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Dear Premier Kenney and Minister Copping,

On behalf of Edmonton City Council, I am writing to request urgent access to additional COVID-19 data that is informing provincial decisions, as we work to align our efforts in keeping Edmontonians safe and supporting our local businesses.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our two levels of government have implemented various measures to keep residents safe and support our local business community. We have done this through multiple waves of this unprecedented pandemic.

On February 9, 2022, City officials and a representative from Alberta Health Services provided an update to City Council on COVID-19 and the province's newly announced easing of public health restrictions. To support further discussions on this, City Council unanimously passed the following motion:

That the mayor, on behalf of Council, formally request that the provincial government provide the City of Edmonton with the recommendