford this. The games are so expensive, before any cost overruns or unexpected costs. It's just such a risky investment.

- I feel the cost of the games has been misled by the mayor and current government within Calgary City. The fact people or counselors have been silenced to hid the real cost of the games makes this feel forced and a political move.
- I guess that depends on who you talk to? For myself, definitely not because I am not a winter sports enthusiast. That being said, maybe my daughter will be a future figure skater, ski jumper, skeleton sled athlete etc, in which case maybe it would be worth the cost. My problem is that we throw out all these huge numbers without explaining what they will really mean to each individual. AKA how much can I (as an individual) expect to pay out of my own pocket through taxes, fees etc. An accountant would be able to take all those cash outlays and turn them into a single net present value that everyone could understand. I'm not sure that will happen though because I think that could be a scary number for most people. Imagine if you told someone that hosting the Olympics is the equivalent of paying out \$25,000 out of their own pocket tomorrow. I know that would scare me and frankly it does scare me.
- I lived in Turin during the 2006 Winter Olympics and see how it had almost zero long-term impact on the city. The planned metro system was not finished in time for the Olympics and the athletic facilities built within the city are underused today. The area that served as housing for athletics is now known as the city's slum. Sure, I got to see Ricky Martin live in concert in the city center, but even as a young working professional the athletic event ticket prices were out of reach for me. In the end, it was absolutely not worth it... and I foresee the same for Calgary.
- I REMEMBER THE 1988 GAMES WELL, THE ECONOMY WAS DOING WELL, PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED, THE EFFECTS DIDN'T LAST MORE THAN ABOUT A YEAR. TODAY, WE HAVE MAJOR UNEMPLOYMENT, PEOPLE HAVE MOVED AWAY FROM CALGARY, OIL COMPANIES ARE DOWNSIZING AND NOT SPENDING LIKE IN THE PAST. NOW YOU WANT TO BORROW VAST AMOUNTS OF MONEY WHICH WILL AFFECT US FOR YEARS IN THE FUTURE. STOP SPENDING MY MONEY RECKLESSLY
- I saw what happened to Vancouver after the Olympics, cost of housing skyrocketed, politicians playing dirty with developers cash. It's why I left YVR. Could no longer to live there. Yes, housing was already insane, but developer greed and deep political pockets to it to a new level. I see YYC becoming enticing developers with the promise of the Olympic bid. Council has outright changing community AVR's & ignored concerns of those residents and communities. When development occurs, the costs of housing goes up, driving ppl from their community. Diversity of neighbourhoods change.
- I see no benefit . city council has a track record of wasting tax money . affordable living is becoming out of reach and tax from all levels is one of the reasons .
- I see the costs as an investment; many of these dollars wouldn't flow to Calgary without the Olympics, so there is tremendous benefit to hosting.
- "I see the long term impacts of the games as being worth the cost.
- The benefits of the games for us and future generations can be seen in the impact of the last olympics Calgary hosted. There are still stories exchanged and movies made. Now we have a chance for the next generation to experience those moments and tell those stories long into the future. To me that is worth every cent."
- I support the games and think they'd be wonderful for Calgary but only if the cost is managed and not too high, regardless of how amazing it would be, we can't bankrupt the city to host the Olympics. If we can do it then we should.
- I think our children will end up paying for this years down the road.
- I think private sector could be contributing more. It is a bit daunting with the cost and how unpredictable it can be.
- I think that the economic impact of the games will be vastly overestimated, whereas the costs will be underestimated. There needs to be massive amounts of oversight and budget management to ensure costs stay on track. Overages should be covered by contractors first and foremost, and then provincial and federal governments. The city should not be left on the hook. When contracts are tendered, the city should avoid cost+ models, and go to fixed costs, with contractors on the hook for overages, as well as penalties for delays. The extravagance seen in past olympics should be avoided for a modest and functional model.
- I think that the tax payers will have to foot the bill for a lot of ridiculous expenses. City Hall has proven itself incapable of making many sensible decisions. I don't want to pay for councillors to have box seats when I can't even afford to go!!!
- I think the costs out weigh the benefits. As of today there is only Italy and Calgary that are interested in hosting these games. Other cities have already determined that the benefits are not there. Some of these cities are experienced with

Olympic bids. If Italy bows out does Calgary win by default? Will we be the only city that sees merit in this proposal and the rest were just foolish? Or, will Calgary be the foolish one to fund the games? I think the latter.

- I think the impact would be negative to an economy that is struggling already. We need to focus our attention on encouraging business to come back to Calgary, cut the debilitating tax structures that are affecting both business and people.
- I think the long term impacts of the games ARE the costs! The benefits are fleeting.
- I think the long-term impacts of the Games will be a positive one and worth the costs. The areas affected will be able to use the facilities for many non-Olympic related events that will have a lasting benefit to areas used for the Games.
- I think they are worth the cost. We have the next 8 years to benefit from the lift the Games will bring. That hopefully will help the province as a whole but really help a city where so many people became unemployed.
- I think we will be paying down the costs for years
- I view most of the positive impacts imagined by the "yes" camp as mostly wishful thinking. The city has real housing, infrastructure, education and other issues that need to be dealt with in a fiscally responsible manner, completely divorced from the "Games" shell game being played. The city is in a critical tax deficit situation that should be its top priority, and the Games is a massive distraction. Anything that potentially increases the tax burden on citizens, or diverts money from other needed capital projects, should be shelved.
- I view the long term impacts of the games being the costs, so they cannot be worth the costs. Years after the games only trivia fanatics will remember the 2026 Calgary games but those who had to pay for them will remember the hardships.
- I would rather see City funds invested in higher priority projects that would benefit the daily lives of many Calgarians, such as affordable housing or expansion of the Green Line beyond the first phase.
- I'm not sure at this point.
- I'm really not sure about this one. At the moment it's like the blind man describing an elephant.
- If a large stadium is built as part of the plan for Calgary's long term use and if all costs are covered without lasting debt, then then increase in world visibility and the short term boost to our economy will make it worth the cost.
- If they pay for themselves, and don't see a reduction in economy in other places, then it's a solid business plan. We still do not have numbers, nor do we look at growth impacts and revenues outside of the olympics. It's a quater-baked idea.
- If we actually stay on budget, it's worth it. But I feel like it is unlikely that the games will be \$5.2B. We may uncover some ugliness when we try to upgrade some of our facilities (unforeseen problems, bringing facilities up to new codes, etc)
- "IF we build on budget.
- IF costs (and cost overages) are shared between IOC, feds, prov, and city (get it in writing)
- IF new builds are well designed and well built not thrown together and built to meet a deadline by the lowest bidder.
- If, if, if... too many ifs for me to be comfortable."
- if we can break even or show a profit, it would provide a very positive image for Calgary and showcase us for future major international events. A negative legacy would not be good
- If we don't build fieldhouse and arena the positives are huge; building these are unnecessary for the Games; bigger cash legacy for community benefits after if that cash is stretched as far to operate facilities after.
- I'm a senior citizen struggling to make it on a \$1800./month pension. My property tax is already \$225.00/month. I can hardly make ends meet now and you ask about long-term impacts of Games???
- I'm not 100%. I believe that there are benefits, I don't believe our current municipal government is the group to lead us through this event. The last Olympics were a success because of the leadership, and this group of individuals don't lead well.
- Im taxed to death. Now you want my kids taxed to death as well. Because we won't finish paying for this until my grandkids are my age
- In debt forever like Montreal after their olympics
- In my opinion, the long-term impacts of the Games are NOT worth the costs associated with hosting such an event. I believe the City should be focussing on encouraging companies and organizations to the area that will benefit the economy much longer than a 10 day international event.

- Insufficient information as we have not been shown what if any capital projects need to be deferred or operating budget impact and service level impact. Need facts, numbers not general statements. Without good financial information good decisions can not be made. Also if we do not host olympics what is confidence that we will get funding in a timely manner for low cost housing, needed sport facilities, maintenance and upgrading of current facilities. We have not been able to get it so far i.e. field house. Also is the provincial funding in 2018 dollars and will it grow with inflation as costs will?
- It definitely would hinder Calgary's future! We don't have enough money for everyday needs of Calgarians. Taxes increase every year, new taxes appear, life is getting more expensive everyday for regular Calgarian person.. City should stop wasting our money for the fancy projects like that!! If City Council wants that Games so much - spend your own money not taxpayers money! Such a huge irresponsibility of City Council give us a thought that maybe these people are not good and honest enough to be there and do this job for US! Are they ready to be liable for debts of future Calgary?? Are they liable for the full extent of all their own assets?
- It depends on if we get the appropriate buildings or if we just throw away money on things we don't need.
- "It doesn't take a lot of work to figure out that the benefit to cost is extremely poor. Taxes would have to increase to cover the increased debt. This would drive away investment, not attract it. We are already subsidizing business taxes to keep many afloat.
- If you want to attract investment, show intelligent fiscal restraint. The location already speaks for itself."
- It has not proven to me beyond a doubt that there will be a profit. This council has a tendency to be pie in the sky with their thinking in that the minority get the benefit not the majority. For example bike lanes serve less than 1 percent of the population. The green line will benefit only those on the line. And so it goes. Let's look at maintaining the City and not using scare tactics i.e. we will have to cut critical services to reduce taxes. NO we will have to become fiscally responsible and start to run the city not use taxes as never ending source of income for ridiculous ideas and projects. NO WE CAN NOT AFFORD THE COSTS
- It is debatable that there would be any long term positive impacts. Most of these events end up leaving white elephant facilities
- It is definitely not worth it. It is too costly.
- It is impossible to determine impacts because lack of information on what games will mean to city taxes.
- It is not worth the cost. It is not something I can see my family even affording to attend. Based on the pricing of the Vancouver games the average family will not even be able to attend. What we do need is a field house so the cost of track and field stays affordable.
- It is not worth the cost. If the Mayor and those at city hall had any sense of money they would understand this.
- It is not worth the cost. There are other projects that can directly and positively impact Calgary which carries less risk and have clearer benefits.
- It is not worth the costs at all.
- It is not worth the costs. Long Term impact? Everyone packs up and leaves town and we get stuck with the bill. No thanks. If there was a long term impact from the last games of like to know about it
- It is probably not worth the cost. Debt is the mother of all evils. Individuals, businesses, governments should be debt free as much as possible.
- It is too much money to spend on the GAMES
- It is well known that there is little to no future economic or social benefit to hosting an Olympic games event. Most cities regret the long term costs and future capital limitations that short term events ultimately cause
- It isn't a matter of viewing them as worth the costs. It's a matter of ROI, of which we will receive none. This is pure cost without any economic gain. For the costs we could invest in infrastructure, business development, flood mitigation, hell even a basic savings account will yield us a higher ROI than the olympics.
- It will be worth the cost. You are attracting the world's attention for the third time in recent history (1988 Calgary, 2010 Whistler) this will encourage people to come on holiday here and make more people want to invest in our country once they see how friendly we are, how clean Calgary is and how it's on the way to becoming modern. We have more to gain than we have to lose. Hopefully it encourages Calgary's bus transit service to complete the green line in a more timely manner as well, like how the North West line was completed for the 88 Olympics.
- It will be worthwhile as long as we can improve our infrastructure and affordable housing along the way

- It will leave a debt that our grand childrens, grand childrens will be paying for. The benefits of 15 days under the Olympic flag is not worth the life long debt and financial burden it will leave to Calgary.
- It will only be worth the long-term costs if there is improved transit, roads and large event centers that can be used well into the future.
- It won't be worth the cost. I'm doing believe the current budget is realistic and the city will be shouldering the overruns.
- It's already expensive and there will be the usual cost over runs that nobody saw coming and the usual rants that its less expensive to continue with the over runs then stop the project.
- Its hard to say. It varies from city to city for every Olympics. Most likely though calgary might end up in debt and as a tax payer I'm not sure that u want my taxes to go towards the olympics.
- It's not worth it. Massive overruns have become the norm. Most of it is waste and corruption.
- Its not worth the costs. As stated, putting up billions now only accelerates existing plans for infrastructure from "we can afford to pay for it over time" to "we have to pay now and we don't have enough money". Some times you just have to wait to get what you want. No to the games.
- Its serenity worth it in the long run. The investment in infrastructure and the marketing for Alberta as a top tourism destination will have lasting benefits to boost both our tourism economy and other business economies
- its worth it, anytime we can invest in the future ( infrastructure, housing) is a good way and if we need the games to push us to do what needs to be done then so be it
- It's worth the cost.
- Japan pulled out of the bid because they put the costs at over 20 billion dollars. That is 4 times the amount the city is proclaiming. We don't have the intellectual power on the council to do this.
- Just don't do it - too expensive- if we are not making money on it - then will be taxed to death - you're going to kill people Economically period
- Later operational costs will never be offset by any found gain
- Let's focus on getting the currrent economic situation cleaned up and on paying current debt. Or how about saving for improving existing infrastructure?
- Let's take a look at Vancouver 2010 and where Vancouver is now in terms of development in the City. In my opinion the cost of the game is worth it for the long term. Most people think about the current situation but we are looking at 8 years away. Economy goes up and down. If this topic was in 2013 then people would have no problem but then we would be hosting the game in the downturn because the game doesn't just happen. It must be looked at in the long term. Most people can't comprehend the cost anything in the millions are too much for many to digest and understand.
- Long term costs could be staggering. This would come to bear upon the taxpayers, left all alone. Interest on borrowed cash would be mind boggling. There is a very small majority of people that would benefit long-term from hosting.
- Long term debt and increased taxes will be the legacy to having the games
- Long term impact can only mean high debt to be passed on to taxpayers by all levels of government - citizens and home owners pay for it for decades.
- Long term impact will be debt
- Long term impacts are not worth the cost. Local tax base must take on the added responsibility that could be better allocated to federal or private sectors
- Long term impacts are not worth the costs
- Long term impacts are NOT WORTH the costs contemplated (which are almost certainly understated). When we get the final bill believe me the IOC will long, long gone.
- Long term impacts such as new venues would definitely be good for our City. I can not see having to take on the costs of hosting an Olympics as the only way to acheive this. Far less money would be spent on promoting our City through tourism and economic development branches of government.
- Long term Olympic impact would benefit only a few, not the taxpayers who will pay long after Mayor Nenshi is gone.
- long term there really isn't anything this city needs that the games would end up paying for? For instance, maybe if Calgary hosted the games and the money from the feds (over and above the costs of the games) paid for a new arena, then yeah.....there is an obvious benefit we wouldn't otherwise have. But really, we as a city will end up with new

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- NO - all levels of government have more important things to worry about - or should be!
- "No - can enjoy the Games nearly as much when it is in another city, maybe moreso due to less traffic/hassles. Storylines and medals within Games much more important than hosting. Will probably not be able to watch much in person anyway, or will cost too much. Easier to get highlights on media anyway.
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- Also the infrastructure gained for the high costs is just not worth it, especially considering potential cost overruns."
- No - community investment helps - it doesn't have to be connected to a corrupt organization such as the IOC.
- No - costs are too high for very little benefit. Yes it is a nice idea to host the Olympics but it is not practical as many of the facilities that we already have in place are essentially non-functional and would need to be completely redone. Also, do not want to support a corrupt organization if we do IOC should contribute more.
- NO - even with the current cost estimates this will result in taxpayers having to shoulder a large tax burden. Further, the lack of risk sharing for cost sharing means that Calgarians could (most likely would) be exposed to a massive bill for the games
- No - invest in Albertans and make Alberta Strong Again
- NO - Its extremely expensive, with no net benefit for the size of the cost.
- No - let someone else pay for the olympics - I will be happy watching it on TV.
- No - let's keep the memory of a successful 1988 games & not take on the forecast debt
- No - long term impact is on-going debt repayment when we have failed since the days of Ralph to demonstrate fiscal responsibility.
- No - look at all the most recent Olympic sites!! Korea 2018 \$6B over budget and useless venues. Tell me, what value is the 1988 ski jump????
- No - our city is in financial crisis, our current civic & provincial leadership are not financially responsible
- No - see above.
- No see q5
- No - the costs will much higher than forecast. The IOC says it's learned from the past, but I do not see that.
- No - the costs will not be made back in the long term meaning that the tax payer will have to pick up the tab. The games will suck out the money that should be used on infrastructure works, low income housing, accessibility with a promise that we will have all of these when the games are over in 2026. If you have the money for these projects for

the games then you have the money now and it should be started now not delayed to impress the world with a patchwork cover saying are we great. Only when we have all these boxes ticket do we have money for extras like the Olympics.

- No - the Games cost too much and the whole process is too reliant on people who are making large salaries not on volunteers as was the case in the 88 Olympics.
- No - the IOC is corrupt and has shown to be so too many times, and with that in mind, the economic overruns are significant, which means future generations will be paying for it, not just this one.
- no - there are no long term benefits
- No - they are not worth the costs; look at any recent olympic city and you can see that they are not
- No - too much cost to taxpayers and not worth the money
- NO - We already have very good programs in place. We simply require an infrastructure investment, not an international party that will cost every taxpayer. I see this as Nenshi's way of going out with a bang. Liberal politicians have little respect for other people's tax dollars, and are more than happy to pass the financial burden onto future generations.
- No we are buying stuff that benefits a small number by diverting funds
- No - we will be paying for this for decades to come and won't see all the economic benefit - but are taking on all the cost.
- "No
- No lasting legacy"
- "NO !!! All these questions are slanted and tailored to solicit answers to favor the Yes side.
- The Mayor and most of City Council are clearly on the Yes side.
- I am a Conservative but I give credit where credit is due, If it weren't for the NDP we wouldn't have a referendum . Calgary would have been railroaded into a half baked ill conceived Olympics."
- No !!
- NO !!!
- "NO , all plans do not account for what the actual cost's will be , the likelihood is that overall cost's will double or triple by the 2026 timeline and as none of us can predict the future . we can only base on what we have seen historically with other Olympic games hosted in years past.
- The evidence is overwhelmingly that the games would cost us at least 100% more than we currently can account for. Turing our \$5 billion cost potentially into \$10 billion or more. Those kinds of mega project debts cannot be handled strictly by a small economic area like Calgary , they have to be shared on a National basis or not at all.
- All existing reports of cost analysis including the Harvard Article <http://hir.harvard.edu/article/?a=14573>
- the Oxford article <http://eureka.sbs.ox.ac.uk/6195/>
- , and the CRF article <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/economics-hosting-olympic-games>
- ALL articles indicate that cost overruns are making all Olympics bids obscenely expensive to host and to run. And that the economic , sociological & cultural benefits are all short term and do not equal the cost outlay's that these types of mega projects involve.
- Another question yet to be answered by the IOC , is exactly how much are they contributing ?
- The International Olympic Committee has been rife with controversy and corruption in previous years with little or no indication currently that the IOC has cleaned up their act."
- No ... how are we going to pay and what will the costs be for the taxpayer.?
- NO ... how can massive debt be a positive???
- No absolutely not now that we know what the Province is going to give for these games.
- No absolutely not. The cost essentially only pay for an aesthetic upgrade to some areas. If you wanna talk aesthetics, the furthest we've ever gone in that direction is the 20 or so murals that went up in beltline this year. Other than that look at Edmonton. They have a big arena with a big pricetag. And behind it is the equivalent of slums.
- No absolutely not. We will be paying for them for years
- No and that is not even considering the huge cost overruns which are a given at all Olympics.

- NO as stated above. Not in these economic times which don't look like they will be improving for years to come. If it was a different economy and the boom we've been used to.. your response would be different. I don't get how council doesn't see this.
- No as there isn't a plan to provide a replacement arena for the flames or Stampeders with the billions you have already proposed.
- No because as I stated above it is a proven fact that Games do not provide a lasting economic impact.
- No because there is no positive return.
- No because we can use that money to fix our roads and structures
- No because when we bid for the Olympics in 1988, we ended up getting a new arena, bobsled track and Oval that have been used since. With this bid, we are planning on spending large amounts of money to refurbish old facilities. If the facilities are not renovated properly, all we will end up with are old facilities that don't meet future needs. Also, security costs have been dramatically understated, which will either result in potential terrorist acts, or larger debt loads than we are being told about now. I think that is why most other cities have dropped out of the bid process. We should do the same.
- No benefit. More debt means higher tax..means harder for business. = net LOSS!
- no benefit for anyone but greedy elites
- No cost is too high. If this was a good deal for Calgarians, all the secret meetings would not be needed.
- No- Do I want to visit South Korea or Sochi Russia because they recently held Olympic Games- no. The luster of the Olympic games is no longer. Society in general has more important things on its plate. Ask the average South Korean or Russian if the recent costs incurred were worth it.
- "No do not believe worth the cost.
- Why move with a loosing prospect that will only raise tax."
- No for economic reasons plus as a Calagarian I do not think that I would even be able to afford a ticket to a venue.
- "No for the following reasons:
  1. Your Step 2 does not provide enough detail for the me to understand the potential impacts. It doesn't provide enough information as to how this will affect the average resident economically.
  2. There is too much economic uncertainty in Calgary and AB right now. Especially with oil expected to bottom out again in the near future.
  3. Will the average Calgary resident be able to get tickets to see the events?
  4. Our city can't afford to keep property tax rates capped but we can afford millions for looking into the Olympic bid and possible >billion dollar commitments to the cost of hosting.
- I will seriously consider leaving the city, and possibly the province if this affects my taxes. I am not willing to foot the bill for the few who will truly benefit from hosting the Olympics."
- No holy way!
- "No I do not think it's worth the cost. Host cities that lost money on the Olympic Games:
  - Athens, 1896
  - Paris, 1924
  - Montreal, 1976
  - Lake Placid, 1980
  - France, 1992
  - Nagano Japan, 1998
  - Sydney Australia, 2000
  - Athens, 2004
  - Turin Italy, 2006
  - Vancouver, 2010
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- There is a reason why only two cities in the world are left in the running for the 2026 games - because cities are finally realizing that hosting the games are way too expensive and not profitable!!"

- No I do not think the long term impacts are worth the costs. Even the facilities from the 88 games, like the ski jumps at COP sit idle and obsolete. The minuscule benefit would be overshadowed by the exorbitant costs.
- No I do not. For perhaps a decade Calgary was known around the world as the home of the 88 Olympics, not sure there was much value in it even then, but longer term, as much as I appreciated, personally, some of the benefits of the 88 games, I do not believe the potential benefits outweigh the costs.
- No I do not. We cannot balance our provincial budget and we desperately need to spend billions on our Health and Education infrastructure. To take the risk at this time of spending billions on the olympics is totally irresponsible
- No I do not. We have enough costs with the infrastructure such as the Ring Road and the New Cancer Centre. Money to Health Care and Education would be a greater long term benefit.
- No I do not. Yes, we have a legacy at the Olympic Oval and the sliding Center up at cop. But since everything else is going to be held elsewhere, that's no real Legacy for us now is it? It's like we're trying the grass but the last and final shreds of Glory from the 1988 games. A very silly idea taking into account what our economy is like right now.
- No I don't think it's worth it.
- No it is not. there will be no added relevant infrastructure. There is no plan to add an LRT link to the airport. The cost to build the athletes housing will in fact be quadrupled- because first the bus barns need to be relocated/rebuilt, then the land remediation needs to be completed before the athletes housing can be built. We will not benefit from upgrades to the exisitng Olympic Village ski jumps. The only structure there that will benefit is the luge. We will not get a proper multi use arena. The list goes on and on.
- No it will only increase taxpayers debt.
- No level of govt has the funds to pay so just borrowing long term has no benefits
- No looks more like a money grab
- No money to please the corrupt Olympic committee
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- No No No This is one big party for rich people only. Tooo much money to give a private corporation - let them pay for it.
- NO NO NO ... Has any other Olympics been on budget
- No no no impacts will be debt and more damage to the environment .
- NO NO NO NO NO NO Going into debt will not help us long term at all. It's called overspending, irresponsibility, and wasteful.
- No no no no.
- No no no not worth it at all.
- NO NO NO!!!! The costs will squeeze Calgary residents for generations. There is no reason to incur these costs. The benefits will be marginal compared to the costs of hosting the Olympics.
- No no no. Any large event creates more issues for those living in poverty, benefits only a few and affects the community negatively for many years after. Some never recover. Montreal took 30 years to pay off their Olympic debt. Calgary is not ready to do this right now. If it was a consideration wait until 2038 and do up a 50 year anniversary of 88 Olympics and in the mean time build up the infrastructure and facilities to accommodate it over next twenty years. Would have less impact on the economy and would have less reliance on other communities to facilitate it.
- "No not at all
- It seems to be wasteful and not much value at the end"
- No not in the current state. Hosting an Olympics with infrastructure from the 1980's is not a reasonable option. In order to get a long-term benefit, there has to be long term facilities built that will be able to support future growth. Having major Olympic events sent to other venues outside our city is not a viable option. It defeats the point of showcasing Calgary and gaining future economic and long-term impacts. I am not supportive of an Olympic bid without new infrastructure.
- No not worth the costs
- No not worth the costs.

- No not worth the costs. Not fair to the generations coming up to have a large debt and poor economy with limited job prospects
- NO ONE CARES ABOUT LONG TERM BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE BROKE NOW
- No our taxes are to high and debt to great
- No poor mismanagement by the current leadership on the city finances as they always want to increase taxes for the residents. This will impact us for years to come due to the rising and overrun costs. They will not be fully transparent of the full costs and hid or forget costs to mislead the public. This is evident behind all the closed door meeting the city council has.
- No possible way can justify the costs.
- No question this is debatable. The prestige, the statement it makes about us, the need to support these games are the argument for. But for everything there is a time and I fear tis is simply not our time.
- No the cost of the games will not be beneficial to the home owners, city hall needs to stop spending money that we don't have
- "No the games are not worth it.
- The costs would be left to future generations to bear at a time when there is a great deal of uncertainty about a host of issues, including climate change, impact of technology on jobs, aging population, increasing health care burden, security, immigration and so many other current and future cost factors."
- "No the games are not worth the cost. The games should be the IOC's cost. They get the sponsorship and tv rights money, they can pay for their party. Why should we cripple and divide our city because we have a drunk on power mayor and councilors that are more concerned with ripping off Calgarians.
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- The fact we do not have term limits is exactly why garbage like this even gets entertained. No sane person thinks a billion dollar party they can't even attend unless they are the volunteer staff is a good idea. We went to one event in 1988, a preliminary bobsled trial. It was the only thing we could afford. We had to sew banners in school that were hung around the city (free child labor). Were never told where our banners were nor did we get them back. They wer auctioned off for money! The Olympics is a complete and utter disgrace."
- No the Games are overpriced with all the burden placed on us . If a city needs facilities or infrastructure due to its size then it should be able to support that all own its own not using Olympics as a excuse to build .
- No there are no long term benefits that justify the costs of the game. Period.
- No there is no way the city cam actually stay on budget nor do I trust the mayor not to "sell" more projects as required to make this the best games, vs what is currently proposed. The money could be better spent elsewhere.
- No they are not. Incurring debt for a 2 week party with no future ability to generate significant income to offset the debt plus future interest payments relating to such debt is a non starter in the business world. This faulty logic can only happen with the echo chamber of uneducated politicians.
- NO waste of money
- "No way. Th Alberta Gov. have just committed \$300k less than requested and have insisted they will Not cover overrides, the Feds will not commit at all. We as a city and Province are already in massive debt and the Feds are sinking us further each year.
- We as Tax Payers Cannot afford to take on more debt."
- No we need an austerity program right now. Spend the olympic money on a pipeline so we don't lose money every day Canada wide.
- No we need to put Calgary's and Alberta's money to better use - education, healthcare and infrastructure. Our roads are so far behind compared to other cities in this province and out of pocket costs for our schools is also much higher. Instead of worrying about the Olympics maybe start caring about our citizens.
- No wirth it - been there, done that.
- No worth it because we will never recover the cost of hosting it
- No worth it. Its too much money kn facilities we dont need. Where is this money coming from when so many calgarians can barely get by
- NO WORTH THE COSTS
- "No

- See above"
- "No
- The games are a private company that makes billions on the backs of countries."
- "No
- Very little return other than year of and year after.
- High taxes will go on for many years."
- "No
- We had the games in 88
- What's left from then ???
- Nothing"
- NO!
- No!
- No!
- No! Bread not circuses!
- No! Definitely not. We can't afford them. Everyone is saying the economy is slowly improving but I think Alberta is lagging behind, especially due to the setbacks with the pipelines we so desperately need ( for all of Canada). It's very bad timing in my opinion.
- NO! Huge cost. Huge debt.
- NO! I do not believe the long-term impacts are positive. The longterm impact is increased debt that will be put onto taxpayers
- No! I think the costs overall won't help Calgary as it is right now. The economy is still trying to recover from the downturn. We should be playing it safe and focusing on the needs of the city as it is right now and not loading it with more financial burdens that could bring Calgary to its knees. Let Calgary recover and get economically stronger!
- No! I'm already overtaxed and my tax dollars is already being spent on things I don't want. The Games will only add to that.
- NO! Money would be better spent on initiatives that benefit the city's economy long term. I'm not against hosting the games. The timing is not right. 2030 would be better. We can't rely on the games to help drive our economy. They will do nothing to diversity our tax base or bring residents to the city. Won't help to alleviate the DT office vacancy rate. We should be spending money on enticing business and industry here. Athletes, officials and tourists won't help to diversify or support our economy over the long term. Spend money on a new convention centre, help catalyze a new arena, and a badly needed field house and LRT extension to the airport. Any one of those projects could be used to better leverage funding and resources from other levels of government than the olympics. This should have been taking place for the last 10 years. Why wasn't Mary Moran working on these initiatives when she was at CED? Seems like this is a hail mary pass to try and spur our fumbling economy. Council has lost its vision and are trying to get it back with one swing.
- NO! NO! If costs of recent games which had huge overruns is any indication the long-term impacts will affect Calgarians for years and years! And not in a positive way!
- NO! NO! NO! Take the portion we would add to get these events AND THEN spend that MONEY ON THINGS CALGARY REALLY NEEDS!
- No! NOT worth the costs! How about spending money to help Calgarians like get the green line done!
- NO! refer to question 5 for this.
- NO! The costs are not short term. All tax increases to cover the costs of the games would be permanent. Government will not decrease taxes once they have been put in place.
- No! The games are a sporting event. The idea that we put tax money towards this when we don't even get good snow removal and our provincial government can't fund education is ridiculous.
- NO! The upfront costs are already high, plus whatever increase may occur between now and 2026 (e.g. security needs). The long term costs of maintenance and upkeep on the facilities could be significant.
- No! There are many other priorities that the City should focus on. I hate that we're even wasting money on reviewing a possible bid and holding a vote. Think of what good could have been done with that money. Such a waste.
- NO! there is new new facilities, and there will be no lasting benefits.

- NO! This our money being fraudulently spent for a feel good party, not a lasting social or economic legacy to improve our society! If Calgary is deemed to be in dire need of certain facilities or amenities then they should be prioritized, budgeted for, and provided for as part of the normal city operating budget, not as part of a sports party plan!
- No! Unless you are unaware, Alberta, Calgary hardest hit in Canada! Games should go away
- No! We cannot afford them to just blow smoke up Nenshi's "legacy"
- "No!
- what are the costs, we need better information than what is currently available, and the city doesn't bring confidence to the table when they keep raising taxes every year. And the one year they didn't they magically found money during an election year.. WOW, what a joke"
- NO!!!
- No!!! I don't have \$5,000 to spare, and that's what this will cost us all. How about council gets proficient in snow removal instead?!
- No!!!!!! Taxpayers cannot afford
- NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- No, a very temporary spike in revenue is not worth years of paying for it.
- No, absolutely not! My great grandchildren will still pay the debt.
- No, absolutely not
- No, absolutely not worth one red cent.
- No, absolutely not. The Games are an outrageous, frivolous waste. "IOC corruption" is the most common word pairing in the comments above.
- No, absolutely not. Way too much financial risk for two weeks of partying, especially after the Province made clear that it would not take on any share of overruns.
- No, absolutely not. We Calgarians can not afford the Olympic Games now. Let's focus on problems that are happening locally and presently. You cannot expect every household to be able to shoulder the burdening cost of this bid.
- No, again we could put that money to better use rather than trying to appeal to a fraction of society.
- No, as indicated, legacy will be debt, too much development, too many people, so bad for the environment and quality of life in the city, Canmore, the parks.
- No, because the money should only be spent if there are benefits, which there are none.
- "No, because they don't make money. Again.
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- <https://entertainment.howstuffworks.com/olympic-games-generate-profit.htm>"
- No, because they will not make money.
- No, because we are going to have a long time debt.
- No, because while the taxpayers are expected to pay more, the economic bonus won't really benefit the people, it will only benefit businesses with no direct translation in terms of pay raises. It may provide more jobs, but I don't think it will make up for the cost.
- No, better ways to spend the money
- No, billions of dollars wasted when we can't even fully build the green line lrt
- No, burden will fall to taxpayers who are already overburdened
- No, Calgary is not currently in a position to host the games. The country is currently divided. Oil & Gas is suffering, small business is suffering with the indecisive & incompetence of the Liberal government. Carbon Taxes, lack of pipeline capacity is hurting our economy & citizens. Fixing this is more of a priority.
- no, cost is over \$5000 per house. Taxes in this city are far too high, Nenshi has his head in the sand, Calgary is not affordable.
- No, cost overruns will result in huge debt burden
- No, definitely not. For a variety of reasons.
- NO, definitely not. Much better places/priority projects for our limited funds to be spent on than the Olympic elites
- "No, definitely not. City Council is talking about service cuts & reductions & tax increases before Olympic costs are factored in. We cannot afford this fantasy. Need to prioritize taxes & investments to projects that will provide long

term benefits to many Calgarians. Who pays for the inevitable cost overruns? Calgary taxpayers. There is no room left in my budget to pay for this frivolity. When Calgary can figure how to properly remove snow from ALL streets & sidewalks I will reconsider. We have not seen a comprehensive & believable COMPLETE set of costs & revenues. Budget released to date not believable. Transparency - e.g. cost of relocating bus barn not included in figures released to date.

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- There is only one taxpayer no matter what level of government is providing support.
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- I DO NOT support an Olympic bid any way shape or form."
- No, focus on Calgary services and be realistic - we can't afford the games
- No, for the previous reasons I have cited
- No, given what I have seen from Officials ( and the lack of TRANSPARENCY) I do not trust that this event can be successfully staged in a manner that would provide a net gain to Calgary over the life of the infrastructure, and I believe the cultural impacts will be shortlived.
- No, going into debt to flaunt your wealth to the world is not worth the cost.
- No, huge waste of money for non tv friendly sports, focus our funds on sports that people actually watch like hockey and football
- "No, I do not view the long-term impacts of the Games as being worth the cost as:
- a) I have no confidence that costs will be controlled and/ or reasonable;
- b) Funding - Given the current destructive provincial & federal political environment with respect to oil & gas development & transportation in Canada, it is unlikely that the main private industry players in the region would be able to provide any significant funding to the games. As such, the funding would have to primarily be absorbed by the federal and provincial governments. The municipal government is in no position, financially, to absorb a significant amount of the costs and neither is the province, given the economic decline of AB over the past 5 years. This leaves the federal government as the only logical source of the majority of the funding, which is highly unlikely. Many people have lost their jobs in the oil & gas industry - the hosting of an expensive olympic games and potentially a higher future tax burden on these and future residents is not the answer, permanent job creation is."
- No, I do not.
- No, I do not. City council is already a profligate spender. Is anyone of the position that holding the Olympics will cause City council to reign in their spending? No, it will be an added cost to their already bloated budget.
- No, I do not. It is too much of a financial burden.
- No, I don't think at the current estimated cost that its worth hosting the games.
- No, I don't. I feel lots of nostalgia over the 88 games and I'm happy that athletes continue to train here, but in the current environment, I'm not convinced that there will be significant long term positive impacts unless we get considerably more infrastructure out of it and find a way to control the budget.
- No, I don't. Too risky.
- No, I don't think it's worth it. If we were in a better place, financially and economically, sure. But that won't happen in time for the Games, so no, it's not worth the costs.
- no, i don't think the investment is worth the payback
- No, I don't think the long-term impacts will be worth the costs. We've had the Olympics and did well to maintain the facilities. Doing it a second time in 30 years will not have a significant impacts to justify the expense.
- No, I don't think we will gain long term benefit. Especially due to sharing with other cities.
- No, I highly doubt that any potential economic benefits of the games will be higher than the costs to host the game. The financial risks of holding the games outweighs everything.
- No, I think the Games are a total waste of money. I no longer even watch them on television, due to the cheating and the poor ethics in general. Hosting the Games will just put Calgary taxpayers in debt for the next 20-30 years with little to show for it. We have killed off the oil companies who let their staff volunteer in the last Olympic Games here, so where are we going to get all the volunteers City Council seems to be banking on?
- No, I think we have far too much debt already, and it is unfair to ask the taxpayers to pay for Olympics that will likely overrun their budget.

- No, it would not be worth the cost. If we were to have the some ski events in Whistler and some curling, hockey or figure skating in .Edmonton, it would be a complete failure. I have heard rumours of this being necessary but nothing concrete. If this was the case, we would be responsible for the cost of accommodation for the athletes in these other venues and also transportation. The costs of every Olympic Games has escalated, sometimes almost doubled from the projections. I doubt if calgary's numbers are correct.
- No, it's not worth the cost. As it is now a lot of families, struggle very hard just to meet their everyday needs. In my opinion, this will not be good for the middle-class citizens of Calgary. Taxes will rise, the cost for essentials will go up and we will end up with more of our citizens living on the streets.
- No, let our city recover from the impacts of the past years.
- No, long term impact will be higher taxes, crowded parks, and expensive city. Not worth it!!!
- No, look at our 88 venues. All out of date
- No, money spent on security alone could be spent on better projects. And BIDCO should be neutral and not a public funded YES committee.
- No, no country in recent history has managed to recoup costs or even break even. Most facilities that were built for the Olympics have fallen into disrepair and the cost to maintain far exceeds the benefits
- No, no more spending. Stop it now!
- NO, no NHL arena, no high class entertainment center, no stadium, just old facilities given facelifts.
- NO, NO, NO
- "NO, NO, NO! I don't believe the cost estimates - how is \$5.2 billion reasonable to believe when other recently past and still under construction host cities have exceeded that \$5.2 Billion estimate by multiples? (\$51 billion for Sochi, \$25 billion for Tokyo, \$13 billion for Rio, \$13 billion for Pyeongchang, \$15 billion for London, \$44 billion for Beijing, etc. etc. etc.)
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- How can this figure be taken a even remotely close???"
- "No, No, No, Listen to the experts that work on economics. Not worth the costs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- No NO NO NO"
- No, No, No, No. This is crazy. Downtown has a 25% vacancy rate, business's are buckling under increased taxes and council somehow thinks increasing taxes to host the olympics will make it better. There hasn't been an olympic games that's come in under budget in over 20 years. There's absolutely zero chance of that occurring for the 2026 games either. Now that the province has said they won't guarantee any cost overruns the city will be the one holding the bag. Why is this even a discussion anymore, kill it and vote no. I feel like I'm taking crazy pills here.
- No, no, no.
- NO, NO, NO. Such a farce.
- No, no,no ,,, enough said,, figure it out people
- NO, No. No
- No, nobody has been able to provide any conclusive proof of any significant economic benefit for any of the recent previous olympics.
- No, not enough long term benefit. Interest in Olympic Games works wide is decreasing
- No, not worth it at all. It's elitist. Normal folks can't afford tickets. It costs us money. It's just for vanity, that's it.
- No, not worth it. Again, utilize the capital for something of value for the whole community. Health care improvements, infrastructure improvements, mass transit, homelessness/affordable housing, education subsidies, addiction services, culture, parks, environmental cleanup and technology, water conservation.
- No, not worth the costs as we will have to over-build to suit the needs of the IOC warlords, despots, and aristocracy.
- No, not worth the costs, which are deliberately underestimated and would certainly come in over budget. Council is deceiving the public in order to get a yes vote. Too many closed-door meetings and too much info kept secret. What have you to hide?
- No, not worth the costs. We are already buried under a mountain of debt. Looking at past Olympics, they are NEVER profitable. The cost will cripple Calgary with more long-term debt. Property tax payers will be forced out of Calgary under the weight of that debt. Nenshi appears to have Federal aspirations so he won't even be around when the bills come due. Please don't let him do this to us!!

- No, not worth the great cost. The Olympic model doesn't work anymore. Too much financial risk for the host.
- No, see above
- no, take a look at our downtown core & struggling families today. It will be worse in 6 yrs
- No, taxpayers are on the hook for overruns and the provincial government has only committed to 700k which indicates they do not want to spend on it either. There are many other more important ways to spend other people's money. Our local and provincial governments have not shown they are fiscally responsible, so I have no faith they will do the right thing regardless of how we vote.
- No, the average Calgarian is already having a hard time. Increased taxes will hurt a lot of people.
- No, the cost is too high. We need to look at ways to do this like we did in 88 where there is no cost to taxpayers.
- No, the costs of the Olympic games has not only increased exponentially, but any countries and cities that have hosted in recent memory have well underestimated the costs of the Games as well as endured economic hardship following the games.
- No, the costs will inevitably exceed estimates. Why take the risk to enter a deal with a corrupt organization and no clear benefits?
- No, the current Olympic model with, corruption, doping scandals, and cost to secure the event and their specialized facilities are totally unsustainable and completely unacceptable things to even consider for our City.
- No, the last games really did not make that much of an impact on our place in the world. It is just too costly to try to have another one. One wonders what the motive of city council really is.
- No, the long term costs are not worth it.
- No, the long term impact of the games is not worth the cost. Cases in point: Sochi, Rio de Janeiro, Seoul, Vancouver, etc...
- No, the long term impacts are not worth the costs, just like building a new arena for rich hockey team owners isn't worth the cost. We don't need to build new facilities that will be obsolete the moment you break ground and we don't need the associated and devastating debts. We voted Nenshi and his allies in because of their vision of a sustainable future for Calgary. Why chain your citizens to the past with a massive debt, just so we can brag we hosted the Olympics twice?! To even contemplate this is madness.
- No, the long term impacts do not justify the costs.
- No, the longterm costs are absolutely not worth the benefits. If the City is set on setting aside money for sport infrastructure they should partner with the Flames and at least build useful buildings that will supply the city with entertainment for the next 40+ years and not two weeks.
- No, the long-term impacts of the Games will not be worth the costs. The only way I would support this is if we had an "old-school" games with a celebration of the history of sport and a refocus on athletes without the spectacles and one-upmanship that the Olympics has turned into. Recent scandals with the IOC, drugs with athletes, political games, have all taken away my taste for the Olympics. In short we CAN'T AFFORD IT! If you can't pay your electricity bill or buy food for your kids you don't go to the opera. This is the equivalent.
- No, the Olympics are not worth the cost. Frankly speaking, our economy is a mess right now. Poor management is gutting our Countries, Provinces and Cities budgets the nation over. The Olympics will only spiral us further into debt, therefore sealing our financial fates as failures.
- No, The Olympics can no longer make money in the age of cost over runs and huge security costs
- No, the Olympis have never made money.
- No, the plan does not complete the capital projects we need as a city. There will be very little long term positive impact.
- No, there are no long-term impacts other than costly out of date facilities that we then have to keep up.
- No, there is no benefit in the long run, our children and their children will be paying for this even before we are finished looking at the maybe costs.
- No, there is no long term benefit just costs which are being understated and hidden from Calgarians by the Bid Committee and most counsellors through their 'CLOSED DOOR MEETINGS'
- No, there is no long term benefits at all.
- No, there is so much more this city can do with developing an entertainment district complete with new arenas, stadiums, field houses. Why do we need to spend billions to host a 14 day event to achieve such facilities. There are

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- No. Games are only for a select few athletes.
- No. History in this case does not lie. Our local charities and businesses have already been hard hit by the changing economy and with the hosting of the games and further monetary uncertainty, it's not a responsible use of economic resources. Who makes money from the saddledome revenues? It doesn't reduce taxes or user fees to the general public.
- No. I think the costs are underestimated. We can't repeat 1988 and we already have a great legacy in place from those games. Don't screw it up by trying to repeat
- NO. No. No. Not even slightly worth the cost. Not one bit. Costs too much money, resources, for something NO ONE CARES ABOUT. No one cares how fast someone skis, or how well the hockey players (not amateur, but professional!) play. If you want to watch sports, it must be self-sufficient, or don't do it. No tax dollars. Fund 100% by ticket sales, or DO NOT DO IT. Our city is not a bank, and we don't provide loans to rich IOC con artists.
- No. Olympics have been a money grabbing scheme for a number of years. No longer about pure athletics. Clean athletes, cannot compete. Olympics are more corrupt each year
- No. As above. If you want it, build it from savings and be debt free... instead of 'charging' it to the future. But...we have no savings..... thanks to this council.
- No. Budget is low-balled. Ancillary expenses are not included.
- No. Even the portrayed benefits of the 88 games was not realized and has been very modest
- No. Hell No. Not even close. Not in my wildest dreams. When the when the municipal, provincial & federal governments are all DEBT FREE, then we can spend money on a party for the rest of the world. Until that point let's get our own house in order first.
- No. Hosting the Olympics does not have the prestige or benefits it once had.
- No. I don't see any long term benefits to the people of Calgary.
- No. I don't think the benefits will materialize so at best the games breaks even and if anything goes wrong they lose money.
- No. I think the Olympic Games as a whole is becoming a joke. If Russia is supposedly banned for doping, then no one from Russia should be allowed to compete. It's an insult to athletes who are playing by the rules.
- No. If the facilities are needed, they can be paid for without incurring the costs of security and the event surrounding the Olympics for less dollars.
- No. If this decision was made as a house hold makes financial decisions, if you cannot afford something, do not buy it.
- No. It will bankrupt the city and provide ZERO long term positive impacts.
- No. It's too much money for the long term impacts.
- "No. It's very clear that City government and the bid committee are underestimating, or worse, deliberately hiding the very real financial risks of hosting these games. It makes it extremely difficult to trust the estimates being developed when secret meetings and reports with material costs are withheld from the public under cover that it's a matter of bid competitiveness.
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- If the City does not make the FULL potential financial costs of the games public - then we simply should not bid."
- No. Let's invest in existing programs, services and infrastructure for Calgarians. Not the Olympics.
- No. Money is tight and could be better spent on housing and services.
- NO. No new venues = no positive impact. We can build what we need INSTEAD of what Olympic trough-dwellers want.
- No. Not interested in all the hidden costs, perks, behind door secrets, and the overruns being passed on to future generations. Get your priorities in line with the residences of Calgary who fund your whims
- "No. On going cost for
- Again...If international events were guaranteed to be held here, using the facilities, for many years to come, then perhaps.
- Again...if hoards of athletes make Calgary their primary training centre in the future."
- No. Our city council has a problem working within its means and over spends on everything causing tax hikes year over year. An event like the Olympics would surely have overruns that would most definitely be passed on to the city tax payers.

- No. See above. See answer to Q5 above. Secondly, the recent historical experience has left host cities with unused infrastructure and over-bearing costs. Thirdly, the IOC is a direct beneficiary yet has no ongoing relationship with Calgary or its taxpayers and has no transparency or accountability to the City of Calgary or its taxpayers.
- No. Social programs need money now, the poor need help now, infrastructure for the city needs attention now, not when you think we'll benefit from the Olympics. Already the money that has been spent could have been used for a SportsPlex and or Hockey Arena instead of the 5 billion to host the games. Provincial and Federal governments should not be giving money to Calgary to help support the Olympics. That money can be used to help fund green energy programs and social programs as with the city. Hosting the Olympics may benefit the rich but will not improve the standard of living of the poor. They don't care about Calgary having world class venues. They won't even be able to afford to go to the Olympics.
- No. The '88 Olympics did not leave us with any real long lasting legacy, other than some odd things sticking up at Paskapoo (COP).
- No. The costs are too high in this economy where taxes at all levels are constantly increasing. The long term impacts will be increased taxes to pay the debt and financing charges for that debt. The taxpayers pockets are empty.
- No. The costs are way too high to fund a corrupt organization such as IOC.
- No. The costs by far outweigh any potential long-term impacts of the Games.
- No. The costs will balloon when security and other over runs take place, this happened with Olympic Games for decades ... See Japan. I am not convinced there are any long term positive impacts from elitist sports facilities.
- No. The costs will be in the billions. There is no revenue model that makes sense. The games simply lose money. The city will not have merchandising, advertising, or TV revenues, to offset the massive costs, and the inevitable cost overruns.
- No. The games are a two-week party. Unless the IOC were to finance the WHOLE games, it would not be worthwhile pursuing. We have already spent way too much on considering whether to bid or not.
- No. The games used to give people a look into the lives of host city. Now a days you can go to the internet.
- No. The money spent will not have a corresponding "value" to the city long term. It is just waste.
- No. There is no way the projected \$5.2 billion in costs is anywhere near what the final number will be. Both the Federal and Provincial government have addressed the maximum amount that they will be willing to contribute, which leaves Calgary on the hook for any cost overruns. It is not worth it.
- "No. This should not be a question answered by opinion or subjective information. Make this objective and support your business case properly This should be simple - every 2 years a city in the world has hosted the olympics. Do the analysis and determine what the benefit received by those cities was. There should be both short and long-term data available, including data from Calgary itself!
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- In the business environment, billion dollar capital decisions are not made without sufficient proof of a benefit. Stop trying to sell this politically and show some actual numbers from other case studies. Unfortunately I believe the reason this isn't being done is because the analysis and numbers do not provide evidence of a longer-term benefit. If that's the case the committee needs to have the courage to recommend NOT hosting the games rather than blindly proceeding ahead."
- No. Wayyyy too much money.
- No. We already have unsustainable spending by the City, and taxes keep rising to cover the costs of services that keep diminishing. We're broke. The idea that the money will come from other levels of government and that it's then somehow "free" is ridiculous. We, as taxpayers, paid that money to those other levels of government. Also, if you believe that Alberta will ever get it's "fair share" of money that we pay in federal taxes and transfers, you're delusional.
- No. We are looking at best case scenario. costs will only go up and benefits down.
- No. We can not afford the costs at this time and future generations will be paying the costs for a long time
- No. We can't afford it
- No. We don't know all the costs. They are unknown at this time, or being kept from taxpayers on purpose.
- No. A thousand times no.
- No. Again, only a small, elite few get to benefit from this. "Feelings" do not trump facts. facts do not care about political legacies, feelings, or the improvement to the "brand" of certain, specific olympic alumnus (or Scott

Hutcheson). The outright arrogance exhibited by a few athletes, and members of the Bidco board, has eliminated any credible reason for Calgarians to support this venture. The costs will be borne mainly by ordinary Calgarians via their tax dollars. The IOC will walk away with over 80% of the revenues/profits, but none of the expenditures/debts/costs. Long-term, it will damage Calgary, and increase an already burdened economic structure. New facilities, and upgrades mean nothing to someone who loses their home as a result of skyrocketing property taxes, or job loss. What positive economic impacts can the Bidco, or city hall, actually PROVE? All we hear is rhetoric, propaganda, and "feelings" (with a smattering of "we know better what is good for you, so go along with this, because.....legacy"). No legitimate economic argument has been made in favour of hosting the Games. If anything, Generally Approved Accounting Principles and basic math says otherwise. The benefits in no way outweigh the costs. 8 billion dollars does not justify "feelings" (and placating the egos of an elite few).

- No. All current levels of government have clearly demonstrated their inability to manage tax dollars and the IOC is corrupt and will find a way to line their pockets at our expense.
- "No. And No! And furthermore, HELL NO!"
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- Taxes keep going up for no perceivable increase in services. This cannot help but stick the next two generations of Calgarians with yet more taxes. This is a feel-good, flash-in-the-pan event, not worth another nickel of the taxpayer's hard-won wages. Spend the money, if money there is left, on fixing the potholes, looking after the elderly, not waving the Nenshi banner on the citizens' dime."
- No. As previous games have shown, the cost is extreme and does not end up benefitting the economy
- No. Asking Calgarians, many of whom are under/un employed to pay more just so we can have the world's attention for a few weeks is totally unacceptable and unfair. I believe most Calgarians are concerned about jobs and the negative impact the blocking of expanded pipeline capacity is having on their economic future. Hosting an Olympics is far from the thoughts of anyone I talk to about it and most agree they don't want it. Perhaps city Council could focus it's energy on real issues affecting this city and making real change happen.
- No. Because just like the last Olympic we were have brand new facilities that sit unused
- No. Because we still don't get upgrades the city needs
- No. Billions for a two week party?
- No. Calgary in 2026 as a worst case situation could be a city with an empty downtown, roads that are dotted with pot holes, bridges that are falling apart and one third of the houses empty. Our city government seems to be able to only focus on one thing with a disregard for all else. The Olympics will become a propaganda machine that the local government and the city of Calgary Bureaucracy will use as an example that they are doing their job. The city of Calgary is like a gambler going back for that one big win that will save us all - rather than a prudent leader of the people of Calgary.
- No. Canada, Alberta and Calgary cannot afford the Olympics. We have more important priorities like fix mental health care.
- No. Cost. Hosting the Olympics almost never comes in on budget. As a senior, I do not want to bear the costs of rising taxes, nor do I want to see that financial burden put on our children.
- No. Costs are too high. I don't buy this recycled approach. Once you start the real costs will start to be known and will go up. That's what happened over the past 30 years of games.
- No. Costs too high. If this is so good for Canada, let the Federal and Provincial (Alberta) government pay the majority of it. Maybe all of it. Calgarians have little tangible benefit to gain, for what amounts to a 2 week party festive occasion which will fade in memory for most out of town visitors over time. But resident Calgarians will have to live with the consequences in higher taxes, and opportunity cost of applying those federal, provincial & municipal funds to higher priority infrastructure. For example, for a city its size, Calgary needs the LRT Green Line badly. And we need the NE LRT extension to the YYC airport. The brick paving on 8th Avenue pedestrian mall downtown is in terrible run down condition (patched with asphalt; see corner of 8th Ave & 3rd St SW!). Because 8th Avenue is our showcase downtown pedestrian mall, let's fix up the road/sidewalk surface. We don't need an Olympics to make these improvements. We need prudent capital spending on infrastructure! Know your priorities and timing City Councillors. We can bid on the Olympics in 2030 or beyond; there will be future opportunities.....

- NO. Council doesn't manage the dollars they are 'given' now. Why would we think they'd all of a sudden be able to manage well in the future?
- No. Debt carried will over shadow benefits.
- No. Especially when council is hiding the information. We do not have openness, honesty and transparency in council dealings. The expression "I can see right through them" is not the transparency we need
- No. For 2 weeks and a handful of great athletes why should we risk sooo much debt. the athletes from around the world are not paying our debt
- NO. For the reasons outlined above.
- No. Government costs are out of control. No accountability at all three levels of government.
- No. High costs for venues security etc with zero long term benefits
- No. I believe Calgary would be left with a huge debt and the money spent would do little to improve our local economy.
- No. I believe the financial risk will create tax increases that will drive people out of the city
- No. I can't see any long term benefits. We had our moment of fame in '88. Let Stockholm host.
- No. I do not believe that the tangible assets that remain after the games are worthy of the cost or risk of hosting the games.
- No. I don't believe we have being given accurate costs.
- No. I don't feel our existing ski jump towers and bobsleigh track have greatly improved our quality of life as a city
- No. I lost my job three years ago and still have not found work. I have lost my house and continue to pay more for electricity, heat, and groceries than I ever had. I live in a house that is more than half the Diaz's of my old house and pay much more in utilities.
- No. I think there are more important things to be spending money on - affordable housing for people right now, public transportation, snow clearing, homelessness.
- No. Invest in services and resources for our citizens, especially those that involve educating our youth, as we will need the smartest people to solve future challenges.
- NO. it is an unneeded burden on the Calgary citizens. Anyone sting otherwise is profiting from the games. Most of us are not.
- No. It is too expensive, it will not be beneficial in the long run.
- No. It is too risky and the tax payers will end up footing the bill over the long term.
- No. It is very expensive.
- No. It will drive people and business from Calgary as the debt passed on to taxes payers will be to great.
- No. It's all speculation. No facts were given. Impacts of previous Olympics should have been given but were not. Indicating results were not as beneficial as one would hope. Too much risk for no reward.
- No. It's just a payday for the IOC that leaves municipalities on the hook for years down the road. There are no fiscals benefits to hosting the Games.
- No. It's not worth it. All of this time, energy and money being spent on what amounts to jingoist posturing and cheating, could be better spent just investing it in our city RIGHT F\*CKING NOW.
- No. It's so obviously a huge waste of money.
- No. Just no.
- NO. Legacy of excess & capitulation to the fickle fancy of international elites & the local compardore class is a badge of shame
- No. long term interest, increased taxes, misuse of funds to support infrastructure to support these one time venues that will go to waste or be used by the smallest of percentages of the population. Instead lets not bus children 40 minutes across the city because there is not enough money to build schools.
- No. Look at the history of previous host cities and the amount of debt, environment destruction, waste and burden there is in carrying the costs of hosting the Olympics.
- No. Modern olympic games are way too expensive. Security will be at least \$1 billion.
- No. Money better spent on social programs
- No. Money should be spent on infrastructure elsewhere

- No. Most cities abandon their Olympic areas. The cost to keep them running is too great. It is not worth it.
- No. My city taxes went up 30% three years in a row. The cost of this will leave me homeless.
- No. No Olympics since the 1970s have actually met their budget, and it is foolish to think Calgary will be different.
- No. No one KNOWS or CAN know what the cost will REALLY be. It's all smoke and mirrors. And the long term impacts seem to be a lot of wishful thinking. It's not good enough. We don't need this. We are a GREAT city - no need to prove ourselves.
- No. No. No.
- No. No. No.
- NO. No. No. No! Because I've done a lot of reading on the cost benefit/risk analysis of hosting the olympics, and there are no benefits! Host cities are left with huge bills, and unused venues afterwards! It does nothing for the economy! You want Alberta to prosper? BUILD SOME FREAKING PIPELINES!
- No. No. No. No. These are not work the long term costs.
- No. No. No. we are broke. Don't spend money we don't have. The cost of interest for borrowing seems to be missing from the calculated costs. If it truly makes sense, start saving now and then evaluate whether it makes sense in 10-12 years.
- No. Not enough benefit (new facilities, hosted events) for the cost.
- No. Not worth the costs
- No. Not worth the costs. There is no impact beyond facilities or infrastructure.
- No. Only a select few would use remaining facilities - as per usual the wealthy would be able to afford to go skiing, stay at the hotels, buy tickets to events at the arenas, etc.
- No. Our education system and health care need the money. Not a two week event for a bunch of rich kid athletes.
- No. Particularly since the costs as presented are ridiculously optimistic.
- No. Pay down dept
- No. Poor ROI on an extremely expensive extravagance.
- No. Province and the city do not have the financial resources currently and will have to amortize the cost over the long term like Montreal
- No. Province needs to spend it's money on long term job creation.
- No. Right now it may cost 5000 dollar per household for the 2.5 week party. Tokyo games already reporting 4 times the budget overrun, dont think its worth 20,000 dollar per household realistically
- No. See above
- No. See above.
- No. See answer in Q5.
- No. See facilities in other recent olympic cities - not maintained, not used...
- No. Spend the dollars on what we need today - housing, business initiatives, poverty reduction, improved healthcare, education, transportation.
- No. Spend the money on infrastructure we (all) really need. And don't increase our debt level.
- No. Spending money that we don't have on an ego project is foolish.
- No. Spending money you don't have is never a good idea especially when you don't know how much it will cost. Cost estimate went up once already and even the bid committee needed more money.
- No. Tax payers pay for the whole thing. 700 million from the Alberta government? Just where do you think they get that from? The current government has been digging a big enough hole of debt already. I see no reason to double the depth.
- No. Tax payers will be left with massive debt, higher taxes and useless facilities.
- No. Tax payers will never get more value than they pay from a two week event in the \$Bs
- No. Taxpayers bear the cost with no long term benefit.
- "No. The argument that the province will provide extra funds which the city can use to build facilities which they would have to build anyway is illogical. If the city can find the money to pay for the unfunded part of the olympics then they could just use that money to build facilities without provincial help. In the end WE as taxpayers will shoulder

the cost, and I have yet to hear A SINGLE PERSON say they support the olympics. The city has is already wasting money on tv ads telling us to vote yes. The entire bid process has been a total waste of money.

- Not to mention that there are much better things the city can spend money on. CBE schools (fees are reaching ridiculous levels), Calgary transit funding, Rainy day fund, all things the city should spend on instead of the olympics."
- NO. The bump in name recognition is short lived. Viewed as an expensive add campaign the benefit is short term where the cost and is a guess and the method of payment is also a guess. It may be an educated guess but predicting costs of a project of this magnitude is very difficult. What is their track record on predicting similar event costs. Who will take responsibility for missed estimates.
- No. The cost estimates are basically an outright LIE due to the lack of transparency, hidden risks, hidden cost-benefit analysis, and hidden third party auditing of the cost estimate.
- No. The cost is ridiculous and most cities have attained zero benefits. The IOC is a corrupt institution of wealth and privileged. I'd rather the city fund athletes and build an arena. Everyone knows this is Nenshi's plan to avoid having the Flames pay for a sports house complex to reno McMahon.
- No. The cost of the games will outweigh what the city brings in with investments and tourism. We have great facilities that are being used and upgrading or building new won't make enough of a difference for the investment being put in.
- No. The cost to build and host an event like this is far higher than its worth. In 1988 we didnt need as much security as we will in 2026. That cost alone will be money flushed away.
- No. The cost to host the olympics will only benefit a very small portion of the community in the long run. If we feel that we have the money to spend in the first place, it could be much better spent elsewhere.
- No. The cost, probable future debt and increase of taxes from all levels of government is not worth it. I actually feel like moving outside of Calgary to get away from one layer of extra taxes I will have to pay for an event that has really run its course. I hate seeing city after city go into debt for this spectacle. And I am a big fan of sport
- No. The costs (monetary, environmental, etc) vastly outweigh the benefits (culture and tourism), and the benefits aren't nearly strong enough to justify the costs.
- No. The costs are going to be a detriment for the city and the province - figure this in 2026 dollars and add the cost overruns.
- No. The costs are going to be too high and Calgarians will be burdened with paying them for years and years.
- No. The costs to our pocketbooks and souls are too high. Do not get involved with the corrupt and detestable IOC.
- No. The debt burden will never be worth it.
- No. The facilities built, which will only be used by a small portion of the population after the Olympics and 2 weeks of tourism do not out weigh the exorbitant costs to the tax payers. Our economy is still struggling and this will not help the average Calgarian struggling to pay their already high taxes.
- No. The games are going to be too expensive. We can't contribute public dollars to a new long term arena but we can for a festival that will pick up and leave?
- No. The idea that generations to come who live here will be paying for these games is appalling. Our population will not be able to afford the upkeep of the new infrastructure down the road, and the population will eventually become indifferent to spending their money at facilities/businesses that will undoubtedly become redundant in the years after the games.
- No. The IOC is corrupt and a tax-free organization. We do not need to put insane BILLIONS of dollars into their coffers.
- No. The legacies that are worthwhile are still here from the '88 Olympics.
- "NO. The long term impacts of the Games, in terms of economics and the environment, are ONLY NEGATIVE. Nobody decides to travel to a city because it hosted the Winter Olympics once. Nobody decides to move their company to a city because it hosted the Winter Olympics once. There IS NO BENEFIT to hosting the Games, unless you are a politician looking to shore up a legacy, or a multibillionaire angling to get better development deals (either for venues, or in the case of CSEC, a brand new arena on the taxpayer's dime).
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- Once this money is spent, and the trees are bulldozed for whatever stupid venue they need, you CANNOT GET THAT BACK. That is an unacceptable risk for a city to be taking, especially a city that is mired in our current economic climate. People are losing their jobs, still. People are unable to find new jobs, still. People are losing their houses.

Companies are slashing their sponsorship budgets. All the factors that made the 1988 Games a success are no longer in play. Additionally, the largest cost outlay outside of venues is security- despite being told that security will cost less than Vancouver because ""We're no longer at war""...let's be honest, nobody in Afghanistan was going to fly across the ocean to attack the Vancouver games. We will ALWAYS be at war, as the war is largely online and fought by single actors. So, no, security will NOT cost any less- it's no less likely that someone will rent a van and ram it into spectators. It's no less likely that someone will plant an explosive device somewhere. It's no less likely that someone will plan a solo attack on a venue. Security costs are going to have to account for all of that...and the security required is going to present a significant challenge to residents trying to get around and go about their business. How are those costs (of time, productivity, fuel) going to be tabulated?"

- No. The long term impacts will be debt and cut services.
- No. The money spent on the Games could be much better spent elsewhere and should be. Investing in Calgary's future and conserving our urban environment, encouraging innovation, helping vulnerable people and improving the economy could be done without bidding on the Olympics.
- No. The most optimistic picture is to add 3 or so billion dollars of debt for Calgarians to pay, and likely even more.
- No. The Olympics are a popularity contest among cities. Pure vanity, which bring nothing for the value placed on it
- No. The only gain which is the new infrastructure, could purchased without all the added risk of the games.
- No. The people that stand to gain the most financially are not the ones who will bear the cost of overruns.
- No. The projected costs are probably half what it will actually cost.
- No. The tax burden is already too high.
- No. The tourism for it would die down quickly. It only creates jobs in the short term
- No. There are other areas of public sector funding that would be better sources for investment, including active transportation infrastructure.
- No. There are significantly better uses of public money than to host a sporting event. Road are crumbling. Affordable housing is a constant issue. Schools are overcrowded. There are a thousand ways teh city and province would reinvest these funds to make the city a better place to live.
- No. There has been little meaningful dialogue with citizens about this. The City is mainly focused on advancing the bid, not talking to Calgarians. This is unfortunate and doesn't make for healthy city-building or community creation.
- No. There is no benefit to the massive debt we would take on.
- No. There is no long term benefit.
- No. There is no long term growth from these games. No rail infrastructure, no new Dome and just a payout on venues that no one goes to.
- No. There is no mathematical or financial possibility of benefit to the citizens of Calgary, when considered against the known magnitude, and especially the unknown potential for colossal over-runs.
- No. There would have to be actual tangible benefits to the taxpayers to justify the outrageous costs.
- No. They're so.ply to expensive to host and it seems more like a prestige thing but rather than common sense.
- No. This city counsel will NEVER be on budget for an event like this. Look at the track record. There is zero chance the potential revenue will cover the cost to host the games.
- No. This is a terrible idea.
- No. This is not worth the costs. Only a very few businesses, and a few elite people, will benefit. There is zero fiscal dividend for the taxpayer, who will actually be forced to pay for a 'party for the few'. The people who will actually benefit, have no skin in the game in terms of risk, or costs. The taxpayer does. The long term impacts will consist only of a large, owed debt, which no athlete, no member of BIDCO, no member of city hall, will have to pay for, or be held accountable for. The "brands" of individual athletes, and people on the board of BIDCO, will gain value, and they will all financially benefit in some way. The ordinary citizen will not. The business community, overall, will not. Athletes will not have to pay off the long-term debt, and neither will the members of BIDCO. But our children, and grandchildren, will. For what? Mayor Nenshi's legacy? For the egos and personal ambitions of the CEO's of Winsport, the COC, Olympic alumnus? This is not worth a projected \$7.9 Billion cost.
- No. This is solely for pride of the city council. Does anyone ever say "wow let's go to Turin, they had the Olympics there once", no. This is stupid. This whole proposal is wrong. Even continuing to consider it with how much push back your cities constituents have brought up is angering. People voting yes will be losing a lot of votes next election.

- No. This isn't the 80's. A corrupt sporting event is not going to change the future of Calgary. We are investing in the wrong things.
- No. This will divert resources from other higher priority needs for many years before and after the event. Not acceptable.
- No. Time and time again the Olympics and proven to be not worth the cost. The Olympic infrastructure that has had lasting positive impact on Vancouver has been transit and roads - neither of which is included in our bid.
- no. to host is not worth the money we would spend. I do not think we would make it back and that it would help most citizens. I think it could even draw people who are here out of the city. I know it does for me.
- No. To saddle future generations with debt is unfair
- No. Too expensive
- no. too expensive to host.
- No. Too much \$ for a 2 week party for other people. No real net gains for the city except a burden on the taxpayer.
- No. We are already struggling and this will just make it worse
- No. We are just guessing that it will, and Calgary is in no state to take the risk.
- No. We can NOT afford to host the Olympics. The tax payer does NOT receive the benefits from the Olympic Games.
- No. We cannot afford this
- No. We had the games already. How much better is the city for it? We still don't have a field house. We do have an oval though. All thirty of us can enjoy that at any time because it is just not that busy. Give your head a shake.
- No. We hosted the games in 1988, so other countries/cities are already aware of Calgary on this account. We are facing unprecedented drivers for economic diversification; the energy industry is never going to be the same as it was. Our City council should be focusing on making Calgary a safe, inclusive, cost-effective place to live.
- "NO. We need to see this as the total cost of the Olympics versus the cost of infrastructure upgrades and services rendered, and do some economic stimulation that offers sustainable or growing impacts. This is a Winter Sports International ""Stampede-type Event"". I advise you to look into what Calgary Stampede event risks and benefits....that is, if the event was a one-and-done deal; and what that would the +/- do for the City as a whole?
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- Anyway, tbh I'll get a better seat on my couch instead of being boondoggled into paying ludicrous ticket prices for events. Everything else go up in price too in YYC and on top of this you're asking me if I want to chip in my tax dollars?!"
- No. We should invest in a new arena, schools etc.
- No. We've already received the benefit of broadened reputation, as a result of the 1988 games. No further benefit is available.
- No. What is the cost of security? Can it ever truly be quantified or capped? What future community benefit is derived from enormous security costs? Sunk money.
- No. What is the legacy that will be left?
- No. Who remembers where the Olympics took place 10 years ago? We only remember the 88' Olympics because it happened here. After it all said and done, no one remembers and no one cares. People will not come to Calgary on a vacation and say "This, children, is where the 2026 Olympics took place." NO. People come for the Calgary Stampede! We should focus on making the Calgary Stampede better and bigger before the Olympics.
- No. Why pay for some people to play games.
- No. Will be a burden to the city.
- No. With so much unemployment still in the city, and the entire SW corner currently under destruction, maybe we could finish one unpopular project before committing to another. There are so many other projects that we need to spend money on first that will actually have impact on the lives of calgarians everyday instead of the 2 weeks we'll be on tv
- No. Your estimate is way too low
- "No.
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- The cost estimate is incredibly low and there is absolutely no way it will only cost \$5.2b. It's insulting that this number is even being put out there. All anyone had to do is look at the costs of other Games. Yes we have some existing

facilities that can be used, but they all need upgrading and renovating. While I would love to see McMahon expanded, in theory, the overall plan for Olympics construction and all the other costs is way too scary to contemplate. Taxpayers will be paying for this for many years to come. Healthcare will suffer, education will suffer, other parts of the city's long term planning will be neglected.

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- I was 2 years old in 1988. My mother and my in-laws have really fond memories of the '88 Games and I do think this would be really exciting thing for us to experience...but the costs are too impactful. The money needed is just way too much. It isn't fair to saddle us with definite huge costs, all for some glory and hypothetical, intangible, far-future benefits. Please, no."
- "No.
- I think the long-term impacts will not endure, but our problems will remain.
- I fear that the costs will far out-weight the benefits, and that our taxes will continue to pay for the Games, long after they are gone."
- "No... The IOC always promise but never deliver... there are countless examples of how the IOC has demanded changes to the hosts city's planning after they accept that were never accounted for in the initial budget. These cost are left with the Host City and the IOC moves onto the next victim.
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- Really Calgary??? What are you thinking... this is strictly for the ego's of a few self serving millionaires and athletes who train with the assistance of financial subsidies provided to them by the tax payers of Canada. The regular public will end up paying this deficit for generations to come, and social assistance and Capital cost projects will suffer...
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- The City of Calgary can't even make golf courses self sufficient so I end up, through my taxes, subsidizing those that could afford a game.... This will be the same should this self serving group of people get their way on the yes side... I am sorry, but I see no upside to this foolish bid"
- "NO....
- This is a fools mission to go after in this economy! My fear is that council will push it through regardless of the plebiscite and also that The other remaining cities will drop out before we do giving them more justification!"
- No...Not worth the costs
- No...over priced and over rated event. No one I know will go to it. It is a sporting - that is it. Quit giving it value - it bankrupts cities!!!!!!!!!!!!!!We need tax cuts to improve the lives of Calgarians. Cut the cost and size of city hall. Privatize services.
- No..too much when dont have jobs
- NO/NO/NO ABSOLUTELY NOT WORTH THE COST .
- NO: I believe in SAVING UP for what you want, not borrowing money from taxpayers now and in the future for something so silly.
- Nobody makes money on the Olympics. Major loss.
- Nope
- Nope
- NOPE - costs are to great
- Nope it will put Calgary farther in debt and unable to recover quickly.
- Nope! Your fixing from the last time we held the Olympics. No real new venues!
- Nope, I don't think the cost is worth it. Even if we pretend that it will actually cost what is being proposed (and all signs point to it being at least double), even then it's an absolutely outrageous amount of money that I would love to see be put towards things like proper snow removal in the winter, and modern recycling facilities. I would love to see that money put into the city in ways that directly affect and directly improve the lives of everyone in the city; if the games go forward, I can see all of that going out the window because we'll be paying for this for longer than anyone cares to admit.
- Nope. Not a chance. Overtaxed already. City spending and taxes out of control.
- Nope. 3 billion? Estimated? Waste of money.
- Nope. Not worth it. Maybe from a feel good standpoint but certainly not from an economic standpoint.

- Nope. Security budget alone would get most of the facilities built.
- Nope. The long term economic benefit is not measurable for the amount of public funds being invested. To actually understand the long term benefit, you must go through scenario thinking outcomes, and compare the benefits of the olympics to other potential viable projects, such a other page scale sports events (FIFA) or smaller scale projects such as a multi functioning hockey arena in victoria park or somewhere else in downtown/ near downtown. That way the public could understand this better and the city could make the right decision for Calgary's long term future.
- Nope. Too many other things we could better spend on with real value than a two week party to celebrate some peoples' pastimes and hobbies. And the working class won't be able to afford to go!
- Not . Look, you get the money from municipal , provincial and federal. Guess who pays taxes to all three of these. WE DO!! I am a resident in bridle wood and retired. how will any of this benefit me or my community. what will we be able to look. can we at and say isn't that great field hose, only thing is we paid 20 times what is was worth.
- Not a chance.
- Not a chance. It is a big ego festival for those in power and nothing more that is paid for on the backs of my quality of living and my kids debt and tax burdens.
- Not a chance. The Olympics are agenda driven and way too fraudulent for this century. Steroids, payola, crooked judging and collusion make the Olympics a joke. Why mortgage our future for the Olympics. How is that a win for Calgary etal?
- Not a prayer. This isn't even a valid question. There's no doubt that the costs would far outstretch the benefits and the debt we'd incur for this is ridiculous.
- Not at all worth it
- Not at all worth the cost. Too expensive, too risky and the City to this day hasn't done its job to figure out costs and benefits.
- Not at all!
- Not at all! There's no guarantee that there will be benefits, cost-wise. Futhermore, there's the risk of actually cost disadvantages, of spending more money than anticipating and not making the money as expected. Please, there are much more important things we should be spending our money on!!
- NOT at all! Way too expensive. it's not 1988 anymore. 1/3 of costs are security!
- Not at all!!!! Look at all the cities still paying and we are in a worse state of economy than ever!! Wake up
- Not at all.
- Not at all.
- Not at all. I don't want to pay for this, my children don't want to pay for this and it's obvious the majority agree that it's a boondoggle in the making.
- Not at all. Calgarians and Canadian taxpayers will be paying for this event for the next 10-20 years - not worth the cost at all.
- Not at all. If you're going to be spending money on infrastructure upgrades (i.e. LRT to airport), why not budget those items into future years and ignore the ridiculous costs of building new facilities to host the Olympics? It is such a waste of money that I actually can't believe the city is stupid enough to contemplate this idea.
- Not at all. It would take forever to repay the deficit created by hosting the games.
- Not at all. Statistics show that host cities of the past decades have gained little from hosting the games, and have taken great financial risk.
- Not at all. The costs have not been transparent. Studies have shown that there is no economic benefit to hosting.
- Not at all. The infrastructure growth that Calgary needs is not addressed in this proposal. Transportation needs, facilities that match our population are not a part of this. What the city really needs in infrastructure will cost significantly more than this projects. It is applying bandaids to restrain costs.
- Not at all. We already know there is a lack of transparency and misguidance in regards to cost. People can still barely afford to feed their families yet we will be on the hook for astronomical costs of this project.
- Not at all. We could be in further debt for decades. Our municipal, provincial and federal governments do not have enough money to fund this endeavour.
- Not at all; we are in challenging economic times; we do not have the oil money we did for the 1988 games - the oil industry saved us then but they cannot contribute to the same degree. And taxpayers in Calgary and the smaller

communities will end up paying through their taxes municipally, provincially and federally. NO NO NO NO NO Please do not move ahead with these games. The IOC needs to pick two places in the world, one for summer and one for winter and make that the base for for the olympics; the world economy has changed.

- Not at this time, we should be looking at our economy and reducing taxes.
- Not enough info to decide. Also, not all costs or benefits are monetary, so this will take deep reflection to answer.
- Not enough information regarding the bid to be able to comment. STOP the secrecy...it implies one should vote no due to fear of true information being known
- Not even close to being worth it. If my business needs to have a convention, guess what I have to pay for the venues... I don't get the place where I am having it pay for it. Do I? If I can, then who is paying for it? Am I just leaching off of others? Sorry, very tired of explaining all of this. I am pretty sure that the pols will never get it. They love spending other peoples money.
- Not even close, and that's based on the very weak budget presented. Calgary ALREADY IS on the world map as a great entrance city to the Banff area, but hosting Olympics won't change anything about Calgary, just some venues upgraded, and a couple of new minor ones. What's the gain for all the risk? Nada!!!
- Not even close. We will get two and a half weeks of events that most citizens cannot afford to attend, and spend the next thirty years paying for it. This is a slap in the face of low and middle class Calgarian taxpayers, and I say that as someone who is in the higher-end of the income scale.
- Not even kinda. The cost of Olympic games has sky rocketed especially with security concerns in this day and age. For what? So Russia and China can show off their ability to cheat. I have no interest in supporting a corrupt out of touch institution.
- Not even remotely worth it, and I LOVE the Olympics. No one wants the games anywhere in the world.
- Not even remotely worth the costs, the long term impacts of the 1988 Olympics did not affect me or my family in any way. We're not speed skaters, Lugers, or ski jumpers. All these high level athletic events are only for a select few with the skills required. The IOC is an incredibly corrupt organization. The City of Calgary needs to realize the difference between a want and a need. I have a sinking feeling that this is a done deal.
- Not ever going to be worth it
- Not ever will it be worth the costs. The current 'advertised' cost of 5.x billion is in current \$\$, not 2026 \$\$, and has too many holes in it, that are only now (thank heavens!) coming to light and being discussed. The provincial and federal governments, while limiting their financial commitment, are still going to have to pull those funds from other places - or increase taxes accordingly. So Calgarians take a hit from 3 levels of government to support this bid - and a good portion of Calgarians won't even be able to buy tickets to go the events!
- Not if we don't follow through and actually use the new venues as you promise we will.
- Not in the least. Huge waste of resources that could be better spent elsewhere, as previously stated, affordable housing, feeding hungry children and housing the homeless. This is about ego and nothing else.
- Not in this lifetime, or any future time. We had an excellent time in '88 - but that was then, this is now. The Games have had their time -- shut them down. Too much expense for minimal gain
- Not one bit. Shut down this silly fantasy before we blow any more money on it.
- Not really worth it, most improvements to venues will be done anyways but speeding it up may only cause more issues.
- Not remotely. I see no net benefit to the Games.
- Not sure
- Not sure, I feel it is so difficult to answer that question. No doubt this is a high risk.
- Not the right time. Everyone in council should be thinking about other projects rather than Olympics, waste of time
- Not without an arena and Ctrain route improvements.
- Not worth any cost.
- Not worth going into debt and have taxpayers burdened with enormous tax increases for decades to come!
- Not worth it
- Not worth it - unless all costs are rebalanced to support all aspects of human endeavour.
- Not worth it as it is going to be very costly affair which will lead to further burden on city's budget and more taxes.
- Not worth it at all

- Not worth it at all. Huge tax burden so politicians and developers can benefit. Winter sport is mostly only for wealthy individuals who can afford it.
- Not worth it at all. The long-term impacts of the 1988 games are constantly overstated. Vancouver 2010 did well, but only because they focused their priorities on community and not on some trumped up point of pride.
- Not worth it at any cost. By the way- WHAT ARE THE ACTUAL COSTS?? You people have no idea.
- Not worth it because such a small part of the population will use it. And keeping it maintained will come out of tax payer dollars
- Not worth it calgary can attract people from all over the world to visit without having to have the olympics
- Not worth it due to the huge cost to taxpayers to host, develop, maintain, and environmental impact to parks and surrounding Alberta areas.
- Not worth it during this uncertain provincial/municipal economy
- Not worth it only a few benefit the ordinary people don't benefit
- not worth it since it will not impact the flight of the poor in this city nor it will stop budget bleeding, only leads to higher taxes
- Not worth it to basically run a month-long Stampede.
- Not worth it until we as a province are back on our feet.
- Not worth it, the costs are far too great.
- Not worth it.
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- Not worth it.
- Not worth it.
- Not worth it. All three levels of government are broke, and all funding to pay for Nenshi's party will be borne by taxpayers and taxpayers not yet born
- Not worth it. Lets worry about Alberta problems first like getting debt under control and taking care of our people.
- Not worth it. Of all the items built for 1988, I have only used the Saddledome. The LRT was to be built with/without the olympics. Of all the items the Bid Corp wants to do, no a single item in it is something I see using personally. So for me it is all cost without personal benefits. As for affordable housing, it is require with/without the games. Cost overruns for olymipic bids are the norm. Building the housing is cheaper without the bid.
- Not worth it. There is no plan for a train to the airport. So the only beneficial piece of infrastructure is not planned.
- Not worth it. Budgets need to be balanced she continuing to burden tax payers is not the way to achieve this.
- Not worth it. Calgary is already in an economic slump and this will make it worse. Taxpayers should not be paying for this.
- Not worth it. In favour of sport competition but Olympics are a thing of past. Only the rich can attend.
- Not worth it. It is not 1988. We have other serious issues now that were not evident then such as the homeless, opiate use, lack of funding in health care, and proposed tax increases. It is noteworthy that the 4 yr planning budget is underway but there is little talk about this. I certainly hope the City will not release a budget on Nov 14, the day AFTER the plebiscite, that includes tax increases and service cuts. That is just irresponsible.
- Not worth it. It's not bringing in what the sport folk want.
- Not worth it. Long term impact is only debt.
- "Not worth it. Property taxes will increase for ever (when are taxes ever cut). Find will go to the olympics and not towards other programs that have a higher benefits to the citizens of Calgary. The IOC is a corrupt organization.
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- I rather travel to see the olympics and let someone else take on all the risks."
- Not worth it. The City would pay age least \$1B and be on the hook for overruns. No thank you.
- Not worth it. The financial burden is too great. The environmental burden is too great. The Olympics as an organization is just not cool anymore, and does not truly represent the best of the best, but the best of the wealthiest. I prefer to invest my tax dollars in areas that all Calgarians benefit, not just the wealthy few.
- Not worth it. The IOC is a crooked organization and always overrun costs. The costs are not worth it.

- Not worth it. The upfront costs are too much for the budget to handle
- Not worth it. We need investment, not blowing money on a short-lived event.
- Not worth it. We will be mired in debt. And based on the way this council is acting we ed never know true costs.
- Not worth it. We'll be left with crippling debt.
- "Not worth it.
- 5-10-15 billions spent, no way tourism will cover this."
- Not worth the 25 million we have the bid co to consider a bid.
- Not worth the cost
- Not worth the cost
- Not worth the cost
- Not worth the cost , why not , our children will be paying the cost 20 years from now ,our taxes are out of control as it is ..
- Not worth the cost and risk - Calgary does not have the money, the Province does not have the money, and the Feds do not have the money... and we do not need any more debt at this time
- Not worth the cost at all.
- Not worth the cost at all. No city makes money from the Olympics. Cost over runs would be a huge burden to the city aside from the current estimates being grossly low.
- Not worth the cost for sure. Long term impact will be more taxes for a long long time.
- Not worth the cost in the slightest. The IOC is corrupt and demands wining and dining and kowtowwing. The debt we would incur is not worth the return. Pie in the sky feel good pandering to emotions aside, this is not a good idea for us.
- Not worth the cost long term. It's a lot of money which will end up raising taxes quite a bit. It's just common sense when you look at what others have gone through
- Not worth the cost! Huge cost for small gain. Gain is either time limited or limited to a small portion of the population.
- Not worth the cost, already pay too much tax.
- Not worth the cost. Many studies have shown minimal impact for events such as the Olympics. Taken in isolation, the Olympic revenue created is substantial but what is the overall net increase over the long term. Status quo revenues must be deducted from proposed Olympic impacts to get a true picture. I doubt that the various committees are prepared to publicize this info.
- Not worth the cost. At all. Olympic Games are notorious for cost over runs. There has been far too much secrecy going into the plannings and NO ONE has given Calgarians a TRUE cost analysis at this point in time. We are being told \$5.2 BILLION in 2018 dollars. That cost will rise significantly in the next 8 years due to inflation alone. Think at least an additional \$1.5 Billion at 3% inflation/year over next 8 years. My wage has not gone up at the rate of cost of living over the last 6 years, yet my costs have (taxes, food, housing, transportation). I don't foresee my wages going up significantly over the next 6-8 years, yet it will come out of my pocket in the form of rising taxes to cover cost over runs, etc. If I can ill afford rising taxes as one of the middle class, no one else I know can afford it either and it would fall on the backs of citizens to pay for the cost. NOT WORTH IT. Olympics lose cities money, not make money
- Not worth the cost. Just because '88 turned a profit doesn't mean this will. We are broke, tired and taxed to the max.
- Not worth the cost. This is a vanity project with very limited and short term benefits to the citizens of Calgary.
- Not worth the cost. This is no longer 1988. The city does not have the money and the province is broke
- Not worth the cost. We will be paying for this for years. Property taxes won't magically decrease once the olympics are over.
- Not worth the costs
- Not worth the costs
- Not worth the costs - after the Olympics is done, we will have a bunch of infrastructure that will go un-used and become an eye-sore and financial burden. Taxpayers will continuously be raped to pay for this.
- Not worth the costs - something that should be obvious based on other Olympics
- Not worth the costs as the majority of Calgarians will ever enjoy any possible economic benefits

- Not worth the costs as we will be passing the tax burden on to our children. Totally irresponsible to hold given the state of the economy and bleak future of this country.
- Not worth the costs at all. I cannot believe it has gotten to this point already. There is absolutely no reason what so ever to spend this level of money on this project.
- Not worth the costs at all. In past games, the budgets have consistently gone so far over, financially horrible!
- Not worth the costs at all. Majority of the costs will be spent on security issues, which does not have any future economic benefits.
- not worth the costs because benefits are very short term versus bankrupting Calgary.
- Not worth the costs because the costs outweigh the benefits
- Not worth the costs for a 2 week event. The long term impact from the 88 Olympics resulted in aging infrastructure that needs to be upgraded so the costs go beyond just the duration of the Olympics.
- Not worth the costs to a province that continues to struggle economically. The adage that you have to spend money to make money doesn't even come close to applying here. Listen to what the average Calgarians and Albertans have been saying. Stop taking surveys. The majority of the population are against it. Move on
- NOT WORTH THE COSTS!
- Not worth the costs! I believe it will cost more than we will benefit. I would reconsider if IOC paid all the costs.
- Not worth the costs, we don't have the money and are already being taxed through our asses. Future generations will pay for this.
- Not worth the costs.
- Not worth the costs. It is going to rack up a huge debt.
- Not worth the costs. Liabilities sufficiently outweigh the small amount of potential, and I stress potential, benefits. The liabilities are very clear as outlined in the risk sections.
- Not worth the costs. We should just buy the stuff we want. And no, I don't want to buy an arena for some billionaires either.
- Not worth the costs. Why? Are you kidding?
- Not worth the costs. Anyon but a politician knows this because its our tax dollars not theirs.
- Not worth the costs. They are getting way too expensive for anyone.
- not worth the costs. We dont need another mid sized arena,the Max Bell is allready under used.
- Not worth the costs. We have NO money. This appears to just be to feed the. Mayors ego
- Not worth the costs. Which we don't know what will be. Why at the after games costs combined with the during games costs? Not transparent with the information so we can't make a judgement on that
- Not worth the debt and years to pay for it and potential social issues arising from it.
- Not worth the long term costs
- Not worth the long term debt
- Not worth the money to put on a big party for athletes (rich kids) that are from the wealthier countries of the world, and are only able to be involved in their sport if they have significant family financial support to begin with. I would rather put the money towards opportunities for all Calgarians to participate in sports and fitness.
- Not worth the the cost. Why? Because the debt would be enormous
- Not worth, wasting too much on non essential. Release the CEDC 2017 bid report, 75 million for upgrades to BMO alone
- Not worth.
- Not worth. Spend huge amount of money for 10 days game and IOC get all the benefits but Calgarian will be under huge debt to pay back for future
- Not worthy of the costs!! The long term impacts of the games are not known. Do you think there were many lasting impacts of the 1988 games except for the facilities which were built. Remember the new facilities would have to be maintained and there is little use for the planned 5000 seat arena. It would be much more prudent to fund a new NHL sized arena.
- Not worthy. The evidence of past olympics in Brazil Russia China continues to demonstrate that actual costs always far exceed estimates and the benefits to the host community are nowhere near what they were told

- Not worthy. Stop it right NOW
- Not. I think the long-term impacts will be negative. The amount of money we've spent on the Games is absolutely ludicrous and could have been spent on far more important and relevant things like helping our population eat, stay warm, get employed.
- Not. At. All.
- Not. If the costs included a new arena/field house, it might be arguable that it is a net benefit but when we have to spend more money right after the Olympics are done, we're in trouble
- Not. Well be left holding a debt just like every other host has. Many venues will sit empty.
- Nothing can justify several billion for any Olympics.
- Nothing is worth the extra burden to taxpayers!! We have had our taxes increase every year for no reason but to allow the mayor and council to spend indiscriminately with no accountability. So many closed door meetings - so many secrets!! Anyone who challenges is shut down! Too much power and too little input by Calgarians. City council and mayor forget who they work for - the taxpayers!!
- O thiink the costs are likely significantly understated
- Obviously not. The long-term impacts are bleak and they are all negative. How can we answer this WE DON'T KNOW THE ACTUAL COSTS. The city is hiding the actual costs; or worse THEY DON'T KNOW EITHER! I don't know how to answer this politely so I can't comment further.
- Of all Olympics Calgary should be proud of how they managed the costs and legacy of the 88 games, and I see no reason why this city cannot do it again with a logical and level approach.
- Of course they are not worth the costs. Only to the people who will skim massive sums off the top is it worth it.
- Of course! Just look at the benefits we gained from the '88 Olympics: the Olympic Oval at the U of C, the Canmore Nordic Centre, the Saddledome, Nakiska, Canada Olympic Park just to name a few. Can you imagine Calgary without these facilities? Now try to imagine our city 20 years from now. If we don't take advantage of the cost sharing provided by three levels of government combined with other revenue streams, we will never enjoy the health, social, cultural and economic benefits these facilities will provide. Are you will to say to your kids, "Well, some people didn't want to spend any money so, sorry, that's how we became such a lame duck city."
- OH HELL NO NO NO NO
- "oh no the cost is way to much per family. I mean it! The number 5.6 billion dollors is too much.
- I did the math and for my family a family of 4 we would be paying 16 thousand dollors witch I think is way to much money. If people are stuggling now with money more people will be stuggling with it and it would just be bad and hard to find jobs and more faciltys for those people."
- Olympic bid committee is intentionally underestimating the costs and the amounts the province and federal governments will provide. All this funding is still provided by taxpayers, not governments.
- One hundred percent, without a doubt NOT WORTH THE COST. Full stop, end of story.
- Only if all events held in and around Calgary, Canmore and Banff
- Only if jobs and skill development are sustainable. Would likely enhance Calgary/Alberta/Canada's reputation.
- Only if the IOC under writes all over expenditures and debt
- Or I think Calgary will be on the hook for a big bill. Like Montreal was
- Our children's children will end up footing the bill for stupidity, our city has no idea of the value of money, and only wants to spend the future into debt for man years to come
- Our economy is too fragile to support an outlay of billions of dollars for a one time event. We can build the sports plex without holding the games or going into debt.
- Overall, YES i do see the games as beneficial. The NO side needs to get their heads out of their pocket books.
- People who want the games should pay for it.
- Personally I don't thinks its worth the risk of huge cost overruns. The IOC is an elitist bunch of privileged people looking to exercise their oversized ego's at others expense. The games have become a TV spectacle based on what gets the best TV ratings. Athletes compete on uneven playing field with the doped up athletes from the Countries that are ethically challenged (even some Canadians fall into this category too!). We'd all be better if we made a long term plan with some real vision for Calgary not the IOC!
- "Please do not bid for the 2026 Olympics, they will not be worth the huge costs to Calgary.

- Tax payers will be paying for this fiasco for years to come."
- Previous data CLEARLY shows the games are not worth the costs. Its nothing complicated. Council and contractors with links to them are the only ones that benefit.
- Probably not, unless you change the plan.
- Purely from an economic point of view I do not believe the games are worth the cost. From the point of view of civic pride, I'd welcome the games. I just don't think that is enough to justify.
- Really? The long term impact is massive debt with corruption.
- Recent Olympic history suggest a strong potential for the games creating a debt level that could ruin the city financially for decades. The risk is just too high to be acceptable in today's economic climate and basing things on a projection that climate will improve dramatically in the next eight years is not a safe assumption.
- Right now, City council says we don't have enough money to fund basic city services. So it seems totally outrageous, that we are even considering Bidding for the Games. Many on City council think ALL Calgarians are wealthy. Many on City council think their job is to say YES to every proposal that comes before them that involves spending money. Do they realize that many Calgarians struggle to get by everyday and that frivolous spending has a huge impact on their lives? Through the power of taxation City council forces people to pay whether they like it or not.
- Same answer as before. All levels of Government are deeply in Debt. Simply cannot afford the games. Also I have NO trust in our mayor allowing the TRUE cost be be given.
- Same as above.. Stop spending money on us less stuff.. I should mention the LED art on 12 have downtown.. Which is an LED donut that would cost \$5 on Amazon with free shipping
- Same question again. Not worth the costs
- see above
- See above. Definitely not worth the costs.
- See answer above, however I'd like to see a third party fully independent cost estimate provided to the taxpayers.
- See answer above.
- "Since we will not know the costs until the event is over, it's the risk that there will be overruns, that concerns the taxpaying population of the City and Province. The odds that 1988 can be repeated are slim. There were a lot of volunteers that made 1988 a success, we have a new generation that may not be so willing to sacrifice the time and effort that the citizens of 30 years ago were able to commit.
- The managers of our public services do not seem dedicated to cost control and bringing projects in on budget, good managers are people with ""skin in the game"". It's the Taxpayers of the future with the ""risk"" ball in their court. To risk so much for a month long party seems at best foolish."
- Six to eight years of construction and congestion are not worth the potential legacy
- So many events and interests already compete for peoples time . Who watches the games --seniors? the partners and parents of the competitors? I don't---but bring World soccer here and I will.....
- Spend taxpayer's money on child care overcrowded and un affordable day cares , health care, youth development, education skill building programs roads infrastructures new industry
- Study after study after study has proven that the Olympics are an economic red herring. It's all out there in black and white from unbiased sources.
- Study after study after study show there is very little long term impact, except negative as costs are grappled with.
- Stupid without oil patch to support. Socialists don't get it.
- Taxes and citizens frustration
- Taxes keep rising
- Taxes under the Nenshi regime have been going up constantly and will only keep increasing.
- taxpayers are overburdened - if no one hosts the games will it change the thinking of the IOC?
- Taxpayers cannot afford to fund the games, and potential for increased costs and terrorism.
- The 500 + million spent on security does what for the city the day after the Olympics are over. The city will cut services after to help pay the bills.
- The \$5.2 billion estimated cost can be put to so many other uses for the citizens of Calgary. More affordable housing, addressing homelessness and poverty, creating good quality jobs, sprucing up neglected parts of the city, more parks and recreation areas for families ... and many many other uses for the money. Forget the 2 week party and IOC fat cats.

- The 1988 initial bid by the booster club was \$35,000. The city has already spent 5 million on the initial bid. Costs of olympics creates long term debt for calgary taxpayers.
- The benefits are wishful thinking. The costs are poorly defined. Too risky.
- The benefits of investing in projects to be completed prior to original completion dates is huge and I think that needs to be expressed to the na sayers better. Many of the costs are is money that the city has already planned to spend on projects and now we will be getting additional funding to help build them were as without the Olympic bid the city of calgary wouldn't receive as much funding ultimately costing tax payers more money.
- The bid costs are ridiculous compared to what is being delivered. The long term negative impact would not be worth the risk at half the cost
- The City has shown that they were not able to accurately forecast the impact of the downturn on City revenues in UEP. Internal City spending has historically not been tracked accurately. Olympics are famous for being financial run a ways. So I do not have faith in the costs being proposed.
- "THE CITY TRIED TO HIDE THE TRUE COSTS.
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- What a joke that you ask about what I think of the costs now, after trying to hide the true cost from the taxpayer. For shame.
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- Corruption of the many for the legacy of the few. Keep your Olympics, I don't want em."
- The cost are expensive that is no doubt. But Alberta is one of the most profitable provinces and with the expansion of tourism to the area and federal funding because this isn't just for calgary it's for all of Canada. We can eventually offset the costs of the games. Also we will use the facilities long afterwards unlike some other countries that have held the games
- The cost estimates provided are not credible and are significantly underestimated. The so called benefits are greatly exaggerated.
- The cost have to break even or a small surplus.
- The cost is not sustainable in the current economic environment. Tax payers will be paying regardless of where the funds come from. Both provincial and federal governments are running high debt loads. The cost of these games will be shouldered by future generations as their funding will be be by means borrowed funds.
- The cost is too high, no guarantees and not worth the financial risk to Calgargians now or for the future. We've already spent too much on this. Those funds could have been better allocated such as residential snow removal plan or other areas that could use the help. Calgarians are already frustrated with the amount of road construction that is going on, it would be worse moving forward as more would need to be done when projecting for new venues.
- The cost of living is already challenging many Canadians; higher taxes add an unnecessary burden to the most vulnerable among us, all for the benefit of more affluent residents. It's irresponsible to say the least.
- The cost of these Olympics is unknown and the estimate grossly under estimated ..long term impacts would not be worth it
- The costs and risks are way too high we have already wasted 30 million that we don't have and taxes are going up 4.5% again this year I can't imagine what they will be after the cost overruns of the olympics
- The costs are always more than predicted
- The costs are difficult to estimate. The actual cost associated with past games usually exceeded the estimate by large amounts. These extra costs would be the City's responsibility as the Provincial Government has indicated that they are not interested in sharing in their payment. It appears to me that our mayor and several members of Council ready to host the Games at any cost as they see the Games making them seem more important in the eyes of the world-an ego trip.
- The costs are not worth the Games. Calgary has a taxation problem and a spending problem. More costs and debt will burden us for years as we continue to diversify from energy.
- The costs are simply too high without enough payback. I think CALGARY municipal has grossly underestimated their responsibility in this
- The costs are too high, and your drag to the right doesn't work on a mobile phone.

- The costs of the olympic bid and hosting the 2026 olympics are not worth the risks. Indeed the money this council and administration has already wasted on this ridiculous proposal is a disgrace!
- The costs of these games are being estimated around \$5 billion and I do not see that as being anywhere near what the costs will end up as. For one thing you are already admitting that "Future economic climates are unknown and MAY IMPACT COSTS AND REVENUES" which is very true!!! Calgary has still not recovered from our downturn and now you want to spend money we don't have! I am single and work retail! I am looking to get a second and third job to make ends meet! The idea of having to pay higher taxes in what I find an expensive city to live in already, is disturbing! I was born and raised here and find I cannot afford to live in my home town!!! With the costs of hosting the olympics being \$5 billion it only means HIGHER TAXES!! I can't even afford to go watch any of the events even if I want to because I live pay cheque to pay cheque! So I only see NEGATIVE IMPACTS from hosting the Games!!!
- The costs will be very high and hinder the city for the foreseeable future. Creating a burden on young Calgarians in the future.
- The costs will definitely be far more than has been projected. With the talk of more taxes and/or service cuts in the next city budget the Olympics just don't make sense.
- The costs will far outweigh the benefits. Of that there is no question.
- The costs would outweigh the benefits it would run at a net loss.
- "The delivery of the Games is almost half the entire proposed budget, and the contingency fund is nowhere near sufficient to account for cost overruns.
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- The IOC has a poor reputation on the international stage for funding mismanagement and cost overruns. Vancouver may have succeeded or broken even (depending on who you talk to), but it's clear that they are an anomaly compared to the rest of the world.
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- The fact that nobody wants to compete for this bid should be a serious, glaring warning that other cities are noticing something about these games that we do not. This should not be a good sign."
- The estimate for these games is always low and you WILL spend more than budgeted. I don't want to pay for this for the next 20 years there are more vital things to spend our dollars on.
- The estimated cost of the, as reported, thus far will prove to be grossly underestimated. Taxpayers will be left with inflated property taxes and income taxes along with a shrinking tax base as jobless citizens relocate after the systematic destruction of Alberta's primary industry. The Olympic games, if held here, will prove to be a huge economic disaster.
- The federal government is in debt, the provincial government is trying very hard to balance the budget, we are not the exception.
- The financial burden to the taxpayers is definitely not worth the costs to host the Olympics.
- The funds put towards the Games by the Albertan and Canadian government would be better used elsewhere.
- "The games are not worth the cost and this should be very evident as Calgary and Italy are the only cities left in the running for the games.
- All other cities have dropped out due to massive cost and years of debt to be paid by taxpayers of Calgary and ab. Withdraw our name"
- The games are not worth the cost to Calgary's debt and tax requirements. I do not want my taxes to go towards this.
- The Games are NOT WORTH THE COSTS and will impact the TAX PAYERS FOR DECADES. DO THE MATH and stop continual increases in TAXES. Shame on you.
- The Games are not worth the costs! The Calgary and Albertan taxpayer will pick up the \$multi-billion cost and this will affect us negatively for a generation.
- The games are NOT worth the costs. Period. Common sense makes it clear.
- "The games should not be held and any further costs bid explorations should be stopped immediately. This is a waste of time, money, and resources that are badly needed elsewhere given the city's budget crisis.
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- Stop bothering people with these surveys and dismissing their criticisms as ""cynical,"" and just listen to what you've already been told."

- The games will not make Calgary a World Class City...but spending the money where it is needed will.
- The high cost will have a negative impact on Calgarians. The benefits won't outweigh the cost and the poor will suffer as a result of the funds they rely on being spend on a rediculous PR stunt.
- The high costs of the games will be a burden on the taxpayer for generations.
- The long term benefits of the games is absolutely NOT worth the costs. In terms of the Olympics putting Calgary on the International map, the 2026 Olympic games is not needed. Calgary is already on the map. In terms of increased business or even tourism due to the games, there is no clear data to show that there is ANY benefit at all from an Olympic game. In terms of having facilities built or upgraded, the Olympic games are absolutely not needed to justify those facility expenditures. Calgary is better off simply building and upgrading the facilities without hosting the Olympic games, since the costs would be actually managable.
- The long term benefits will not likely equal the Disbenefits from the interest on the debt.
- The long term debt are not worth the cost.
- The long term debt is worrisome to me
- The long term effect will be long term debt and higher taxes. There is no benefit to the games
- The long term effects are absolutely obscene with the debts we will incur and have to pay for while Mayor Nenshi gets to dance off into the sunset with no thought to those of us left behind to pay for his "legacy" it is rotten ridiculous and selfish. We cannot afford this at the moment. Plus he can't even take care of our own infrastructure (look at the most recent snow storms) the road conditions and delays with construction. It is absolutely irresponsible!
- The long term impact is worth the cost. Vancouver is a prime example. Expo 86 put Vancouver on the international scene, olympics 2010 further enhanced development of the city. Calgary needs a boost. It can not rely on the oil cycle, to which Calgary has had a decade of bust cycle. Put Calgary on the international map!
- The long term impact of the games would be increased working poor, due to the inevitable skyrocketing rate of property taxes to pay for the debacle.
- The long term impact would be absolutely not worth the risks, costs and negative effects.
- THe long term impacts are not worth the costs. I believe the cost of \$5.2B in 2018 dollars to be far below what the final costs will turn out to be. The factors of inflation, cost of living and the development of new venues as well as the upgrading of existing venues will be higher than currently forecast based on the history seen in other Olympic costs. The current proposal appears to be success oriented and does not take into account the potential for extra costs due to additional work as upgrades are progressed or costs increase for new venues. Security costs will likely be far higher than anticipated given the current existing threats and as new threats are determined. The cost to move athletes between Whistler and Calgary will likely be higher than expected. The development/upgrade of venues in Whistler will bring no benefit to Calgary or the south Alberta region. From my current understanding, these costs will be borne by the City of Calgary, given the level of funding now promised by the province (\$700M) and the understanding that the Federal government will math the funding from the City and the Province which implies a total funding of \$2B from public sources which is about \$1B less than the current plan put forward.
- the long term impacts are the costs that would mortgage Calgary's future
- The long term impacts of hosting the WINTER Olympics are negligible.
- The long term impacts of the games are NOT worth the costs
- The long term impacts of the games are not worth the costs.
- the long term impacts of the games is not worth the costs at all. We do not need the games to put Calgary on the world map, we already are. We do not need the Olympics to upgrade necessary sport facilities, it is far better to just do the upgrades without the games. We do not need the Olympic games to build new sport facilities, we can build them without committing to the huge cost burden of the games. The cost of hosting the Olympics is absolutely not worth it.
- The long term impacts will result in the excuse for ever-increasing taxes on every level of government. Enough already!
- The long-term costs are absolutely worth it
- The long-term impact of the games will be to poor boy the rest of what this city actually needs.
- The long-term impacts are all negative - higher debt, higher taxes, and the cost of being distracted by an Olympics fantasy. Serious economic, debt and tax issues need to be addressed now.

- The long-term impacts are not worth the costs. The Citizens will bear the brunt of the price and the Citizens can barely afford day-to-day life as it is.
- The long-term impacts of debt is why it is NOT a good idea!
- "The long-term impacts should be studied from previous Olympics, and see how cost-detrimental it is. Calgary is not swimming in \$100/barrel oil, our downtown lease rates are abysmal and rental market is still in the toilet because there are not as many jobs as there once was. I'm only a 30 year old professional Geologist who has seen how cyclic and costly being in Calgary can be.
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- As much as I would love to see the Olympics in Calgary again, the numbers are just going to be detrimental to us. I know I love the idea of it and it would be a lot of fun, the fact is our wallets, both personal and Municipal, just cannot afford something like this. It's unfortunate and inconvenient truth.
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- Mayor Nenshi, I support you on many things and appreciate your love for this city. But be honest with yourself and see how overall this is not a net-positive for us in the long-run."
- "The Montreal games were a financial failure and placed a debt load on the city that took decades to pay off. Venues were closed years before they were paid off. Vancouver's games were a break even games. A legacy fund was created but many of the venues were spun off for other uses, not always for the public benefit. Looking at the last few winter games, there were large budget shortfalls due to increased costs and cost overruns. The potential benefits of a month long event does not mitigate the chances of decades of debt. Our governments love to tax the public with constant increases to the tax rate with little increases to services. I don't think we should gamble with our children's future if the group who is trying to put this all together is wrong.
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- I think if Calgary decides to host the games, I will leave the city. I don't want to be paying for the games because the mayor wants to say he brought the games back to Calgary. I wonder if there are more who think the same way and will be willing to follow thru?"
- The most significant long term impact will be the debt we will incur. Taxpayer money can and should be spent more responsibly.
- The numbers/cost that are presented as wrong and untrustworth. We cant afford this. I am sadly confident that there will be overruns and that is not acceptable.
- "The Olympics are in no way worth the cost.
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- If we were getting our top 5 infrastructure needs checked off by holding the games, then maybe. But essentially the only piece of infrastructure on our priority list that is going to get built through this is a field house and some affordable housing.
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- We can build both these things on our own for way cheaper if we do it without the Olympics!"
- The Olympics are not worth the costs in any way shape or form. The IOC is a self serving political propaganda machine. Has anyone ever actually seen an audited financial statement from the IOC? This question is asked as if the long term impacts are quantifiable and therefore can be economically evaluated. Just isn't so. We are in no position to even consider hosting the games and we are wasting dollars every day. I can hardly wait for the next phase where we are told "We've already spent millions of dollars so unless we host the games all this money will have been wasted". Sadly the truth is this money has been wasted. Now we just need to have the common sense to stop wasting more.
- The Olympics is not worth the cost. I would not want it if it were free. It's corrupt. It's elitist. It's foreign-run, dictatorial, unaccountable, and most certainly does everything to harm a team spirit.
- The Olympics will serve only as a flash in the pan feel good party.
- The only long-term impact I see is a future with higher taxes to pay for the games
- The party is too costly at this point in the current economy, there is no guarantee that there will be a profit...there are always massive debts left after the Olympics. We held a great event in 1988, this is a different time and place now. Corporate sponsors can't afford the support needed, the volunteer spirit is not the same and security costs now are crippling. No the long-term cost is not worth the expense.

- The problem with the YES side is that eventually they'll run out of everyone else's money.
- The proposed costs for the games in most areas I see not being worth it. This is not a great time to be over reaching in what the cities citizens can afford. The proposed building upgrades I feel aren't the wisest long term investments for Calgary's growth. There is many other areas the city could use that money on that is logical to better it's citizens and not for world reputation/ showing off.
- The return on money is very low.
- The risk of cost overruns is extremely real. Olympic games are notoriously over budget, and this council has shown they do not have the restraint to manage to the current budget. Promises have already been made about items not even in the current budget, it's only a matter of time before we're hanging our hat on the Olympics being the rationale for a new arena for the Flames. This will get out of control quickly and Calgary taxpayers will be stuck with the bill.
- "The vote for Calgarians is coming soon with advance polling Nov 6 and 7 followed by the final voting on Nov 13.
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- Although i see many stating an emphatic NO in their opinion, well until one actually votes, your opinion does not count. We Calgarians tend not to get off our butts and actually vote. This one is important.
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- For your consideration of just how fictitious City Hall numbers are (not including the stuff they tried to hide that got leaked), take a look at a past Olympics and an upcoming one...
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- Cities tend to exclude large amounts of associated costs when they submit a bid to host the Olympics. Such bids usually include only core components such as the main facilities so that the bids are easier to compare. Building design, security measures, transportation and other costs are largely excluded.
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- The 2012 London Olympics cost \$19 billion, compared with the bid estimate of \$6.5 billion.
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- In 2013, when they were awarded the right to host the 2020 Summer Olympics, Tokyo officials said they could stage the Games for 829 billion yen, or \$7.3 billion at the current exchange rate of 113 yen to the dollar.
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- According to a report released this week by the national government's Board of Audit and reviewed by the Associated Press, Japan is likely to spend at least \$25 billion and possibly more for the 2020 Games. That figure is nearly four times the original 2013 estimate and more than doubles the number that was thrown out just 10 months ago, when the Tokyo organizing committee said the Olympic budget was about \$12 billion.
- Japanese taxpayers will foot 80 percent of the final bill, the audit found.
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- "The Games overrun with 100 percent consistency," University of Oxford researchers wrote in a 2012 study. "No other type of mega project is this consistent regarding cost overrun. Other project types are typically on budget from time to time, but not the Olympics."
- There are definite long term economic benefits to civic pride, reputation and awareness. Sadly some councillors (Farrell, Farkas and Chu) are far too shortsighted to see them.
- There are few long term impacts that are beneficial but significant long term impacts (i.e. cost) that could have a serious negative impact on the community.
- There are few long-term impacts of the Games for the Host city. What few long term impacts that might (mainly in the form of venues) exist are DEFINITELY NOT worth the enormous costs of the Games. Also the IOC is a multibillion dollar, CORRUPT business and I for one do not want to use tax payer dollars to support their business model. The IOC should be PAYING US for the use of our city, venue facilities, police costs etc to host their games!!!
- There are no long-term impacts beyond the actual date of the games that will outweigh the cost. The IOC is a savage organization and will ensure we heavily outspend our budget and to no great benefit for our city and it's people.
- There are no positive long-term impacts... just more debt.
- There are very little long term impacts, as facilities are already in place. The game does NOT justify the cost.

- There has been overwhelming concern by the public about the struggle our services have in keeping up with current demand. From waste to snow removal, road maintenance to transit, what we have isn't enough for our growing city. And if we are going to get federal and provincial money, let it go to things that benefit all like education and healthcare. Ever hear the wait list for special testing for students with disabilities? Any idea the wait times for adult mental health support? Now those are the places we need to put money into. Let's be world leaders in caring for our citizens, not in being duped into dropping many more millions into a games that has become a world wide joke for cost overruns and scandal.
- There is insufficient detail/clarity/disclosure/transparency regarding the "costs" to even attempt to determine a possible "long-term impact" on our city. So, again, insufficient detail and clarity available to objectively answer the question.
- There is not enough financial information provided to provide any meaningful response
- There is really no reason for the Olympics to exist in the modern era given the huge financial burden suffered by the host city, province, and country. There are no long-term benefits that can justify this huge expense.
- There really are no positive long-term impacts to the games, economically.
- There will be additional costs to maintain Olympic facilities.
- There will be extreme long impact of paying the debt so our mayor and the council can rub elbows with few rich people
- There will be no Olympic games and therefore no more olympic games costs
- There would not be long term impacts other than social housing which by the way can be built without having the olympics..... and cheaper!
- These Games are not worth their high price. Further concerns are that past Games have been vastly over- budget. Calgary should not have the IOC as a business partner as they are not looking out for us, only themselves.
- They are definitely NOT worth the costs.
- They are not worth the costs, they benefit few people at the expense of many. Don't do it, please!
- They are saying the Japan olympic games cost has almost quadrupled, so I don't want to risk the future of my city on the uncertainty of the games. The province is now only kicking in \$700,000,000 instead of the one billion the city was hoping for, so there is another \$300,000,000 the TAX payers of CALGARY will have to come up with.
- They aren't worth the cost
- They could be if they stay on budget. There seems to be a lot on infighting at City Hall in this matter, so I'm not confident on how successful we'll be if we do host the Games
- They could be worth it if long term impacts are planned for from the beginning.
- They may be worth the cost for a small few, but not for a large portion of the population. Again, only the experts have some insight into the economy, but today - no.
- They will cost taxpayers for a generation as we know that the games will go over budget, debt will be incurred and interest will have to be paid.
- They will hinder Calgary in the future because the massive debt that will be accumulated will devastate this city.
- They would even out as they typically do
- This is far too much investment for a 2 week party for elite athletes. If this was such a good deal, why are other cities dropping out so quickly. What do they know that our Mayor and city council are unaware of.
- This is not the time for us to be spending on the games. We have more important economic issues that are already causing budgetary issues that ultimately inflate our taxes. It's also very clear this is being pushed by Nenshi, nobody cares who the mayor was that brought the Olympics to a city.
- This is the big one of course- we will all suffer any overrun; All will suffer tax implications as not everyone supports the Olympics in the first place...
- This isn't 1988, oil flowing, or government money in abundance.
- This will be WAY more money than what is budgeted
- This, along with the economic impacts, will be the deciding issue. I feel the over-arching reasons for having this event in Calgary is well worth the costs but it will be an uphill battle fighting the people who think money is more important than community spirit.

- "TL/DR: Long term impact of the Games: major tax increases and cuts to local social programs, unnecessary facilities with high operating costs.
- I don't see anything being worth the costs. I do not see anyone specifically visiting Calgary because the Olympics were held here.....AGAIN. I see facilities that will be city owned cost too much for the city to maintain, for them to either demolish or sell at a significant loss. I see interesting architecture that looks better than functions, for example the saddledome: looks neat, but the roof cannot support a lot of weight. Oval: lots of roof issues"
- TOO EXPENSIVE
- Too expensive
- Too expensive and costly just for the glory of the mayor and council.
- TOO EXPENSIVE!
- too much
- Too much unknown. Potential security costs could become totally unacceptable to taxpayers, and negative legacy of cost overruns could be felt by generations.
- "Ultimately, we are calgarians and also Albert and and also Canadians so the government contributions all come from us as taxpayers. I have not heard convincing rationale as to how governments feel they can afford this Olympics while all talk is about concern over not enough control of existing budget deficits. There haven't been any costs good news stories from recent host Olympics and I would really like to hear a compelling story for Calgary on how we will be different in this way.
- All Olympic budget estimates have been under estimated so how do we know whether we can rely on the 5.2 billion estimate?"
- Unfortunately no. It simply costs too much to host. The IOC needs to get a grip on reality and make the Olympics more financially feasible. The fact that almost every other city has dropped out of the bid process speaks volumes.
- Unknown
- Until we know the total capital and operating costs that will come from public funding sources (i.e the taxpayer eventually) this question cannot be answered. I am concerned in order to make the cost projections palatable some budget items will be shifted from the Olympic bucket to other buckets many of which will be funded via the public purse and not coming from the private sector which will ultimately reap substantial benefit.
- Very expensive will have to hike up property tax making a lot just making it loose or have to sell houses
- Was here for the 88 Olympics. Been there , done that , forget the 2026 Bid. Not necessary. Too much risk. There is a reason other countries are bailing.
- We all know projected costs are always lower than the actual construction costs (Peace Bridge????) so more money will be pumped into the project and other areas will have lower budgets.....education, infrastructure etc.
- We already hosted once, we got whatever benefits we would get at that point. We will get nothing new with a new round of hosting, it will be costly and invite even more political corruption that we're already dealing with. Let someone else host the rich-kid party to distract from how crap things are in the world while we actually sort out our problems.
- We are broke folks. Can't afford these games. Maybe sometime in the future we can try for them, but not now. Even my 12 year old daughter gets it. She says that money in the adult world is much different than money in her world. She says that she does not want to cover the costs, on her future taxes, for a 2 week party that some people want to have. She has dreams of buying a house, travelling, and participating in other activities that will all cost money. Not covering the costs of an Olympic games that will long be a memory when she gets of the working age. It's not just the current tax paying people who should fear the costs of the games. It's the next generation, too.
- We are still paying for the Vancouver games as part of our federal tax. The proposed bill of \$800 MM does not include the still under negotiation NHL arena, bus barn, or other unexpected items. The city amount alone comes to a few thousand per family in calgary.....way too much and I feel Nenshi is pushing way too hard for this. Too much secrecy in council regarding what the city is up to and how they are going to try to sell us on this. This will only benefit the rich, most people will have a hard time affording the tickets to any of these events
- We are taxed to death by all levels of government and the Olympics are corrupt as is our municipal government, most Councillors & a out of touch, full of crap Mayor. Games are already considered corrupt and too costly. There are no long term plans with this city government because they can't see past their thick skulls and are not trustworthy.

Remember Midland? Mayor and Councillors could not find the dollars to keep them in their homes and instead renege on their relocation promise. What a corrupt incompetent municipal government we have FULL OF WASTE.

- We can't afford it!
- We do not know the final costs. Security could be off the wall at that time thinking of the way the world is now with all the conflicts going on now. Add to that the negative press about the IOC with their letting Russia back in after their cheating and their bribes and extra compensation for rewarding the olympics based on this we do not need to reward them for their bad behavior
- We don't know, no one knows the total true cost. Our City Council keeps going to secret meetings. This needs to stop, what is council afraid if? The truth!!!!
- We don't have to worry about the costs a lot. City have to spend only 15% of it, with the rest coming from the IOC and federal government. And 700M is just a drop in the sea comparing to what they are wasting on financing controversial projects, like paying 5B to US company for dead project. With regards to Games cost, 5.2B is all-time low for a modern history, even Vancouver spent 9B. We need to show to the world that this could be done right, in Canadian way. We are still using the 88' facilities, nobody in the world can do it better then us here.
- We got away with a small profit last time during the 88 Olympics, but this time, with the IOC appearing to be so corrupt, we will not even break even. I believe we will lose money, big time, over the long term. The combined initial cost and long term facility upkeep will cause Calgary's property taxes to rise substantially. This will not benefit Calgary unless there is a massive influx of private money from around the world. I may be out to lunch, but I think it's time the IOC started paying cities and countries to host the games.
- We just finished paying off the games in the 80's. The taxes are alright high in the City to cover insufficient and inadequate service to those who actually pay taxes. Having to foot the bill so the City can have a party is absurd.
- We must make a profit not just break even to make it worth while
- We need the facilities and the housing
- We need to figure out how costs can be seen as investments for future or long-term revenue generation
- We simply cannot afford them. Hosting them will put huge pressure on debt service, city services and property taxes which will affect each and every one of these selections.
- We will never recoup the money spent, so it is not a worthwhile investment.
- We will not see a return on these costs that make it beneficial to Calgarians or Albertans. With the current plan to repair existing facilities and build as few new as possible, the lack of future benefit is shocking.
- We will pay for this for a long time. It will be more than we are being told. Period. NO OLYMPICS!!!!!!
- Well here is the crunch, what EXACTLY are the costs? Who is paying what? What are the tax payers going to be on the hook for? That doesn't seem to be very clear, I think that is a big fence that needs to be crossed. If people were not left to speculate then maybe they could make firmer decisions. I think the committee need to emphasise the benefits very loudly indeed. I also have an issue in my not being able to vote. I hold PR for Canada. I can work, pay income tax, property tax, GST, Carbon Tax, etc., but have no say in how my money is spent.
- We'll never get a positive return on the investment.
- Well spend and proper budget desing will definitely support the city economy
- Well worth it, so many people benefit
- Well, judging by the impacts from the last set of games held here, it would appear that entangling the Olympics logo with the city's name is about the only real lasting impact (well, that and the debt from the '88 games). Perhaps the organizing committee can tell us what they perceive the tangible impacts are going to be.
- We're broke. We can't afford the Olympics.
- We're going to be paying for this for decades. No, I don't think it's worth it.
- What have the long term effects of the olympic oval been? foreign countries come and use it? Not open to the public as far as I know, nor are the ski jumps or the bobsled, all of which could be reused with a dime. Just drop this entire thing and start figuring out how to make Calgary vital again. The olympic bid is an ill thought out joke, and people need to wake up and all this all off before the money is spent. Does our mayor think spending \$2MM on a vote is a good idea? would he use his own money?
- When is the cost too high? Sensibility must weigh in for this decision. Ignoring that there will be cost overruns lessens the credibility of the the Bidding group.

- While much of the proposal is aligned in some way to Calgary's future planning, none of them are projects that have already started. Kick-starting all of these projects within years, if not months, of each other puts huge strain on taxpayers and investors in the city. There are more important things to be focusing on than an Olympic Bid.
- While there will never be an outlay of spends on the magnitude of the Olympics. The fraction of the money that would be spent, if planned with 3,5,8 and 12 year perspective would yield more tangible benefits that could be tracked and demonstrated to the public.
- Why ask me? Do your own due diligence and you'll see it benefits nobody but the few and the IOC. Definitely not worth the cost!
- Why do you think Calgary is going to do a better than any other dozen other cities who have hosted these games and had no positive impacts long term? Don't PR us to death and tell us how amazing these games are going to be. Lies and more Lies
- Why spend Billions of dollars for a 2 week party? Anyone who is passionate about olympic sports can go watch it somewhere else. I don't want future generations to be paying for this party.
- Will cost way too much. There Will be cost over runs. I WILL VOTE AGAINST IT.
- With all the secrecy who knows how much we will be on the hook for. Remember Jean Drapeau?
- With existing venues providing the foundation of our facilities, we can put on the Games with lower costs and capital risk than any recent Winter Games.
- With the cost of hosting the Olympics expected to balloon, it would not be feasible for citizens to have to be left holding the bag once all is said and done.
- Worth it, the world stage brings my re money if we work together.
- Worth it. We mustn't be extravagant like Russia or China, but with proper planning and foresight the long term benefits shoul outweigh the costs.
- "Worth it. I'm excited, it frustrates me that those who have already seen it don't want other to get to experience the games.
- I wish the city would explain the money more so people understand what a positive this would be and stop talking about the taxes going up."
- Worth it. Like I said it puts Calgary on the world stage.
- Worth it. We need the new facilities and this way the govt and Olympics board would help fund so it's not all on taxpayers
- Worth the cost. The city is still reaping the benefits from the legacy of the 1988 games. Investing in the future of sport for the long term after the games benefits the whole city.
- Worth the costs if the Federal government contributes significantly.
- Worth the costs since it improves Calgary's GDP.
- WORTH the costs... why? Please refer to my answers above.
- Would need proper planning and execution to prevent cost overruns as it would make city expensive to live in otherwise. If costs managed well then the additional infrastructure available can be put to good use and will help city grow.
- Yes
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- Yes
- YES - I can honestly say I know of a family of five that returned to the area only because the Dad was here for the Olympics - this is a long term vision. Building more facilities to help people be more active. Giving them inspiration to move more!
- Yes - absolutely, we need to invest in positive infrastructure that encourages healthy living. What better way than to celebrate sport and the hard working athletes in our community!
- Yes - see all previous responses. The benefits outweigh the risks, and leaning into the idea of building Calgary to be a world city is one I fully support.
- Yes - the games will leave a legacy for future generations to enjoy

- Yes - the Olympics are an iconic event that can help to boost community spirit, togetherness, and overall level of happiness.
- Yes - this is a solid opportunity that Calgary should not pass up.
- Yes and no
- Yes and we would have to spend the money to upgrade regardless so let's do it with all levels of government support
- Yes because we already have lots of the facilities and they are in need of upgrading. This would need to happen with or without the olympics. By hosting we will also get the economic boost from the games.
- Yes but not if paid by taxpayers
- "Yes but only with confirmed and absolute financial assistance from all levels of government.
- Legacy of sporting facilities makes for a strong community."
- Yes I believe the long-term impacts are worth the cost.
- Yes I do
- Yes I do believe that the costs are worth the long-term rewards
- Yes I do think it would be worth the costs so long as the city does not allow the costs to spiral out of control as some recent Olympic host cities have done. I think calgary has the experience and the consideration to host the Olympics in a money-smart way that will generate jobs, create community bonds, and build needed infrastructure that will benefit us long into the future.
- Yes if done responsibly.
- Yes- it comes back in so many ways as the olympics have shown.
- Yes it is worth it
- Yes- it would cost a lot of money and mean less funding for other projects but I think the new facilities and awareness raised of our city would be worth it
- "Yes it's worth it. It's not a matter of if we need the facilities, it's a matter of when we get them. Cost will go up the longer we wait to start building. Some people want to wait until the city as a surplus and stronger and the truth is that may not happen again if the government don't act right now and invest cause what 5 million today is not 5 million tomorrow but you can use 5 million today to make 10 billion tomorrow.
- When the US was pumping billions of dollars in their economy everyone said the government was mad but 5 yrs later look at the US now. This can be Calgary let people call us mad for doing this then in the years to come our action today will provide a brighter tomorrow."
- Yes its worth the cost. This can be done in a way to help everyone.
- Yes it's worth the cost...it's not like the government would spend Haringey on something more sensible or decrease taxes so we may as well have the Olympics here.
- yes worth it. better spending money on the games vs spending money on dumb "art" like the blue ring and those steel bars over by COP.
- Yes worth the cost
- Yes worth the costs. Lasting benefits to Calgary. Increased money to Calgary from tourism. Helps local business. Gives us better and improved facilities
- "Yes
- We need to spend 500 million to do the ugrades to keep existing facilities running
- Also we need a new hockey arena and field house."
- Yes! I trust that Calgary can host an economically viable games. We are a conservative city and the bid has tons of checks and balances and contingencies in it. I know we can do it on budget and think we can even make a profit! The benefit to our city will be huge. We will use the facilities as we are doing already. It's a conservative bid - it reflects the desire to be cautious with funds. Generations will benefit from every aspect of hosting the games. We did it before - we will do it again!
- YES! Look at the movie spinoffs with Eddy the Eagle and the Jamaican bobsled team and others. We saw increased tourist activity. The games provided an interest in cultural events. For a time after the games, Calgary was 'the place to be'.
- Yes, absolutely.

- yes, as it is a long term investment in the future of next generations, infrastructure, job opportunities, spread over number of years the cost not a lump sum in one period
- Yes, as long as it is planned properly and we have the right people managing the project so the real costs are known upfront and can be managed by individual's with the correct background knowledge (code for no failed executives from other organizations please).
- Yes, as long as we have a careful budget and manage to it.
- Yes, because the Games have a legacy. They bring training/tourism dollars post Games and the infrastructure - which is already needed - can be used for other much needed purposes
- Yes, but only if you use the money to replace McMahon stadium and the Saddledome.
- Yes, by bringing the community together through upgraded facilities that we all can use.
- Yes, I think so - you can't put a price on this kind of international attention.
- Yes, in fact, a recent report just illustrated that the past Olympics earned revenue for the host city. If managed correctly, costs should be a controllable factor
- Yes, Infrastructure, Jobs, Facilities, Professionals & Programs remain after the games
- Yes, investment is good.
- Yes, it is worth the cost. You have to invest in a city, a community if you want it to continue to grow and thrive. We are still reaping the benefits from the '88 games. The current generation and future generations deserve what we have already experienced. They deserve the spirit, culture, exposure and appreciation that comes with hosting an event such as the Olympics.
- Yes, legacy to our city and Canada
- Yes, they add to the rich diversity that this city can offer, from sports that range across a wide spectrum, not just hockey, football, baseball, to the other cultural investments that have been made, such as the new music centre and the amazing new library ... why else would anybody come here? Live here? Invest here?
- Yes, they are worth it. The financial costs are outweighed by the benefits to our culture and presence on the world stage.
- Yes, they are worth the costs when considered from a local standpoint.
- Yes, Vancouver just recently broke even and they have brand new/upgraded facilities and a newer train line
- Yes, worth the cost.
- Yes, yes, yes
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Yes.
- Yes. But costs need to be managed welll.
- Yes. Calgary will receive funding from the federal and provincial governments which we would otherwise not receive. This will help us to build and refurbish facilities which will have a long, positive impact on this city. Barring a war or unforeseen catastrophe, Calgary will put on successful games without debt to the City and leave lasting legacies in the form of much needed affordable housing and new and upgraded sporting facilities for the enjoyment of its citizens. This is a city of entrepreneurs with tremendous business savvy who will ensure there will be no mothballed facilities after the games.
- Yes. First of all I think the impacts will be mainly positive. While the economy is different than before and a straight line link is not appropriate. I will assess the operation of the Games and its ability to pay its way. I will assess the development of social infrastructure, field house, and refreshing of existing infrastructure. as I would any public sector investment. I want to understand that they are within existing long range plans of Calgary, Alberta or Canada. Housing for the Games can be used for Social needs and the needs of the homeless - like in the previous Calgary Games, when built residences for educational institutions and residences that went to First Nation communities. Operations and Investments in our long term needs. And how much leverage we will enjoy while refreshing our existing infrastructure.
- "Yes. Fiscally responsible opportunity to renew of the 40 year old facilities (by 2026), pushes forward the 2 new facilities that have been planned for the better part of 2 decades with the opportunity to bring in considerable

revenue immediately. Past infrastructure proven to be sustainable from 1988. Significantly increased Calgary recognition on world stage, attracts newcomers and businesses with unique lifestyle enhancing facilities. City of Calgary has been slashing services for more than a decade sacrificing discretionary spending first and has resulted directly in a shoddy looking home communities and city with Parks being un-kept everywhere (less mowing, irrigation turned off), trees dying and not being replanted, so many missing pathway links. With fewer good paying jobs there is much less incentive to stay in Calgary.

- For those that say this opportunity to create 2800 new affordable homes is not enough, well its 2800 that would not be forced into existence otherwise."
- Yes. For all of the reasons I give in Q1-5.
- Yes. I believe it would be worth the cost. The potential for positive recognition is valuable. The potential for new and improved facilities could serve the city for many years.
- Yes. I've yet to hear a single sound argument from the No side as to why the Olympics shouldn't happen but I've heard lots of whining that they're being victimized. It solidified me as a Yes supporter.
- Yes. Need to spend money to make money.
- Yes. Spend money to make money.
- Yes. The politicians and bureaucrats will find a way to spend all our money anyway so might as well be for something that will actually benefit the City and future businesses.
- YES. we do not seem to realize that most of the cost involved (other than security cost) will be incurred by Calgarians, sooner or later. So let the rest of Canada contribute.
- Yes. Because the the positive impacts will last longer than the costs and will be bigger in volume
- Yes. Costs only matter if they can't be offset by benefits. In this case I believe the costs are indeed offset.
- Yes. For me the example of forging and cultivating international connections is paramount in today's political climate of rising nationalism. These social and cultural benefits make the economic costs of the games well worth it in my opinion
- Yes. Improved infrastructure and investment.
- Yes. Infrastructure will be left in place as well as affordable housing.
- Yes. It is expensive, however we have to consider the long term economic impact. Just looking at this as a one time cost is short-sighted
- Yes. It would revive tourism and provide countless jobs for the next 10 years
- Yes. Net gain. Prudent planners here. Expect the IOC to offer more money.
- Yes. Only partial costs out of our pocket, but many longer term gains. Plus in 88 that was a lot of fun and excitement which I and the whole city can look forward to.
- Yes. Promoting investment.
- Yes. Same as previous 3 answers
- Yes. Small economic investment from the city to reap huge infrastructure investment.
- Yes. The costs are not that high considering the benefits at a time Calgary desperately needs a refreshed identity outside of oil
- Yes. The intangible benefits seem much larger than the tangible costs.
- Yes. To help maintain our status and advertise as a world class city. The influx of cash during the games would offset many of the most brisk cost. The evidence of the lasting legacy of the 88 games is everywhere. It helped make Calgary what it is today. Another event of this nature would only move us forward. It's a big investment, but too much focus is on the initial cost and not enough info on the future impact. I beleive it will be positive. Just as the last games were.
- Yes. Very simple, yes.
- Yes. We are still benefiting from the 88 games.
- Yes. With people coming from all around the world, everyone will be able to see what a great city Calgary is. The arts scene, the adventurous/outdoorsy nature and the feeling of community would make families and individuals want to return. It would put Calgary back on the map for more reasons then the Stampede.
- Yes. Worth it. The Games will help promote active lifestyle and sport. They will also have positive impacts on Calgary's accessibility challenges.

- Yes; costs are lower than other Olympics because of existing facilities and refurbishment will enhance athlete experience for many years to come and lead to long-term benefits such as bringing in more athletes
- You need to spend money to make money. If nobody knows Calgary exist, who wants to come here to visit.
- You will create more people who need the food bank, a place to live and medical care because they cant afford these things
- October 25 Online Data Pull
- 100% NO!!
- Absouloutly not. It's a two week party at high cost. People come to Calgary to see the parks. The parks are well known now and don't see this increasing the interest long term. i also see nothing in the proposal which will have a long term positive impact based on costs being proposed, forget aboit the high probability of cost overruns which are very likely.
- absolutely not
- Absolutely not worth it. Few benefit -average household does not
- Absolutely not worth the cost, Taxes go up \$2,000 to \$6,000 or even more per household are you kidding, No transparency , Cowtown Kremlin maybe they should be DOPE tested, Farkas for Mayor
- Absolutely not worth the costs.
- Absolutely not worth the costs. The Olympics are set up as a politically biased event where the elite countries can show off how much money they have spent developing super athletes. Many of whom are doping!
- Absolutely NOT WORTH the costs. Again I have to say WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS.
- ABSOLUTELY NOT!! We are not doing well enough as a province currently to afford these games. It is like having someone barely scraping by saying "I think I'll finance that new Mercedes-Benz I like. NO!!! Pay your bills down and then lets talk about potential for treats and extravagance.
- Absolutely not!!!!
- Absolutely not.
- Absolutely not. A plebiscite should have been held prior to the City of Calgary wasting millions on the study to explore the bid. It seems that council wants to have a legacy for council members. And if the plebiscite is non-binding that is just BS and and indication the arrogance of council knows no bounds...and yet incumbents are constantly voted in again and the complaints start again right after.
- Absolutely not. Extreme risk of cost overruns which will be the sole responsibly of the Calgary tax payers. Focus need to be on the economy NOW.
- Absolutely not. I think my answers to previous questions should explain adequately why i feel this way. It's a shame really. The games are all but ruined. Olympics were supposed to be a celebration of AMATEUR sport. I don't know of any other AMATEUR events which require BILLIONS of dollars to host. What a farce.
- Absolutely not. As im sure many people are saying, we need to pay off our debts before we spend money on something we may not even get. My mom would say the same, dont spend money you dont have on things you dont need. If this money is burning a hole in the cities pocket though, i would recommend putting it towards more social programs and AFFORDABLE housing. Unrelated but we dont need more couples living in mcmansions, we need more families living somewhere comfortable.
- Absolutely not. I also don't support the waste of millions of taxpayer dollars spent to date exploring whether we should even submit a bid. That money would have been better spent on affordable housing, transportation or just about any of the myriad items this City has fallen behind on.
- Absolutely not. I do not believe there will be any long-term benefits, just higher taxes to pay for it and taxpayers cannot afford anymore tax hikes. Enough is enough. Our city can't budget properly for Winter snow removal and I think whatever they project the budget to be for the games, it will most likely cost 25% more than that. I would like to know how much it has already cost just for the committee the city put together. I remember hearing in the news about more funds being needed for the committee to continue but that the city would not divulge any information as to who was getting that extra money. So much for transparency.
- Absolutely not. I expect these costs will result in increased taxes or new debt for Calgarians, with minimal long term returns. There must be better things to do with the money being spent here, like directly funding affordable housing projects.

- Absolutely not. In a time where economic pressures have left Calgarians financially strapped; there are so many better investment opportunities to help foster growth in our city. How about supporting small business? Or supporting an actual contemporary art gallery (not the stupid Glenbow), or investing in our schools, or roads and transport...
- Absolutely NOT. The IOC places all liability for costs and over runs not the hosting city. Our city, province and Country are broke. The province is borrowing \$ for day to day operations how does adding 700m to that help that burden which will be passed onto the tax payer
- Absolutely not. The olympics are a rich man's sport. Only people with a lot of money can afford to watch the olympics while those barely making ends meet still have to pay for the olympics with higher taxes. The fact that the city council is hiding facts from the public, the cost per household will be a great sum for most.
- Absolutely not. The Olympics are corrupt. Their bidding process is corrupt. They lack transparency. City Council is not being transparent. The costs are financial and reputational. Stop this insanity.
- Absolutely not. There's been no demonstration that the games will return anywhere near the amount of money required to host them. Cost overruns are likely and the taxpayers will be left holding the bag. There's no value to every day hard working calgarians who will be footing the bill. We must spend our taxpayer dollars wisely and this is an extremely poor investment.
- "Absolutely not. This city and country are barely out of a recession. Our roads are barely managed in the winter, our police service is understaffed, and infrastructure has not kept pace with the growth of the city.
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- The 1988 Olympics were wonderful. I was here and I remember the magic, so I understand why some people are wanting to experience that again. But it won't be the same. The costs now are astronomical and there have been very few Olympic Games since the 88 games in Calgary that have turned any kind of profit. In fact there are multiple studies that show that cities that have hosted the games dont experience the sustained boon in tourism or long term economic benefit, and in fact go into a great deal of debt that ends up taking sometimes decades to dig out of.
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- I think simply by looking at previous games, it's clear that what we \*think\* they are going to cost is actually a fraction of what they will cost.
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- There is a reason most of the other cities have withdrawn their bids - they have crunched the numbers and run the cost/benefit analysis and the numbers don't jive. If they did, they'd be bidding."
- Absolutely not. Would I take out a loan, purchase a Porsche, and make massive monthly payments for it if I was already in deep debt??? The bid is a ridiculous idea.
- Absolutely worth the costs. I find it very self serving and short sighted that people don't want their personal tax bill to go up so want to deprive a generation of athletes, paralympians and volunteers the chance of a lifetime. When all is said and done would people look back on their lives and be grateful they dodged a \$400 tax bill for a couple of years, of brought happiness and hope to millions. Sometimes humanity should challenges itself to rise above petty concerns and strive to be better. This is such a time. Should people not be willing to put something bigger than themselves ahead of their personal prejudices, it will be a sad day for the city and the country. The reality of life is things like the 2013 flood cost us more than the whole Olympic bid. We have no idea of if or when or what the next disaster will be, but the cost, no matter how big or small will only bring us back to where we were, not push us ahead. Here is a chance to push ahead and we know the cost and we know the benefit. Have some courage, DO IT.
- Absolutely. Being able to offer sports facilities to our families, as part of an active lifestyle, and to our youth, as a centre for training in Canada, provides a longterm benefit in attracting world-class events, tourism, jobs and quality of life. The costs are an investment in our future. Riches of a community are not just measured in \$ but in experiences and lifestyle that it affords the people who live there. We need to show that we are resilient and can pull ourselves up by the bootstraps to impact our future, by selecting a vision of growth and moving forward.
- Again only of the costs are accurately estimated
- Already have legacy Whistler...Stop saying 2026 bid is necessary to grow as a city. Olympics are corrupt organisation & I am proud Beckie Scott quit in protest WADA board
- Bad investments. Its utility is low, construction and maintenance costs are to high. Before you ask yourself if you want it, ask do you NEED it? Economics 101.

- Blowing Billions on a 10 day party. No one would do that. Unless they could use someone else's money. Oh, Gov't !
- Calgarians will be bag holders and the IOC will be off fleecing another city and nation.
- Calgary currently has 8% unemployed. Our Roads are an embarrassment. We have homeless with no shelter. THIS bid is nothing less than LEGACY Seeking By ELITISTS on council. If they want th GAMES..?, LET THEM put up the 3-5 Billion in REAL COSTS hmmm.? As a Senior on fixed income, the tax increases which seem to be mounting from EVERY Socialist Such as (Municipal - Provincial - Federal), are eventually going to drive us out of our accomodations and into the street. When that happens you ELITISTS may want to ARM yourselves.....
- "Calgary is already sufficiently on the map globally - know from traveling in North America and internationally. Bid Co. is using the fallacy of hosting a Games as a lever to gain support given the muted economy in YYC and Alberta.
- The synopsis provided by City of Bid Co.'s proposal shows that the plan is for presentation purposes only with thoughts and data too fluffy and broad. The devil is in the details...in this case, not many details.
- Further worrisome on costs is hearing that Bid Co. has taken data from other Olympics - cut/paste. This is lazy as they just have to manipulate some numbers...do the work! Build a budget from the bottom up.
- Calgary deserves better and can do better negotiating with levels of governments ""to get some of our tax money back"" to plan/build our required venues. Instead of \$700M w/ risk, what about \$100M w/ no risk toward building a field house?
- Given ALL the secret meetings and jabbing that goes on amongst YYCCC I know there are more detailed numbers.
- City of Calgary and Bid Co. have broken TRUST with me and many other citizens of Calgary and THAT is a showstopper."
- Calgary Taxpayers want access to information - not in camera secretive meetings or blacked out documents!
- Can't say. I think it would help but only if the cost is right. Local businesses in the restaurant and entertainment industry will definitely benefit. I like taking taxes from tourists so I have to pay less. And if the Olympics keeps people coming back after the fact, that would also be good. It would be bad if locals had to front the bill to hosting the games. As stated, it is hard to make the right decision when the potential benefits are just that- potential. If taxes have to go up to pay the bill, then everyone loses.
- Certainly, the long-term impacts of the Games will be great for Calgary, simply because of the capital investments coupled with new technology connecting everything and everyone means Calgary will be much better positioned to compete with cities twice and even ten times bigger simply because of the benefit of the experience of bringing the community together to work on achieving a long term goal....The 2026 Olympics!!
- Contingency is ridiculously low considering the uncertainties. General citizen benefits are low compared to costs needing civic tax funding. Provincial government has not helped Calgary economy in downturn and their relatively low contribution is yet another financial burden to Calgary. Federal, provincial, and IOC funding of all security costs to remove this uncertainty is necessary in this reality of ever increasing terrorism; Calgary doesn't need to bring those problems to the home of their citizens and make the citizens pay.
- Cost to taxpayers is far too high for the minimal benefits the city would get.
- Costs are definitely a hinderance, the taxpayer simply cannot afford any more.
- Costs need to be considered and managed wisely. I do think the long-term impacts of the Games is worth the costs. The city needs to consider what It values and what it wants to be recognized and known for. The gains that can come from hosting the games economically now and in the future could outweigh the costs.
- costs of the games hurts the whole city and benefits a small percent of the population in the long term
- Definitely NOT worth the cost
- Definitely NOT worth the cost. The costs are exorbitant.
- Definitely not worth the cost. While the 1988 games were great, we were still left with a number of white elephant legacies (ski jumps, luge track, etc.)
- Definitely not worth the costs, they will saddle citizens with a lot of costs
- Definitely NOT, as the debt load by 2026 will be huge and it will be our children and grandchildren who will have to pay it. Calgary is going through some very hard times now, never mind what it will look like in 2026.
- Definitely not.
- DEFINITELY NOT. Compared to '88, the corporate community has no money to sponsor events or buy millions of dollars worth of tickets to redistribute to their staff and customers. The City should have nothing to do with this bid.

Focus on City priorities and seek Federal and Provincial funds for specific projects not this Alice in Wonderland proposal.

- Definitely not. This city admin couldn't find their nose with both hands and now we trust them to run this giant vanity project under budget? Lol!
- Do not try to fool general public by showing ridiculously low cost and telling you are still negotiating with other gov to bear the cost. And it seems the cost estimators must be living in a fairy land to arrive at the estimate. Long term tax increase, maintenance cost for excess facilities are not worth the costs. Why would I pay for facilities we do not need.
- Don't get me wrong the olympics have the potential to be an amazing thing. Just look at Vancouver and the success with their olympics. Unfortunately city council cannot be trustworthy and transparent. We cannot allow them to continue hiding information from the public and lying about the budget.
- Don't know
- Hard to say. Economically, if it's shown to be beneficial, or even a wash, then potentially the new facilities and housing would be beneficial. However, putting ourselves in massive debt to do so would certainly prove disastrous.
- Hell No! Way too risky. Calgary is struggling right now and the timing couldn't be worse. End the insanity!!
- Help
- Help 100%
- Hinder - when was the last time an Olympic games made money?!
- Hinder.
- hinder. hinder. hinder. The benefits are so tempting but the risks outweigh them for sure... I mean look at our city... we don't even want to pay for an arena let alone the most watched sporting event in the world. I love watching the olympics, but I'm okay watching it from my living room.
- Hinder: Actual costs are currently unknown, especially regarding security for 2 sets of games. We could be burdening all Canadians with money owed for generations to come.
- Hosting the games would be like a credit-card vacation to Cancun. An incredible party with a decade(s) long debt hangover.
- "Hosting will have no lasting impact on social & cultural but the massive cost will leave Calgarians & Albertans in additional debt for years to come. Considering the economic downturn Calgary &
- Alberta has experienced over the last 4+ years it is fiscally irresponsible to consider hosting. I have not seen anything definitive on what the cost of security for the games would be. There are far too many special interest groups at the helm - like former olympians etc. Who do they think is paying for this - it's all of us as taxpayers at all levels: civic, provincial & federal. All levels of government are in debt and to even entertain hosting the olympics is completely irresponsible."
- I am open to hosting the games at some future point. I believe, though, that it is irresponsible in the current economic environment to do so in 2026. Hosting the Olympics is presented as a binary choice—we need to host them in 2026 or we miss the opportunity. This is false. We could always look at 2034 or 2038 in the context of much greater certainty about the economic situation.
- I believe that hosting the games is worth the cost. We would be getting so much from them, including the new and improved venues/facilities whose cost would be subsidized (and wouldn't be otherwise), tourism, lower income housing, etc. I feel that Calgary knows how to host the Olympics/Paralympics so that we minimize the cost and boost the benefits. We have done this successfully before, and based on the information I have researched, I believe that the city can be the first to not lose money while hosting the Games again (1988 was the last time the Games made money vs losing huge amounts). I do, however, believe that the City NEEDS to be as transparent as possible and needs to show Calgarians how reasonable the cost would be compared to the benefits. From the comments I have read, it appears that no one is reading the information provided and are simply judging the games without being informed. For example, those who say we should spend the money on a new stadium, for example, don't seem to understand that we could get these venues upgraded at a SUBSIDIZED cost, via the Olympics/Paralympics instead of paying full price. I also see a lot of people turning this bid into a political statement! I urge my fellow Calgarians to read all available info and to ask questions if they have concerns instead of simply dismissing the Games outright.

- I believe you have to think big. Calgary was built by people thinking big, and we have the opportunity to think big with the Olympics. Yes, taxes will probably rise. But they will probably rise anyway. So let's do something Grand and let the world see us for our best.
- I do believe that the long-term impacts can be beneficial to Calgary, the costs as they are now are too high and not properly allocated to functions that I believe they should be funding.
- I do not believe that the games would be hosted on budget and I believe calgarians will have to foot that bill. I am of the opinion this is not a fair burden for taxpayers.
- I do not think the games would be worth the cost. It took Montreal 40 years to pay the debt it owed for hosting the 1976 Olympics. Certain Calgarians were flown over to Australia prior to submitting a bid to host the 2000 Sydney Olympics. The purpose was to understand how Calgary was able to host the Olympics without going into debt. But it's a different world now than it was back then. Who truly knows what the cost would be?
- I do not view the long term impacts of the games being worth the cost. I think the cost of the games is too expensive, I don't believe they will become less expensive over the next few years and I have never seen the cost of a project get cheaper in all my life living in this city.
- I don't think it's worth the costs because it will likely not positively impact the residents of Calgary who ultimately end up footing the bill.
- I don't. We're already in a difficult position fiscally and don't feel this is a risk worth taking at this time. As we see constant tax increases and decreased services I certainly don't feel this is effective use of funds that could create jobs with long term viability through infrastructure spending. We don't need the Olympics, we need better funding for schools, amateur sports, and a host of other things that would be better long term investments if we have to go into debt. If we do choose to go into debt, let's make sure we're getting the best return on that investment long term for our citizens.
- i don't know given the current available information. what are the costs (and confidence levels in those estimates), revenue projections (and confidence levels) and ongoing legacy benefits including funds retained to maintain facilities, and promote Calgary and its winter attractions
- i don't believe it is worth the cost as many of the facilities will end up being unused and be a vehicle for corruption. moreover, i don't believe the whole Green line will be up and running in time for 2026.
- I don't believe the cost estimates and view this whole effort as an attempt to sneak past the real issue of building a sports complex for the flames and stamps.
- I don't see the costs being worth it, especially with the amount of provincial debt we're accumulating... That money should be spent elsewhere.
- I feel the impacts would be worth the costs.
- I have been shown nothing beneficial regarding the costs. It's just a big tax for a 2 week party.
- "I think it is worth 5 billion. I am concerned about the potential for large cost overruns, which is not just a possibility, but seems likely.
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- Given how few cities are interested in these games, I wonder if there is opportunity to negotiate with the IOC, for example, for a larger share of the advertizing revenue."
- I think it would be worth the costs. I think most people agree that the '88 Olympics were worth it and have benefited the city over time. I think we've had a lot of negative press about the Olympics lately, but the Vancouver games were comparatively well received. We could do great things with the Olympics here, but do we have the appetite to spend so much when there are a lot of other perceived needs?
- I think it's worth it.
- I think that if someone could be certain, and held accountable to the \$5.2B price tag, then yes it would be worth it. But let's be honest, this is public money, and public projects. Budgets are laughable, and once you win this bid, there is no backing out. Let's learn from the mistakes of others, and say no.
- I think the primary consideration is the "current" impacts, not the future. The primary benefit of the 1988 Olympics was that we all had a great time. That is what I expect the primary benefit of the 2016 Olympics to be. I don't see that there was much long-term value to the 88 Olympics.
- I think we should sit this one out until the economy and public finances improve.

- I wonder if the remaining sites pull out of the bid if the IOC would be more generous with courting cities to host games. I also noted on the presentations several references for an indigenous presence but did not note any comments on how the Indigenous groups are supporting the games such as financially or working at developing athletes from the Indigenous communities for possible participation in the games which would serve everyone's respect and recognition of the Indigenous people.
- I would comment after the Feds step up
- If the Olympics are such a great idea let the private sector foot the bill. That'll never happen, because they know it'll never be worth the money. Invest the money we have on more critical pieces of infrastructure, and save us from lining the pockets of IOC delegates with graft and other sundry expenses.
- If the projects are designed in conjunction with the correct stake holders and built as long term infrastructure projects then yes the cost is worth it. If tax payer money is the sole source of funding then no.
- If we use what we've got instead of re-building everything I think so. Obviously it's been 30+ years but there has to be some parts that can be continued being used.
- Impacts are high taxes and debt, more global warming, for 3 weeks of fun for the elites.
- In no way are the costs worth it particularly considering the Mayor's and NDP's flippant use of taxpayer dollars. Right now, it is unfair for the taxpayers to burden an uneconomic and (by a clear majority) unwelcome project.
- International notariety abroad and more facilities for calgarians
- It depends on how much it actually costs. \$5.2 Billion is reasonable but cost overruns would not be tolerated.
- It depends who is left holding the bag in the (likely) event of cost overruns. So who is it then -- the Calgary/Alberta/Canadian taxpayers? TV broadcasters? The IOC apparently favors hosting in Calgary, so let them commit to covering the cost overruns. They need to have more skin in the game. The IOC culture has become shady, self-serving, dare I say corrupt. The Olympics is about money. It is sad that the sport and athletic components of the games are ancillary to the money. This bid provides an excellent and timely opportunity to hold the IOC accountable for their 'product'.
- It is doubtful that the costs will be allocated in a manner that aligns with a sustainable vision. Let's build buildings that can evolve over time to last the lifetime of their materials (does this have to be finite?) and do things at an extraordinary scale.
- "It is most definitely NOT worth the crazily high costs
- Do the Administration and the City Council even realize how much \$5.3 billion can buy us today in terms of infrastructure and social benefits??"
- It is not worth the cost risk
- It is NOT worth the costs to host these games.
- IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE!! We can't even afford snow plows to clean the streets during the winters. We couldn't afford to maintain green spaces this year either. How can you even consider bringing the Olympic Games here when you can't even provide basic services to your citizens.
- Its clearly not worth the cost.
- Its going to take us a long time to repay the cost
- Its not worth the cost
- its not, there is endless proof that wherever these event are held they are not able to maintain facilities post event aka cant take on cost for all the maintenance
- Likely not worth the costs.
- Likely not. As mentioned above, there is a lack of information on this website in regards to the actual costs of hosting and that mean for the average Calgarian. Without this information, I will now be voting no, as this lack of transparency is disappointing.
- Long term benefits are not worth the costs because a deficit from the Olympic Games will be a burden to Calgary taxpayers.
- Long term impacts is NOT worth the costs..
- Long term legacy is sure to equal long term debt that forces our children to pay for this throughout their lives.

- Long term, do not push more taxes down the throats of Calgarians. Do not go forward with this learn from Vancouver. Ask yourself why so many of the other world cities have dropped out of the bid. They listened to their constituents and tax base.
- Many Calgarians who were around for the 1988 games look back fondly on it. And it is my belief that these games could have the same effect and well as ensure that our legacy venues continue to remain in use for years to come. As with many Olympic Games, the likelihood of a big boost to our economy is slim but if invested correctly the funds could go far in bettering the lives of Calgarians and making us somewhere that people want to come and visit.
- Name one long term benefit. Not a sound investment. And you don't invest or buy things when you can't put food on the table.
- Need careful planning to avoid runaway costs. Transparency is a must.
- No
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- NO
- No - I can't assess this without knowing the actual costs and how they impact me
- No - I do not believe the long term impacts for the average Calgarian are worth the costs. Long term positive impacts are mostly enjoyed by elite athletes and their fans. The Olympic games are known for grandiose facilities and gross over-spending which will be paid by future taxpayers.
- No - in the history of the Olympic Games, has any city ever come in under budget? Likely not. Those aren't odds we should bet on.
- No - it just shows our ignorance on the suffering of the poorest across the world by entertaining their leaders. It shows that we are ok with having everyone pay for a select few - the few who can afford it. I mean how can someone willingly ignore the facts - 2-5x the estimated costs; sub-par infrastructure. I mean Montreal was practically run by the mafia and the city's infrastructure still crumbled until the Charbonneau inquiry in 2012-2013 -- a lifetime after.
- No - not worthwhile to Calgary due to present economic downturn in the local economy. Energy sector has not recovered sufficiently so economic risks are higher.
- No our National and Provincial debt is skyrocketing out of control the pipelines are a huge uncertainty the US tariffs on Canadian products and natural resources and the Global market is volatile at present
- No !
- No , politicians will up taxes to pay for this and will not help the everyday taxpayer
- "No .. hosting the games is a non-brainer. Ie, Russia provided an excellent venue, etc, and NEVER received adequate recognition by a very biased media and a liberal world.
- World and Olympic recognition is not unbiased ... Calgary should count it's merits and not how much graft can be awarded."
- No as there is no guarantee of return and we are already highly in debt and it is the taxpayers who are stuck paying
- No- ask Montreal if they think it's worth it.
- No- benefits are only for a minority
- No I do not think the long term impacts of the Games is worth the cost. A month of celebration, does not give back to the city the monies spent to put on the Games. What we are receiving - a field house and a mid size arena that our hockey teams would not use is not enough incentive to host the games.
- No I do not view it as worth the cost because the benefits are not a guarantee and the citizens of the city cannot afford this.

- No no no no no! In this current economic situation and not knowing the future but assuming oil is going to be land locked there is no money to pay for this extravagance right now.
- No not at all
- No not worth it.
- No not worth the cost
- No- Olympics are a cost burden for citizens.
- No one can really say where the costs will end up. History should show that
- No spend on helping Calgary and lower taxes water cost are ridiculous
- no tax payers will pay for years
- No the whole procedure is a complete farce better ways to spend the money
- No they are not worth the cost. There's lots we can do with the economy for far less!
- No they are not worth the costs money should be spent on social issues not a party
- No- this is a minimum cost of \$2000 per household and could be much higher. We still haven't seen the real financial numbers with both Olympic specific costs and city improvements related to the event. Ridiculous how little information is being shared.
- NO this is a waste on all levels
- No way. Not worth the costs. We can invest in long term thing not a two week party
- no worth the cost for a sports event that is corrupt and elitist
- no wtf
- NO!
- No!
- No! Again believe any potential benefit would only line a select few pockets.
- No! The cost for a 2 week party would burden taxpayers for years to follow.
- NO! It is a misallocation of limited resources.
- NO! Less than 3 weeks to the plebiscite vote, and still no real costs, only subterfuge and fudging, at taxpayers expense. The whole bid process seems corrupt, tainted, disgusting. If our mayor and elites want the Games they should be honest, forthcoming, and not use past financial figures to predict costs for 2026.
- "No! Not in the least.
- What long term impacts?
- To say we did it?
- To have memories and pictures and monuments and publicity?
- Not worth it!!"
- NO! Wrong time. No transparency with governments especially Calgary council. We don't have all the funding figures available nor the budget numbers for the games. Debt will be long standing in this province and city. Put you Egos away and look at the big picture, your accountability to us, the accelerating needs of society and improving healthcare and educational standards and student support.
- No!!
- no, the long term impacts will be a few megafacilities that were built instead of more lower cost smaller ones build where the rest of us live.-- and can access and USE. We don't need a big arena where big league teams (only) play and millionaires make money promoting acts and spectacles that we just don't gain anything from. We need a city that is a great place to live. Oh, yeah, and we'll get some cheesy public art commemorating this insignificant event that we paid for but none of us really wanted in the first place.
- No, after the games are finished the facilities will not be used to the fullest considering their cost.
- No, and honestly I am not thrilled over how much money has already been sunk into just the engagement process to determine whether or not to submit a bid. This whole endeavor seems like a complete waste of money, especially considering we may not even be successful in the bid process and will not recuperate those funds. My personal view is that even if we are successful in the bid process, hosting the games would be a net negative for Calgary, without even considering the virtual certainty that there will be cost over runs.

- No, because the costs are likely to be overwhelming financially. There are so many other things that all the money necessary to put on the games could be spent on.
- No, Calgary is not in position to spend such kind of money at cost of taking away important services and cutbacks
- No, definitely not worth the costs. Take a look at other cities who have recently hosted and the financial trouble it has brought to them. The bid process is ridiculous. A few months back there was a figure presented of around \$25 million to 'woo' the Olympic committee. Are you kidding? That's an insane amount of money to throw at a committee at the hopes they will choose us. That stinks of greedy corrupt officials who should be sent packing. Corporate greed at its finest. Let's quit wasting money on an institution that has worn out its welcome. The games are a hotbed of doping scandals, cheating, and political favouritism. Just say NO to the Olympic games and let's get on with the real issues facing Calgary. The citizens of this city do not have a spare \$10-\$12 billion sitting around to plan this circus.
- No, definitely not. Too expensive and a burden on families.
- No, I do not believe they are worth the costs.
- No, I do not view the long-term impacts of the Games as being worth the cost. The University of Oxford 2016 study on Olympic costs from 1960 - 2016 found that at average cost overrun is 156%, highest of any type of megaproject. This is saying something. Apparently it would be less risky for Calgary to contemplate building a nuclear power plant! The study further found that the high cost, combined with outliers, should be a cause for caution for any small economy (such as Calgary) considering hosting the Games. There will be no bail-out from the Province of Alberta once the cost overruns begin. Neither will there be a bail-out from Ottawa for any Calgary or Alberta financial problem.
- No, I think the costs of the Games can be used for much more beneficial projects that can benefit the citizens of this city much more than the Games can.
- No, it is not worth the potential costs as no games have made money and the IOC is not to be trusted with their accountability for monetary reporting or costing overall.
- No, many of these sports shouldn't even exist, and almost solely exist for the Olympics.
- "No, not at all. Quite aside from the debt it would put the city in, and the fact that there's no convincing evidence that any games has ever been 'profitable' to anything other than the IOC administrators mega corporations, there's also the fact that the games themselves have become a corrupt and tawdry affair, massively over-marketed and corporatized in first world Western nations, and, even worse, used as propaganda to distract from oppression, invasions, and massive corruption by countries like China, Russia, and Brazil. Then there's the fact that every games is marred by corrupt judging and doping scandals that never seem to go away or get better because the IOC and international community in general seems not to care. And finally there's the fact that the stars of the show, the athletes themselves, are not only basically forced to cheat by their coaches and teams, they are often even abused. The abuse of the American gymnastics team is most definitely not the end of that; it's more than likely just the tip of the iceberg, like when we were just starting to learn of the abuse of boys in the Catholic church in Boston in the 1990s. And after all the sacrifice these athletes go to, what do they get in the end? They don't even get paid; they give up everything and they can't even get paid unless they get gold and whore themselves out for endorsement deals. Meanwhile IOC executives are billionaires living in Swiss chalets getting busted for money laundering and bribery schemes.
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- The time when it was an honor to host the Olympics has passed. They are too big and too corrupt and too stained by scandal with too little will to clean up and reform. Why should Calgary join the ranks of cities like Sochi, Beijing, and Rio De Janeiro? We are consistently a top 5 most livable city in the world; those places aren't even in the top 100. Let them try to overcompensate with the most corrupt advertising platform going. And the government of Canada has no need to prove our international bonafides to anyone. Let China, Russia, and Brazil try to show they are developing by further impoverishing their own impoverished citizens to line the pockets of corrupt billionaires. Calgary, and Canada, have nothing to prove to anyone and no need to demean ourselves or go to the massive expense to put on this tawdry spectacle. Let some other sucker foot the bill until enough people in the rest of the world catch on to how corrupt and meaningless this whole once-noble enterprise has become for it to either die or be forced into real reform."
- No, not even close. The impact/improvements on infrastructure and facilities are not great enough to justify the costs and the inevitable cost overruns.

- No, not worth the cost. Build the Calgary Flames arena instead #lol
- No, not worth the costs. Too expensive
- No, previous answers address this question
- No, the costs are not worth it.
- No, the costs will massively outweigh the benefits. 5 BILLION with tax is insane to host the winter games, no one remembers where the old games were held, NO ONE CARES. It's a waste of money!!
- No, the only way we should have the games is if we get rid of the carbon tax and if our PM empties his trust fund to help pay for it.
- No, the potential benefits do not outweigh the financial risk.
- No, the tax burden is already too high
- No, there is not evidence from previous games that show this. If we were to spend the same money on properly prioritized infrastructure and skip the games we would be further ahead.
- No, these events typically have overrun and unknowns. No government, in this economic downturn, should be proposing something like this with the associated costs
- "No, they are not worth the costs. A few temporary jobs will be created. That's all. We will be paying for these games for the next twenty years.
- We won't get a new arena or ski jumps. The games will be spread over western Canada and all the costs will be ours. It's a terrible use of funds. We would be much better served to build the field house and arena proposed by The Flames organization."
- No, this money would be better spent on the entire city and its citizens. I appreciate all our Olympians however the cost is just too much.
- No, we could spend the current municipal portion of the planned Olympic budget and still benefit without the uncertainties related to the Olympics.
- No, we don't even know the true costs and the risks are far too great of going over proposed budget.
- No, with the economy in Alberta still not recovered, there are way more important things to spend money on rather than hosting a games once
- No, No, No!!
- No.
- No.
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- No.
- No.
- No. The very idea of moving the Olympics every 4 years is patently absurd. It is very obvious that the IOC is running out of places that want to financially burden themselves for generations just for a 2-4 week party. It has to be clear that the time is here to find a single or dual games host for perpetuity, with ALL Olympic nations providing funding on a shared basis. I believe that the 2026 games would be a significant loss for Calgary.
- No. As I stated above, I think the picture is worse than what has been presented. I do not believe that Calgary is capable of capitalizing on the investments required to host the games. Additionally, I think the IOC is taking too big a share. \$925 million back to the city compared to the royalties they will take in seems a bit thin to me. BUT, I do not think this is only a Calgary problem, it is one that faces all potential host cities: the inability to budget effectively (either because of politics, optics or optimism) and the fact that any event planning for post Olympics will be very expensive and thus, one has to wonder how successful any city would be in capitalizing on their investment. I think the real issue here is that the IOC does not have enough skin in the game and that the economic realities today have made their model onerous to the host city and obsolete in terms of planning for success. Look at the last several Olympics and this pattern is demonstrated very clearly. If Calgary truly wants to do this, then it is the IOC that needs to step up here, not just Ottawa, Alberta and the city of Calgary. But even with this, can someone please present a real budget for this that includes everything? Otherwise, how is anyone supposed to form an informed opinion. I do not want to offend anyone, but I do not believe these estimates for a second. I believe that they are at least 30% shy, if not more and that the opportunities for revenues post game are a dream and nothing more without a solid plan.

- No. Because the infrastructure projects and arena are not included in the massive price
- No. I am not sure that another Olympics will do more for Calgary on the world stage. The 1988 Olympics is still having a benefit; another will not add enough to this to warrant an investment second time around. Let's put the city on the world stage and reap benefits for all Calgarians with something new and different.
- No. I do not trust the projections, I do not trust Council to spend within their budget and I do not trust Council to reduce taxes after the games are paid.
- No. I feel we can get a new home for the Flames on our own, and Calgary's future would be just fine if only we could get some pipelines built! I do not feel that we need the Games, as much as I would love to see them here.
- No. I think the costs will outweigh the benefits.
- No. Pure waste of money
- No. Simply no. There are many more important investments that could be made with the money. Transportation infrastructure, parks, facilities, support for innovation and business development, etc.
- No. The best outcome I see is that we gain recreational facilities that a small group use, and an even smaller group financially benefits from.
- NO. The costs are understated, the benefits are overstated, and we'll end up holding the bag.
- No. The costs that are projected are being lowballed. Remember the 1988 Olympics were 65 percent overbudget.
- No. The long term impact would be increased taxes.
- NO. The majority of the citizens on the city and tax payers of Calgary will get NO tangible benefit from this games.
- No. The Olympics would be a very costly "frill" that doesn't warrant consideration in the "must have", "should have" or "could have" priority columns.
- No. Absolutely not.
- No. Again, there are no positive long term impacts. Hardly any people outside Canada recognize Calgary as an Olympic city. As well, look at Athens, Sarajevo, Torino, etc. Long term impacts? Not much.
- No. All of the social programs, cultural programs, structures, facilities and associated impacts to the City of Calgary can be created outside of the Olympics pathway by changing the economic forces that direct the City. For example why is there no high density housing (high rises) in the new communities at the outer edge of the City. Why are we building today in flood plains in the Bow River Valley? Why are we destroying the natural environment and biodiversity of our blessed City by filling our river valleys (Bow and Elbow) with dirt and developing real estate at risk of future flooding. Why is the City of Calgary acting primarily as a profit driven REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER with no human or biodiversity consideration?
- No. As explained above.
- No. As far as I can see, not one Olympic Games has been profitable for its host city.
- No. Because it will cost more than we forecast and provide less benefit than we forecast, as have most of the games since Calgary last hosted.
- NO. Cost benefit analysis results in a decision to NOT support this bid.
- No. Could spend money in better more cost effective ways. Not just to benefit a few athletes.
- No. I do not. We have venues in this city that are in serious need of funds (Heritage Park, Telus Spark), we have a downtown vacancy rate of 27% which could result in major tax increases for residents and businesses, we still have a very high rate of unemployment, and there is no relief in sight as far as energy revenues go. Now is definitely NOT the time to think about hosting the Olympics.
- No. I don't see a lot of emphasis on Calgary for the games - I see a lot of utilizing Canmore and Whistler. Unless you can focus on upgrades on Calgary (Olympic plaza and COP) I see Calgary taking on huge money to help transport people out of the city but it is not willing to improve transit for Calgarians to the airport.
- No. I still maintain that we will pay higher taxes to cover the cost of the 2026 games.
- No. If the Olympics cannot be self sustaining, then they are a rich man's game. I am not a rich man. These are NOT my games.
- No. It will cost more than they're telling us and with the horrible economy and so many unemployed people I don't understand how city council thinks it could help us considering people currently have to choose between paying their bills and eating.
- No. It's extremely likely there will be cost overruns which will result in cuts to education and arts programs.

- No. Many studies show that costs are understated and benefits overstated. Paying for the games in a poor economic environment is a bad idea.
- No. Neither the short-term nor long-term impacts of the Games are worth the costs. Developing unnecessary infrastructure that will benefit only a very small proportion of Calgarians in the long-term is not sufficient justification to burden all citizens with an increase in taxes to cover the costs.
- No. Nobody cares about the former hosting cities other than the cities themselves. Calgarians are the ones who have to deal with the long term costs.
- No. Not at all. If this were in the boom years, and we had a \$50bn surplus in this province, I'd be all over this bid. I love the olympics and would be a huge supporter. But I can't in good conscience support something this city - which has suffered so much from the last 3 years of recession and unemployment - cannot afford. We need to work on strategies that will foster skills and employment, not costly games that last 2 weeks. We need to think long term like putting money into tech (AI is here to stay and 90% of the population doesn't even know how it will affect them or their jobs in the future) or into green tech, etc etc. Those are initiatives I would get behind using tax dollars. Not this, not now.
- No. Not worth the costs. We will be paying for the games for many years to come.
- No. Primarily because we really have no idea as to what the costs would be. Even if we are given a figure we are most assuredly going to have substantial cost overruns. Most if us face the cost over run reality in every day life running a home, vehicle, etc. Such a massive undertaking would undoubtedly incur massive cost overruns.
- No. Relatively few users vs. cost born by all the taxpayers. Plus impact of inevitable cost overrun born by taxpayers for who knows how many years. Immediate impact and benefit likely very short term. Also bid includes various facilities not related to Games, a red herring to include other items on wish list.
- No. Tax increases are just too high and this will increase taxes even more. Too big a price to pay for a party we cannot afford
- No. The cost of hosting the games is too much to make it worth it for the people paying for it - the taxpayers.
- No. The cost over runs (and there will be) will see taxes increased to compensate. This is not the same Calgary that it was in 1988 flush with cash and a thriving economy.
- No. The cost will be high. And the long-term impact is not quantifiable, and in any event is not worth the risk.
- No. the costs will be too high. the money should go to helping those in need,
- No. The games will operate at a net loss, as they historically have in the past. In addition, the capital costs will be double or higher than initial estimates when all is said and done, again based upon historical performance. The legacy of a huge debt burden will impact all Albeftans for years to come. We already operate with huge deficits in Alberta, so I do not know how we can contemplate this at all. To me it makes much more sense to upgrade and maintain training facilities in Canada and attend the Olympics out of country, very successfully, as we did both at Sochi and PyeongChang.
- No. The long-term 'positive' impacts will be minimal. The negative long-term economic impacts (and other associated impacts) will be massive in comparison. The adverse consequences outweigh the good-feelings that a few people will have. This project mainly benefits a few people - but the 'many' will be footing the bill. Athletes will live their dreams off of the increased taxes of working families, and the future debt load borne by our children (the vast majority of which will never have the sparkling opportunities that the heavily-subsidized olympians will get). The cash of the many, will pay for the dreams of the few. The arrogance of some of these people on BIDCO and the Olympic community is no less than disgusting and reprehensible, considering the evidence already presented by professional economists (and others) that clearly show that this is a bad economic deal. It is also quite divisive. The priority needs to be for Calgary and Alberta to generate permanent economic opportunities via permanent industries (such as oil and gas? etc), as opposed to putting on a 10 day feel-good party, to build the personal 'branding' of athletes (and their entourages), put cash into the pockets of corrupt IOC members, and build the "legacy egos" of politicians with nothing 'long-term' to lose on this deal. All losses (and damage) will be borne by ordinary people, whose dividend will be nil. There is too much corruption inherent in the current process already. Maybe in 25 years, when things are more stable, and the necessary reforms are made to the IOC and the structure of the Olympics, then we can put in a bid. Right now, the risks are too great, and the character of the people involved in pushing this forward is too toxic. YesCalgary2026 and their supporters have been caught in too many lies, and too many of their presented 'benefits' have been debunked, and their propaganda has become so insulting and despicable, that Calgary cannot and should

not do this. The long-term impacts of the games, during the 2018-2026 time frame, are mainly negative, and we should not put in any bid for 2026. This has to end - now.

- No. The Olympics offer no guaranteed return on investment.
- No. Too risky.
- No. We are over taxed now. Stop the madness.
- No. We are taxed too highly already for very little service. All levels of government are too concerned with legacy and social upheaval.
- No. We can't afford it.
- No. We don't need the games, and it is a lie when someone tells you we do.
- No. We had a VERY successful Olympics in 1988, and the legacy it left us will only be minorly improved upon, leaving few lasting benefits for Calgarians.
- No. We had our moment. Let new cities and countries enjoy their chance.
- No. We have great facilities already. For 3 billion plus we can maintain them for decades
- No. We should only be building infrastructure that is used by the public, not sporting facilities that are only used by a handful of people.
- No. What are the costs? No one knows
- NO. You are experts at lying
- "No.
- Any realistic and thoughtful person can see that within less than one generation of people the billions that will be spent will not be recouped. Social benefits do not decrease the amount of debt we carry, debt that will only result in further increases in living costs for future generations.
- Getting by is already hard enough, stop trying to throw a party on future our generations dime."
- "No...we will be paying for years to come. Put the dollars into City needs to help citizens.
- Huge security risk"
- Nope, \$5++ Billion spent for a 2 week event and very little improvement to infrastructure is way to much for taxpayers to be burdened with.
- Nope, there's no true benefit to the tax payer
- Nope.
- Nope. Tye only people who will benefit is the developers who are actively building at C.O.P. and along 9th avenue and Kensington.
- Not a chance. Too much debt
- Not at all way too expensive at this time on all levels of government
- Not at all, particularly if the plan includes farming out events to BC or Edmonton.
- Not at all. The cost is outrageous in poor financial times. The games are amazing, but not at the cost of paying for them through my taxes.
- Not at all. Too expensive for a temporary improvement. Fiscally irresponsible.
- Not at all. Unless Calgary becomes the only city moving forward to host the Winter games every year (which only actually happen every 4 years), there is no potential for long term profitability for investing in construction of new facilities. From a business perspective, unless a capital investment can at minimum repay itself over the life of it's investment in revenues (including operational costs) it's considered a bad investment. Maintaining large facilities even when derelict, costs millions of dollars a year. Factoring these maintenance costs over the life span of these facilities should be factored in along with the cost of construction before even deciding to build these facilities. Given that the Olympics are only guaranteed to be hosted that current year, unless revenue streams thereafter can support/justify the costs of construction, there should be no reason to go forward with these types of capital investments/facilities.
- Not at all. We can't afford it and the IOC is extremely corrupt. If we have billions of dollars let's build some schools, hospitals, better public transit, a solution for the snow which is failure. We could have spent the millions that went into looking into this bad idea and simply fixed our ridiculous street lights which don't know the difference between 3am and 3pm
- Not at this time. Economic impacts and benefits are a complete unknown.

- Not convinced that long-term impacts will warrant costs.
- Not even a little bit. This will be a cost that is primarily going to be paid for by younger people who are already struggling with and increase in housing costs, school debts and a layering of tax grabs. There are no good long term impacts of the Games. Look at the last 20 years of this event has any city that has hosted thriving, has their tourism sky rocketed are their facilities in good condition or even being used to the full potential?
- not even close .. billions of cost, for minimal dollars flowing back .. we cant afford this !
- Not even close to worth the costs which of course us taxpayers are left guessing at with so much redacted from all the info out in front of us.
- Not going to help when we have higher taxes to pay for the huge debt we will incur.
- Not in any way
- Not sure. See above about the arena and the lack of exclusivity if Whistler is used.
- Not worth cost. You are mortgaging our grandchildren. Do you not get that people are having difficulty even feeding their families not to mention the unfordability of housing, utilities, fuel etc
- NOT WORTH IT - HINDER - Spend the money on improving the quality of life for tax payers in Calgary - public transit, infrastructure, green spaces, etc
- Not worth it - how long did it take Montreal to pay off the stadium - WHICH IS NOW NOT USED!
- Not worth it.
- Not worth it. Costs too much.
- Not worth it. I can't spend money I don't have, and it would be nice if my government didn't either.
- Not worth it. It will just put us in the hole for a long time. We already pay way too much and it gets wasted away on expensive inefficient projects. If we had more funding from outside sources it would make it easier to swallow.
- Not worth the cost
- Not worth the cost
- Not worth the cost - let's get all of our citizens the housing and assistance they need, then we can talk about the Olympics
- Not worth the cost for a majority of all Canadians.
- Not worth the cost, anything that is build for the games, ie. athletes village, which is to be turned into low cost housing (maybe), upgrades on facilities can all be done without the billions needed to host these games. The cost is too great, especially now that our city is still in an economic slump
- Not worth the cost, I don't want increased taxes.
- Not worth the cost. Most Calgarians can not afford tickets to events in Calgary or other venues let alone the long term service cuts and higher taxes.
- Not worth the cost. Calgary should invest in housing programs, transit, and venue improvements for RESIDENTS based on what we need and not for Olympics.
- not worth the cost. have the games with the facilities we have and do it for free
- NOT worth the cost. The City can't afford current spending plans and the games will add to long term debt and cost taxpayers for a long time in the future. Steadily increasing costs will force seniors and people try to start a life to look at living outside the city rather than remaining residents of the city and supporting the city revenue base.
- Not worth the cost. There are so many more important things this city needs to focus on, and we shouldn't be held hostage by these games to do it.
- Not worth the costs
- Not worth the costs as they would not contribute enough to essential services that Calgary already requires.
- Not worth the costs of there isn't upgraded to the infrastructure. Anyone think of a Train station to and from the airport.
- Not worth the costs. Olympics have lost money almost every games the past 20 years, and cities are left with giant liabilities, facilities with few users, and a crippled tax base. This will NOT be 1988, cost have spiralled far beyond what a city like Calgary can afford
- Not worth the costs. The city suddenly has \$800 million to spend? Then fast track the green line or pay off some debt. And that \$800m will easily become \$2B+ when the money starts being spent.

- Not worth. The cost for the games could not even be totally recovered.
- Not, We don't have billions of more debt to play with
- Of course the costs are not worth it.
- Only if the costs are accurate
- Only if the right investments are made in a new facility to replace the Saddledome, improves infrastructure, and gives Calgary a better transit system because the current system is horrendous
- Only if you are wealthy, you may think that. No, not me
- Our debit load is so high that you have to question the costs? be real folks we can not afford 2026 games
- Perhaps a Bowfort Towers in every neighborhood. I would like a few more of those sweet towers.
- Poor. Totally not worth the costs.
- Possibly. It will definitely clean house as far as many of our elected representatives if you hold a non-binding vote, that turns out to be a "No" and the city chooses to move forward.
- Press the IOC... they need to pay way more towards these events.
- Question of the day and why we're here.
- Read the studies... Net loss everytime. Why lay higher taxes? All that money could go towards 10year homeless plan.
- See above
- See answer above
- See answer to question #5 above - without including the North Greenline expansion & a new world class arena as part of the hosting plan Calgary the long term impacts will NOT be worth the costs!
- Short term gain will be lost in the costs that will be passed on to all tax payers.
- Since I think the only long term impacts of the games would be debt and resultant negative impacts on needed budget items, the games would be a financial albatross.
- Since the games have no real long-term impact, the expense not justifiable.
- So many facilities will be upgraded or built that otherwise wouldn't have been. Not to mention our name being known around the world again! More people will come visit than without hosting something like this.
- sure the long term impacts would be worth the costs only if we get the money. Calgary is in a down turn, maybe not to those who have money, but go own town we have over 9500 homeless that need support, we have the rich sending money to foreign countries to feed them when we can hardly feed our own calgarians. Maybe we need to wake up and smell the roses and be happy with just funding for a new arena and some new hockey venues for our kids, as the ones we have now are old and musty and we have a great following of youth that want to play sports in old and rusty arenas. we need to think about that before we put millins into the olympics for 10 days
- The 1988 games were worth the cost IMO because many facilities were built. The proposed 2026 games, absolutely not because few facilities are being built and security costs will be massive.
- The 1988 Olympics are what put the LRT extension to the northwest (I followed the Sunnyside NIMBY controversy) and it will certainly help with the Green Line. A lot of people also expect that a new spoirts complex wold be built with Olympics money. But so far, the Provincial government has pledged a few millions with strings attached and the federal government, nothing at all yet. And, by 2026, governments at all levels will have changed, as well as the economy. The big beneficiary in all this is the IOC, which can now line up sponsors.
- The actual costs for Calgary to host these games has not been disclosed. The secrecy surround the actual costs is concerning.
- The benefits being talked about are very subjective and are biased towards going ahead with the games.
- The budget for Calgary hosting the Olympics is detailed and like no other Olympics in the past, I have confidence we can do this!
- The city doesnt know the exact cost. Every Olympic games have gone over budget...but the only people who will notice are the tax payers.
- the cost, plus cost overrun--100% sure,is way too high, who would be willing to accept this deal ? and this deal is a only 2-3 week party. it leaves the burden of the cost to taxpayers. that will give many taxpayers much worry and anxiety and maybe anger as to pay ever-increasing tax, their satisfaction to the city will decrease ,especially for the NO side voters on the plebiscite--they are high-jacked by the YES side voters( even slight victory by 51-49 % ). so this is a serious social problem--it causes division between citizens in their minds.

- The cost is absolutely absurd. The Olympics would only serve and benefit the elite of Calgary. These estimated funds should be used on vital community issues like affordable childcare, free community development programs, mental health care, affordable housing, snow clearing in the downtown, and other initiatives that serve the areas and communities of Calgary who have been most marginalized and need supports. Beyond these vital services, this money should be invested in the Arts and creating opportunities for LOCAL arts and cultural initiatives.
- The cost is the big issue for sure, the Olympic games as a whole have become an ostentatious eyesore, money is wasted on a huge display instead of focusing on the sport, on promoting fairplay, on showcasing talent to bring more talent. It is my opinion that we'd do the IOC a favor by scaling back, by reminding the world that the importance of the Olympics is the competition, not the overindulgence we continue to see. The costs associated with infrastructure will pay off as we continue to be a first class training city, the lasting effects of over the top opening/closing ceremonies is a larger concern in my view.
- The cost would not benefit us in the long run. Other places have experienced this when funding with money they don't have to spend. Also the interest incurred alone to repay the debt will off set any revenue generated.
- The costs are already high and the costs likely will be under budgeted
- The costs will be high to host an event of this magnitude but I believe what the city would be gaining from the games would be worth it long term. Transparency will be key from all parties involved in the process and Calgarian's need to be kept informed about where their money is going and when changes such as budget increases or budget cuts are being made.
- The costs will negatively impact our future because we don't have the money to pay for the Olympics. It will take us decades to repay the debt
- The economy needs to be the focus... the reality of this is likely to be neutral or in the red
- "The first 30 million seems to have no accountability
- Do not spend my money to lobby me for yes side"
- The games are a party that offers little to the majority of Calgarians after they conclude. Calgarians will face a significant debt but come out with little new infrastructure and certainly no new infrastructure that adds to the life of most Calgarians. The costs are too variable and we have yet to be presented with any plan that specifically states how much each level of government will contribute. Also there is no plan on how to pay off a debt of at least \$3.0 billion and still maintain services and build for growth. The costs are out of line for what we will be left with.
- The games are not worth the cost. The smart countries have pulled out leaving only Sweden, bankrupt Italy and soon to be bankrupt Calgary. The cheating Russians are back and the corrupt IOC is still front and centre . Games benefit the few. The money could be better spent on local social issues.
- The games are not worth the costs. The City is talking about cutting services now in the next budget. Again, the taxpayers cannot afford these games.
- The Games are only worth the costs as long as they remain on budget and Calgary taxpayers are not burdened with a lasting debt.
- The games will be great for the city at the time.... but getting there will be too tough on our already shaky economy. My family has already had to move to a smaller house further out from the Core because our taxes are astronomical. Last year when taxes were raised, Nenshi said it would average about \$150/yr... well maybe if you live in Bridlewood. Inner city properties went up about \$50/month. We all know that once our taxes are raised to help fund this, they will NEVER be lowered after once this is paid for. They just keep going up and up and up. Our city is having such economic troubles it baffles my mind to think that the city thinks we can afford this.
- The Games will be well worth the costs. The organizers should negotiate with the IOC for more financial input from them such as a larger share of TV and Social Media revenues, and also relief from the cost of hosting all the IOC members. Let them contribute to their own hotel and transportation costs.
- The Games will have a long term benefit but this is out weighed by the costs and debt plus uncertainty of what those are.
- The Games will result in MORE long-term DEBT, and INCREASED TAXES. We don't have money to pay for the extra policing required with legalized cannabis. We don't have money to finish the LRT. Healthcare spending is out of control. Please, don't bank on pipe dreams to secure our future. Act responsibly and CONTROL SPENDING. Thank you.

- The impact of the games are far reaching and often benefits cannot always be captured in financial terms. How does one capture the benefit enhanced reputation, the positive impact on culture & quality of life. However, cost over-runs would be a big cause for concern.
- The long term costs outweigh the benefits
- The long term impact of the games will not be able to offset the cost of the games too individual Calgarians or Albertans.
- The long term impacts of the games are NOT worth the costs. The IOC is corrupt, and the Olympic Games are an expensive distraction when we need to be focused on more important things (halting urban sprawl; stopping the subsidization of new communities by existing communities; increasing the cycle track network; expanding the BRT system; increasing transit service so that it is a viable alternative to a car, regardless of where you live or where you're going). An Olympic bid would be a boon for a very small group of people- the BidCo, construction/development companies, the IOC- and a giant weight around the ankles of everyone else. The Games are a waste of public money. If the IOC is so interested in Calgary hosting again, then they should feel free to shoulder the financial burden.
- The money obtained from the tax base could be used on things Calgary really needs. City council needs to strategize a long term vision for this city.
- The present estimates of the cost of hosting the Games does not even consider "natural" inflation to 2026. There has been considerable assurance that there will be no overruns on cost - DREAM AGAIN. We cannot afford even the estimated costs, let alone the overruns which have been historical in hosting the Olympics in the past two decades.
- There are benefits but the costs projected are astronomical! It's hard to see that even huge benefits could balance the cost.
- They are not worth the few moments of entertainment they provide to select fans of the population.
- They are worth it, as long as they are managed effectively and efficiently. We cannot make the same mistakes as London and others. We need to learn from those mistakes and keep the costs in CONTROL!!!
- Too speculative. We should build on supporting our community not being a world stage.
- Unable to answer due to incomplete information available to assess impacts or costs
- Undecided.
- Unknown at this time.
- Wasting money on games that we don't have is like putting our hands in hot water thinking it won't burn us
- Way too expensive IOC should pay us to host their party.
- WAY too expensive.
- We can't just break even. The returns must be much, much greater than the costs being put into hosting the games for Calgary to benefit from hosting. We need to be able to solve the problems we have today with the money that will be made in the future six years from now.
- We don't even know the final costs but we can be assured, it's a poor investment, whatever the final costs land at.
- "We have no idea the costs.
- If we were provided a solid cost it would be easy to make a decision.
- Unfortunately, the cost could be anywhere from \$5.5 billion up to \$20 billion.
- No one with half a brain signs a deal with so much risk uncertainty."
- We shouldn't have to pay for years to come, by hosting these games.
- We will be paying for this for years and years if we move forward, but they way all levels of government spend money we will probably spend this or more on some of these projects that will move forward with or without the games. Few billion more for the party? I am still not sure it is worth it.
- we would be in a lot of debt. not a good thing.
- What are the contingency measures when there are cost over runs. The cost is a conservative estimate. Be realistic, they will be more!
- Will cost more than potential profits. 8 years ago when oil was at high value and people were spending would of been a good time to host Olympics, but not during a recession.
- Worth it. Solid return in investment.
- Worth the cost. These are investments that can generate economic activities and more investments.
- "Worthy.

- Because:
- These long term impact may make Calgary with no homeless society"
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes absolutely. The cost to residents will be felt equally whereas the benefit is short term and unequally distributed.
- Yes as with the 88 Olympics a lot of the city and province is highlighted with the competitions generating tourism and much more.
- Yes costs will be well worth it as the benefit will be here for many years after ensuring this city is one of the best in the world
- Yes I do given what I have answered above and what the City also sees as potential benefits HOWEVER, the cost to the tax payer is totally unclear and yet is probably is the single biggest question on every Calgarian's mind.
- Yes I do.
- yes if new or renovated infrastructures and facilities built (minus twin arena). renovate mcmahan stadium with retractable roof,new 10000+seat multisport fiedhouse,dont build new twin arenas as not necessary and try to include a train system to canmore,banff,lake louise and extend new north lrt to airport (not n.e. lrt route extension as takes over an hour to downtown that route)
- Yes long term negative impacts
- Yes the Olympics are worth the cost. We would not get this funding from the Federal Government if we did not host the games. Many other cities are lined up for funding, but this moves us to the head of the list.
- Yes worth. ENSURE THE LESS PRIVILEGED CAN USE
- Yes, absolutely. No down side
- Yes, as stated above.
- Yes, because it would stimulate the local economy and give the city a nice airbrush
- Yes, I do think that it is worth the cost. To have people come and see Calgary as more than just a glorified farming community, as more than just an uninteresting city on the Prairies is important, and an exciting reason for people to come visit. We have family around the world, and all of them would rather visit places that are closer to them for art, culture, food, even natural wonders that we like to think we have a plethora of. Showing people around the world how amazing our city is is vitally important to our survival as a city.
- yes, if the costs are managed the vision could end up being very positive for Calgary
- Yes, it's worth the costs.
- Yes, providing the plan is achievable and the costs are controlled. I am willing to tolerate a 10% overrun but no more.
- Yes, the long term impacts will leave upgrades venues, affordable housing, continued development with our transportation in the city. All areas we need great improvement in.
- Yes, we are receiving money from the province, country and IOC that we would have no hope of seeing if we did not host the games. We are making money by hosting the Olympics.
- Yes.
- Yes. I think the long term impact of the Games are worth the cost as it would allow Calgary to shine on the world stage, let us tell our true story as Albertans and would leave a legacy of infrastructure that will benefit many. I am also encouraged by what I foresee as the opportunity to build community and volunteering spirit. This City is great. This Province is largely different than what the world thinks we are. The Games would allow us to tell that story at a pivotal time in the world.
- Yes. If the Games can be managed in a fiscally responsible way, the resulting economic benefits will be potentially huge. I also believe the social and cultural benefits will be great as well. Calgarians often feel that everyone here is a newcomer to our city, but significant events cement a feeling of community and coming-together over a common goal. It happened in '88 and I feel certain it will happen again.
- Yes. Very big impact for the cost of the game. As a tax payer, I would like to see our money to be used in a better way and not a hot rush blooming and looks good in some people's political resume!
- Yes. I think the Olympics can help turn around the Calgary economy and even if it doesn't that the experience outweighs the associated costs.



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- "NOT". As a senior Calgarian (65yrs.) I was an employee of OKA.I was also was an employee of Canada Olympic Park... what I have seen of Calgary's lack of public spending of our tax dollars is criminal. I am a firm, unwavering "NO"
- 100% yes. As per all of the above.
- Absolutely not worth the cost. Spend money on something that will improve the lives of everyday Calgarians - snow removal, transit, affordable housing, road maintenance.
- Absolutely not worth the cost. The 1988 Olympics were an anomaly. If improved facilities and affordable housing are critical then invest in those instead.
- Absolutely not worth the costs. When will you understand that only those of us who pay property taxes will be paying for this? For years and years! This city simply does not have the money.
- Absolutely not!
- Absolutely NOT! Cost over-runs follow all Olympics; that's why fewer cities are stepping up for this "supposed opportunity". It's simple common sense; we're not in a financial position to assume more debt.
- Absolutely not.
- Absolutely not. The only faint hope was if it was to provide a new NHL arena, but it won't.
- "Absolutely not. Large projects like this always generate massive cost overruns and this one would likely be no different. Cost-sharing would push some of the burden to the provincial and federal governments, but Calgarians pay a share of those taxes as well, and would be fully on the hook for the billions that would be left at the local level."
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- The Olympics are no longer what they were in 1988; they are now a monstrous commercial enterprise and there are massive security costs to deal with. The IOC will continue to get richer and those involved in building new venues will likely profit handsomely, but the warm and fuzzies that the average Calgarian would get from this exercise can't justify the massive sums that would come out of each and every one of our pockets to pay for this grandiose foolishness."
- Absolutely not. Olympic Games are expensive, the bids, the costs of hosting athletes, the new facilities, the advertising etc. Alberta is still in a slump with many families still suffering from the impacts of the economic struggle. PUT OUR TAX DOLLARS ELSEWHERE
- Absolutely NOT. Read above.
- "Absolutely not. This will just add to government debt at all levels, Federal, Provincial and City. The Federal government is spending out of control in a strong economic environment, a time when they should be reducing the debt. The Provincial government is increasing debt at a faster rate per capita than anywhere in the world. The City

risks maximizing its borrowing by hitting the legal debt limit. No level of government has any plan to balance the books let alone pay down debt. The people that will be saddled with all this debt are too young to vote.

- We will get some improved facilities for people to use and two new buildings. The \$5,200,000,000 estimated price tag will be shattered and will end up at \$8B, \$10B or even \$15B – who knows, certainly not the people who have already blown \$35,000,000 on a proposal, how irresponsible is that???? Where is the detailed accounting for this – nowhere to be seen, no transparency.
- We will spend over \$200,000 per athlete and various levels of government will spend tax dollars close to \$1,000 for a family of four. This applies across the country and because of the amount involved begs the question why is the whole country not having a plebiscite? It is their money too.
- Apart from the previously mentioned facilities the only other outcome will be to stroke the egos of a bunch of people who are happy to blow someone else's money so they can enjoy themselves. Sadly that includes most of City council.
- Meanwhile this very wealthy City will continue to send children to school by the thousand without food in their stomachs just as they do in third world countries. We have a poverty issue in the City that needs to be addressed long before we blow our brains out on financing the Games. The bid talks about social impact – this is one that is being horribly ignored. The poor will just be ignored once again. They represent a very high percentage of people in this City – the fact we have Food Banks, homeless shelters, lack of mental support and hungry children is a testament to our failure as a community.
- For the City to consider the Games against this backdrop is a disgrace."
- Absolutely, unequivocally not worth the costs. We'll be paying for this long into the future, at the expense of forgoing 'necessities' required to run this city. Come on people GIVE YOUR HEAD A SHAKE!!
- As long as we keep within a set budget and that we DO NOT go over the budget, it is worth it to see new growth of facilities and the immediate tourism into the area will help overall.
- Based on current est. costs, yes. The cost unknowns are a concern though.
- Buzz in community now about world cups coming to Bow corridor is close to non-existent. Media in Calgary is very poor at supporting sport other than Pro (paid advert). Of Wpg, Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver and Calgary - Calgary is the least supportive. I have lived in 4 western provinces and 7 communities. Calgary is least supportive by far. Outcomes for Calgary would be minimal and NOT worth the tax \$ spent. Little to no impact on tourism after the winter. No lasting impact on professional skills inventory. Construction projects are likely to be low quality similar to 1988 Olympic period.
- Calgary 88 had a great positive impact on Calgary, on Calgarians, on tourism, and on global awareness of what we have to offer. It's time we renewed all of that.
- Calgary has 8.5% unemployment due to a shifting economy. Olympics are a temporary event - we need long-term economic solutions like pipelines and a diversified market, not a one-time party.
- Cost NOT worth it. Vote NO
- Costs to me, a retired person on a limited and declining income, are a monster concern. I won't be downhill skiing or speed skating news facilities. So what do I benefit from...that is hard for me to find.
- Definitely not worth it. The cost is too high for what amounts to a 2 week party revolving around sports hobbyists.
- Definitely not worth the cost. For all the money which has been spent just to get this far already several possibilities exist. The IOC may very well choose another bid city, then all the money we've put out so far is, is, is lost. All the funds which will be spent could go to many other well needed social programs. As so many economists have pointed out there is a very high chance of serious cost over runs. Yet every ex athlete points out that the games will be good for the City. It will be by no mere coincidence, also provide many of the ex athletes with a job for the next several years. Also as many of the youth and young families see the cost of living in Calgary rise because the funds needed to keep escalating costs at reasonable levels they may very well choose to leave Calgary and find somewhere, where the cost of living isn't as high.
- Definitely not. Way too expensive.
- does not worth the cost,
- Don't think the long-term benefits of the Games are worthwhile. I think the so-called legacy facilities will not be self-sufficient after the games and would not be operated unless they are government subsidized or have

sponsorships...eg. The Olympic Oval would not operate if it wasn't a part of the University of Calgary budget (government). Would it be better to use that money (capital and operating) to expand the UofC's Computer Science/Engineering program?

- Help
- Hinder
- Hinder - no guarantee of costs and who will cover
- Hinder. Historically, all Olympic Games have run a deficit.
- Hinder. If we have any tax money to spend on Olympics, we must spend an equal and additional amount first on health care, infrastructure, education. If all of these are world class and leave no citizen disadvantaged, then and only then can we consider spending money on a two week party.
- Historically, hosting Olympic games is always a cesspool of overspending that leaves the host city deeply in debt.
- Huh? NO!
- I am commenting as a Canmore resident. The Olympics will leave a legacy of increasing affordability issues and increasing pressure on an already-stressed landscape.
- I believe the winter Games is worth the costs but, we need to get it right. In light of our current fiscal situation and other hard look at the projected costs would be necessary. No one wants costs over runs and budget mistakes. Lets make sure the people hired to manage the finances have the skills and expertise to do the job. Hosting a world event does pose risks and challenges. If you review past games, looking to not make the same mistakes again , the impacts and costs could be contained and managed.
- I do - I think you don't gain experience and world recognition without investment, and I think this is worth it.
- I do not think that Calgary can afford to host the games. At this point we do not know how much money the federal government will contribute and the provincial government came in with less than anticipated. The cost of making improvements to the cities current infrastructure ie. c-train line (it does not go to the airport or COP), public transit, the roads can not handle the increase of people descending on the city.
- I do. I think it brings excitement and new vitality to the city and our future. That can't be measured financially.
- I don't the costs to host the games that have been predicted are accurate. I know the IOC has made some changes to make it more affordable, but I need more details. Given historical information I'm not prepared to take the City's word on this without more information.
- I don't think so. Rent and upkeep are factors that have to be looked at. Is the cost and upkeep going to be paid back during the Olympics?
- I have faith that we do things under budget and on timeline. We are very entrepreneurial.
- I think it's worth it. People and volunteers from the 1988 olympics are still raving about their experience and consider it a valuable life experience. I think of it more as a life enrichment experience, which should engage people of all ages. I couldn't be more excited to host the games.
- I think the debt load will hinder future generations
- I would hope that the costs are effectively eliminated or mitigated from Calgary's citizens, but would be okay with a minimal impact to us.
- If the city does its research they realize the Olympic is a money loser. Especially more now with security implications and less attendance.
- Increase in cost of living to all calgarians
- Increased debt for all levels of taxation. We still don't know the breakdown of the public contribution. We also won't know the effect of the municipal contribution on future property taxes since council and city bureaucrats decided to release the 4 year budget a day after the plebiscite.
- It costs a lot of money and if there are over runs we could be paying for years to come. We should also try for the 2030 games. Those ones would be profitable and pay the bills from 2026. I think going forward every host city should get the next 2 olympics.
- It isn't worth it. Not the projected cost or the inevitable overages. We can spend smarter
- Long term costs for a Select user group with no lasting economic benefit is a waste of whatever most of us have left. We've been there and done that. Got the t shirt.

- Massive negative. Anyone with half an idea about economics would run from a deal that holds the city wholly responsible for unknown costs and all cost overruns. City council is too focused on the party and not at all paying attention to the detriment that a bid like this will be.
- "MAY LEAD TO FIRST SALES TAX
- WANT CHEAPER GAS
- I WORK TEMP WORK AS CANT FIND A STEADY JOB AND SOMETIMES I STAY HOME AS CANT AFFORD GAS"
- More like 7 to 8 \$ Billion or MORE
- My top of mind concern. We are asked to vote on in-principle support for a Games rather than on a specific bid or proposal. That leaves me unclear whether a YES will be interpreted as support for CBEC? The leaner draft hosting plan? Or something else once a yes is obtained. I need to know what we're voting on, that the costs are credible, that past history of Olympics overruns is acknowledged rather than dismissed out of hand by proponents. If persuaded to vote yes on a specific, credible proposal I would be giving limited permission, not a licence or blank cheque.
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No - wrong legacy while taking away the positives of the 88 Olympic legacy. This would be a subpar non-world class hosting of the Olympics while the city is in economic decline that it looks like we ignore/do not care about the energy transition nor base economics. In 88 we could afford new facilities, in 2026 we will be going deep into debt just to afford hosting with the old facilities - the legacy will be our continued economic decline.
- No ... it will be an endless cycle of debt and service cuts with deteriorating infrastructure.
- No because we already have facilities and these were already paid for by the taxpayer (me) once. Sport needs to find a way to make these facilities financially viable. The city is in desperate need of funds to upgrade these and is trying to sell us this tax bill (minimum \$2000 per household, risk of it being much higher) with the promise of a big party. Use the legacy funds from the 88 Olympics and time for sport to find a new source of funding. I am all for sports in our community such as parks, bike paths, climbing walls, skateboard parks, soccer, pools etc. These are used by a large percentage of our population. Something like luge or speed skating require expensive facilities that benefit a few elite athletes, certainly less than 1 %. Please use our tax dollars to benefit the majority
- No money can be better spent to build upgrade infrastructure that citizens need and not the IOS elites
- No no no
- "No Not at all
- Look at RECENT history of venues, Rio, Beijing, Pyeongchang
- all places riddled with debt and abandoned facilities. Calgary should be focusing on bringing long term high tech growth to the city"
- No the games are NOT worth the cost. !!!
- NO Too Bloody expensive
- No way - too much debt piled on the backs of many people while already struggle to feed and cloth their kids.
- NO!
- No! Not worth it! Use the money for other useful things. Build parks for our children at schools, help homelessness, use money to pay lumps into our taxes and give Calgarians a tax break! Fix the roads! Your people of this city are suffering and the City of Calgary needs to stop spending our money like it grows on trees!
- No! The cons outweigh the pros! During the construction phase and games there would be a temporary boost in jobs but afterwards the city would go back to the way it is now but in a ton more debt and even more vacant buildings. It's not worth it. We need to quit spending money on events that just really don't matter or have an effect in the long term.
- No, especially when the net present value of the investment is considered, this is not a good investment for Calgarians.
- NO, for all reasons stated already, we don't have the money, tax payers can't afford more property tax hikes. Public sector workers don't get raises anymore, but the government keeps on raising taxes, how do we offset this, we can't and just have less money.

- No, I don't view the long-term impacts as being worth the costs. Though it will be a short boost for construction companies (to build the new facilities) and for tourism, I think in the long-term, Calgarians will still be paying for the costs long after the games are over and the tourism has died down to normal levels again.
- No, I think the long-term impacts are not worth the costs. Again, resources should be allocated elsewhere.
- No, large \$\$\$ spending by many, for some small groups benefiting from it.
- No, no a thousand times no. Wake up. Now is not the time.
- No, no, and no. Like I said before, use that money somewhere better. Help the people who are here rather than worshipping a bunch of people who do sports well.
- No, no, no! Please stop spending and getting into more debt by telling us it is good for us. Every year more debt, every year more taxes. Insanity is doing the same thing over and over thinking there will be a different outcome!!!
- no, not as presented.
- No, people will forget the town quickly
- No, the City needs to concentrate all its resources on helping its citizens.
- No, the cost is way too high for what the tax payer gets. Huge risk being placed on average person for benefit of few.
- No, the games will put us further into debt. The city is considering scaling back services in the next budget and staff reductions in the last year have been felt across the organization.
- No, the Olympics are a corrupt organization that exists only for the promotion and financial gain of the Olympic committee and its member. Weren't there 112 original applicants and now there are what - 2? We should not be STUCK with the huge debt as a default. Only a small segment actually cares. As to athletes they are doing it ONLY for their own self-aggrandizement and that of their followers. The rest of us do not care. WE care about meeting the basic needs of all citizens not a selfish few.
- No, way to risky
- no,i don't my children on the hook for a 10 day party they wont be able to afford to attend.
- No.
- No. No Olympics in 30 years has been broke even.
- No. We have too many big ticket mega projects on the go right now as it is!!! Ring Road, Green Line being the 2 largest. Let's mind our knitting and not worry about proving we are world class. Have you noticed world class cities are lousy places to live???? Rome, Paris London, Moscow, Rio, Beijing etc.
- No. Anyone who deals in finance understands the mitigating risk factors of an investment. The olympics are too much of a financial risk. Part of that is the unnecessary grandeur that seems to have happened in the last 30 years. In 1988 we used atco trailers for the olympic village. Now, we are building timber facade apartment buildings with stone siding.
- No. Calgarians are facing a recession. Highest unemployment rate in the country. Little appetite to increase taxes for minimal local legacy. Projected costs are untrustworthy, and funding source split/agreements are unknown.
- No. Games are just for a few weeks and then years of debt.
- No. It's far too expensive.
- NO. Long term accumulated debt is my concern,
- No. See Q5.
- No. There are lots of other priorities that need to come first- healthcare as one
- No. There isn't enough evidence that hosting olympic games brings long-term benefits to the hosting city. I think we can come up with more sustainable ways of spending 2 billion dollars in ways that will continue to benefit our communities. Calgary needs to diversify its economy but I don't think hosting the games is the way to do it. I think hosting these games will put Calgary in debt, bring minimal gains in the long-term, and citizens will end up paying the price.
- No. Too expensive for too little gain.
- No. We are going to be broke and you will solve the problem by raising taxes.
- No. We should not be going in debt for the Olympics and mortgaging our future.
- No...I just don't believe the ROI is there and that we know the true costs of hosting.
- Not

- Not a chance. 1988 was a different time and a different event. Nostalgia isn't a good way to make decisions.
- Not all all. Several generations will be stuck in debt trying to pay for it
- Not at all as we will be laying for them for years to come. We are still in recession recovery, with this we may never see light at the end of tunnel for an extended period if these games go through.
- Not at all. The Games are always a net loss to their host cities.
- Not at all. This is Nenshi's way to get re-elected. Mean and politically motivated thinking. Just a show off.
- Not even close! Waste of money!
- Not of value. Increased debt to future generations of Calgarians.
- Not whatsoever.
- Not with borrowed money.
- Not worth it
- Not Worth it at all. 5 billion dollars could be spread over other social arenas than sport alone.
- not worth it at all. we will be paying for these games and facilities for years and not every person will even see them nor use them. we are taking from all to provide fun for a few when we need to be focused on getting all back out to work.
- Not worth it you act like it is free money but federal and provincial money still comes from the overburdened taxpayers. US
- not worth the cost or tax increase
- NOT WORTH THE COST!
- Not worth the cost. We tax payers cannot afford this
- Not worth the cost. We will be paying off this debt for many years. The costs impact every homeowner but the benefits are for a very few. If the "athletes" want/need such facilities let them pay for it.
- Not worth the costs - little to no long term positive impact from these costs, a coat of paint on the stadium and a field house just don't add up to a billion plus dollars (no matter what math the teachers are "teaching" these days)
- Not worth the costs at all
- oh get real.
- Please see Q3 answer
- REMEMBER MONTREAL? THEY WERE PAYING FOREVER
- Security is going to be the biggest cost during these Games in my opinion. The 1988 Games may have happened after Munich but before "Ground Zero". The security risks are greater this time around and I feel that danger will only get worse as the year 2026 gets closer. Because we have hosted the Games before, I think security will cost the most. If an attack were to take place during the 2026 Games, that would eliminate any gain to be had from hosting. I think it is possible to host the Games in a fiscally responsible manner but the IOC must pitch in more. A lot of things have to go right in order to avoid any negative long-term impacts of the cost of the Games. The risk may be too high and we have to tread lightly. We also have to be strong with the IOC about our concerns. It sounds like they really want us to host so why not use that to our advantage.
- See above
- See previous statements.
- strong Yes.
- The city council is lying to Calgarians about the true costs of these games...security alone will be over 1 billion dollars as it was in Vancouver!
- The cost are just plain stupid for a city or country to underwrite, if countries want to participate in the games take the estimated real cost of the games divided by the number of athletes and get their home country to send a cheque five years before the start of each games in proportion to how many athletes are coming. If poor countries can not afford to come they can ask the IOC to send their share five years prior to the games. We do not seem to have any trouble attracting immigrants here so we do not need any more world exposure.
- The cost is only justified by long term infrastructure improvements. Full scale international quality arena, C Train to the airport etc
- The cost is the exclusive reason to reject the Olympics. Period.

- The costs are much too high and we can't afford to host the Games, particularly with our spendthrift mayor.
- The costs are worth it for reasons stated in my answers in question 5.
- The games are not worth the cost. Inflation has not been factored in and the omission of full security costs from the budget is just ridiculous. Even with zero cost overruns the budget is flawed. Tax payers will be gouged for very little infrastructure. Calgary has already hosted the olympics, we need new projects not recycling old ones.
- The games come and go and so will our dollars. Not worth the costs
- The long term FINANCIAL impacts on Calgary should be enough to tell City hall that the answer is NO. If you really want to create jobs and invest in reviving the economy, SME (small to medium enterprises) are what create long term, sustainable jobs. I have not seen many MEGA projects bs propaganda claims EVER EXAMINED AFTER THE FACT. And even if they do conduct an audit, (1) what are the criteria for success?; (2) what if it does NOT meet the claims? are we going to demand our money back? will any of the marketing geniuses and bs propaganda cheerleaders be JAILED??; (3) will the politicians who are wasting taxpayers money be held personally responsible for their crass decisions and influence peddling?
- The long-term impact of the Games CANNOT be accurately measured in financial terms, yet the cost is real dollars! Look at the research done by Federal MP Tom Kmiec on cost over-runs of Olympic host cities over the past 60 years. Hardly any came in at budget.
- There seems to be zero long term benefit. The games are an impulse purchase, nothing more. Tons of money spent for a short term party.
- There will no doubt be revenue, but it will only benefit the few. It will not benefit me, nor my neighbors. Instead of money spent fixing and improving our communities we'll have ageing Olympic venues to look at.
- They are not worth the costs
- This is trickier as so much of the long term impacts which would make it worth hosting is only potential. If done wrong could be a complete waste. As some cost is for existing plans that is good. The province conditionally promised funds if plebiscite was a yes and I agree. If a no and those funds would be lost...I am a single income home, that is not something I would not like to absorb.
- Trudeau will not contribute the Federal Part because after all, this is Alberta
- Unfair question without full disclosure of costs.
- Very considered about taxpayers bearing the brunt of this. Corporate sponsorship has dried up. Build the pipeline first and forget this bid. Why is BC ok to share this bid but not OK to build a pipeline!!!!
- Very much worth the costs. Can't buy this kind of exposure.
- Watt to much money for a couple weeks of games that people just forget about after there done!
- we are sharing our revenue with other provinces. No pipeline (revenue) to off set the high cost. Disgruntle employers will not hire staff (min, wage) no saving and prosperity. Transient, Student and Low Income easier to beg on street corner (w/hat, music, begging, harassing) making money. Theft and abuse on the rise
- We had the olympics in 88. How is a repeat of the games going to provide a benefit other than to a select few. If the investment in facilities makes sense for Calgary then justify it without the olympics.
- We have not been given a definitive cost structure yet, and it's likely that the forecast will be far below the actual (like my Christmas shopping habits). Who's on the hook? Where is the money coming from? If oil were booming and our books not full of debt, then maybe, but this is not the time for extravagant spending on short-term pleasures.
- Worth it
- worth it so that winter athletes can train at world class facilities and not pay thousands of dollars to train elsewhere
- Worth it. There are so many long term impacts, most importantly to our young people. It's inspiration for them to be active, inspired and healthy. You can't put a price on that.
- worth the costs
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes - the long term legacy, ability to attract new industries, ability to change the narrative around the city
- Yes but the upfront costs are going to impact current residents
- Yes the Econ's should improve by the time the games started



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- Absolutely not worth it. I'm 23 years old and do NOT want to be stuck with this financial burden for the rest of my life. Our chances of getting pensions is already low thanks to previous generations. I'm sure this would lead to heavier taxation with no noticeable benefits besides an arena I cant afford to enter.
- Absolutely not!
- Absolutely not, see #1
- Absolutely not.
- Absolutely not. I do not want to saddle the younger generations with these costs or teach them to support things they cannot afford.
- Absolutely not. I found most residents could not afford, or had no interest in going to the Games while I was living in Vancouver. It's an expensive event to "show off" to the world while ignoring the residents' needs and actual wants.
- Absolutely worth it.
- Because the costs are unknown, this is a difficult question to answer. We are also skeptical/concerned about the IOC as an organization and the expectations they have. The athletes and their ability to compete on a global basis is key...not corporate and IOC expectations around entertaining (winning/dining). The ability of all citizens to participate and view events should be a focus...not having empty seats because corporations/IOC and government officials are not attending.
- Calgary cannot afford the costs associated with the Games.
- Cha Ching. Grandchildren will still be paying
- Costs will be higher that they think. They always are it is proven time after time. Not worth it to the tax payers who will be footing the bill long after.
- Depends on what permanent facilities we get as a legacy
- "Finally, Calgary will get a tiny slice of Canada's Federal budget by allocating towards the games. \$250 Million a year between now and 2026.
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- Currently we are two overpasses short of a ring road. The west side ring road requires the last two overpasses between highway 8 and Highway 1. This should be fast tracked to finish in 2024. Calgary will get a completed ring road more than 10 years after Edmonton's ring road. Finally.
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- Make sure all of the housing is usable.
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- I must admit, I am hopeful for the field house! Make sure it can handle crowds for soccer games! Canada will eventually have a soccer team that competes globally. We need to have a team and facility here that can move up to the premier NA league.
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- I would like the security costs to be allocated to each country based on the number of athletes they send. That should be a new standard for the olympics. Since Germany, this has become a bigger and bigger cost for host countries and it is unrecoverable. The bill for security is probably estimated at \$60 Million including transferred police officers, computer technology, armed forces, helicopters, etc. This should have a large funding by each nation on a per athlete/ coach basis. For each country, the security bill is allocated by the number of passes required for coaches, athletes, doctors, etc. So for 10,000 passes across all the countries, the bill is \$6,000 per person for security as an example ( $\$60,000,000 / 10,000 = \$6000/\text{per pass}$ ).
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- The single most important point of the cost management is to enable future long term success for the city to attract new corporations. How we got overlooked by Amazon with our quality of life is hard to understand. We must set it up that we are an obvious choice.
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- The single biggest payback is to use the games to increase long term economic activity. The field house will help a soccer team generate fans and revenues.
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- Good Luck!"
- Given the current plan targets the majority of public money into infrastructure that needs upgrades or improvements, or into already identified infrastructure priorities it makes sense to move forward. Other public dollars used to help cover the costs of the Paralympics are worth the investment. This investment will be seen for years to come, through continued events, accessible infrastructure, amenities that Calgarians can continue to use, and leveraging Calgary internationally. This investment will enable Calgary to continue to progress, it will build our city and bring us together. I see this as an opportunity that will help build a city that will benefit my children and eventually their children.
- Help
- "Hosting these Olympics would be too costly. Only one Olympics had a positive balance sheet. This is a seriously concerning statistic for Calgary. The money could be spent on investments that are more important. The threat imposed by climate change and the transition to a more enjoyable city are more urgent priorities. Improving active transportation infrastructure, improving public transit options, improving building energy efficiency through retrofits, switching to renewable energy are all critical actions that require capital investments. These crucial investments would be much more difficult to do with a money sink such as hosting the Olympics. The topics I mentioned are not irrelevant because they are part of the Climate Resilience Strategy unanimously adopted by City Council in June 2018. The strategy needs to be implemented and hosting the Olympics would be a serious threat to the strategy.
- About the long-term benefits of hosting the Olympics, they are less than obvious. Calgary is already on the world map (and hosted the Olympics already) so these Olympics should not be presented as putting Calgary on the world map."
- I don't think you are hearing the taxpayers. We have a commercial property in Shepard Business Park. Taxes have tripled in 10 years. Do you think we have been able to triple the income coming out of this property? We are just surviving. Any additional increases as a result of the games will kill us off. Not worth the risk in any way.
- I think it will be worth the cost IF Calgary succeeds in its bid and is able to host the games. I worry that Calgary is unlikely to win the bid and all the money devoted to developing the bid will have been spent for nothing. Also, maybe it would be better to use the money differently. I think affordable housing is a major priority. It would likely be more economical to directly invest in housing rather than do it through the Olympic Games.
- I think that the infrastructure that we would gain from the games out ways the costs. At the same time I am uncomfortable with Calgarians being burdened with overages especially if the IOC makes a profit in the games. I would like the IOC to pay for any overages.
- Legacy of high taxes will be left
- look at montreal.... they put nets under overpass to catch the falling concrete, all the venues were abandon or turned into casinos..... took 30 years to pay off the debt.
- NO
- No
- No I don't and all of my reasons are included in my answers above. Imagine pumping a billion dollars into health care, the school system, the police force?? How about spending that money on developing environmentally friendly products to replace the one-use plastics? How about using some of that money to help homeless people off the street. I mean..the alternatives are endless & are more of a priority, in my opinion, than some medals and sports. Look at the history of the olympics & the absolute waste of money. Why do we continue to repeat the mistakes when better alternatives are right in front of our faces?
- No no no
- "NO NO NO NO NO!!

- We are in debt. Mayor Nenshi can't even build a new arena for the Calgary Flames and now you are interested in hosting the Olympics!?!?! How ironic!!
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- It is Calgarians who will be pathetic at the end of the day. It is not the athletes nor the guests. We can't afford it. Maintenance costs of the venues gets higher as years pass by - it is very costly. The anticipation of games is exciting but that is it. I will never be proud of Calgary spending so much in a little time. C'mon! Billions will be spent in 2 weeks of games?!? Think about that!!! It is never worth it! There are almost no positive long term impacts of hosting, so why push it? And I'm saying this not of personal opinion but FACTS. If I can bold that one, I would. Once again, F.A.C.T.S. . There is a reason why cities drop out of the bid!
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- Rethink rethink rethink. We are just adding it to our debts. That massive price tag is never worth it!"
- No not until we are able to see some hope for our economy.
- No since it is only for the select few for 10 days
- No we know it will overrun in costs and anyone who says it will not are liars or very gullible! Vancouver just broke even! Others cities are still paying overruns, so NO
- "No worth it. I am all for sports and athleticism and active lifestyles. But I am not for paying for the Olympics. We have more important matters to attend to:
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- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/canada-pbo-report-alberta-debt-deficit-solutions-debate-1.4843100>
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- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/trevor-tombe-aging-population-1.4841679>
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- <https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/its-not-better-downtown-property-slump-continues-to-fuel-tax-shift>"
- NO!!!!
- No, no a thousand times no. Wake up. Now is not the time.
- No, tax payers money should go somewhere else right now especially when we're still in the middle of a downturn
- No, the costs is not worth any potential benefit. Times are way different then 1988, both in the costs and the community. This is a community under attack, from both the federal and provincial governments. People can no longer afford the ever increasing taxes being implemented from all levels of government.
- No, there would only be extra taxes to pay.
- No, they are not worth the costs. Investments in social, arts, and cultural programs and facilities will have a better impact.
- No.
- No.
- No.
- No. Our property taxes are too high now! We can not afford this and in fact the City needs to spend our tax dollars more wisely and quit raising our taxes!!!
- No. History has shown time and time again that the games are simply not worth it.
- No. Huge risk and the pasy Olympics show they cost huge amounts of money to the hosting cities
- No. It benefits only sport with infrastructure. No other area of society. We will be paying this for years.
- No. Money should be used for affordable housing and social programs.
- No. No Olympics in 30 years has been broke even.
- No. Debt is never a good thing.
- No. Enough already
- No. Most definitely not. It put as in a recession. Not worth it.
- NO. No new arena. No ski jump refurb. NO. Events held on BC instead? NO WAY.
- No. No. No. Look at the recent games. The model is broken.
- No. Short term civic pride at large cost to the average citizen.
- No. Spending does not pull a city out if a recession. Citizens can't support the tax burden.

- No. Why not take all the enthusiasm for Calgary, for the development of all athletes, for entertainment, for cultural showcasing and develop an annual winter celebration that would benefit all aspects of community life in Calgary with long lasting effects??
- Nope
- Not at all! This isn't a burden that should be placed on Calgarians
- not worth - and that estimate is so false it is a joke....
- Not worth cost
- Not worth it.
- Not worth the cost, study after study of Olympic Sites have proven this.
- Not worth the costs and the costs have been projected falsely low. Take security which is estimated at less than a third of what Vancouver paid. What a joke of an estimation. No credibility with these estimates.
- Not worth the costs at all. Way too costly to offset the economic benefit
- Not worth the costs we would be paying for years to come - like Montreal had they paid for their only pics for over 20 years bad idea
- Not worth the costs.
- not worth the long tem costs
- Taxpayers would be paying for the inevitable miscalculations/shortfalls for the next umpteen years. The City should be spending money elsewhere where it's actually needed.
- The '88 games definitely provided a long-term positive impact on Calgary. It was really a "coming out party" for Calgary onto the world stage. Even if the next games do not have as dramatic an effect on Calgary, the benefits will be something - new facilities, new housing, more publicity and exposure on the world stage is always good. There will be years of tourists visiting Calgary to see facilities and locations that they saw on TV that will have a steady benefit to the economy.
- The city is broke, the province is broke, and Trudeau is well on his way to bankrupt in the nation. The taxpayers are tired of footing the bill and our reaching a breaking point. It is truly sad that people do not understand this. Hosting these Olympics will be a joke.
- The cost is way to high for something that has a lot of venues ready to use.
- Totally worth it
- Waste of money
- We hosted once . What long term impact?
- We will be leaving the next 2 generations with a legacy of debt.
- Well worth it. See above.
- Worth the costs like the 80's there were many opposed but the benefits in the end saved our city during a desperate times - we managed to keep our home which was worth less than we paid
- Yes definitely
- Yes I think so.
- Yes of course
- Yes, as we were the only city to financially benefit from the '88 games.
- Yes, costs incurred over 6-7 years and benefits accrue over 30-40 years
- Yes, the long term impacts are worth the costs IF the moneys are spent in the right place which is NOT at McMahon Stadium, the Saddledome and Nakiska. I support an Olympic bid, but not with spending on those facilities.
- Yes. Hopefully managed but the exposure will be helpful.
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- I don't believe the potential benefits outweigh the costs. Particularly as it is very clear at this point that there is no set plan for covering the costs, let alone cost overrun.
- i know that the cost is high.
- Long term is worth it. Will bring in tourism dollars into the future with future World Cup and other competition events. Will once again raise our profile on the world stage as a great place to live and invest.
- No

- No way. The masses will lose to the benefit of a few
- "No
- Because we will be taxed to death to pay and main this week"
- No, long term impacts is, yet, more deficit
- No. the say \$ 5B could easily be better spend on infrastrucutre.
- No. Absolutely not. We had 1988 and it is a wonderful legacy. Let's not tarnish it. This is an obvious disaster waiting to happen.
- NO. I don't think the local residents will be given preferred access to events. As one of my friends put it, it is only going to cost the taxpayers money, and that does not even get us an invite to the party.
- NO. Money should instead be invested in growth industries and encouraging diversity growth.
- No. It's so expensive and calgarians take all the risks but share all the rewards. Bad formula
- No. Past Olympics have shown that budgets generally run over. Our economy hasn't recovered from the recession and therefore it is not a good time. There is a reason that other countries are pulling out of the bid (bad timing and history of being over budget). Yes the Olympics bring pride, however, we can be proud of our country without the extravagant costs of the Olympics.
- not worth the cost, use the money to build the green line if we have it.
- Not worth the costs - let IOC come up with the dough.
- The negative impacts of the games are huge and long lasting. The Olympics are tainted with doping, financial and political scandal that has not been resolved. Does Calgary really want to showcase the cheaters from politically devious countries at the expense of the clean Canadian athletes? If Calgary takes a stand with the clean athletes against the IOC and refuses to host a games until the Olympics are revamped for fairness that would be quite a legacy! Don't just follow along in the same footsteps as all the previous games. This is a chance to make a real difference in the world that goes way beyond the local financial impact on Calgary. Step up to the challenge!!
- There is always cost for every development but the oppurtunities are great and achievable
- Unsure
- Yes. Because our taxes are already high and spent on so many large unnecessary projects.
- Yes. We will never get this facilities otherwise, the benefits of these facilities and ACESS to them will last for decades.
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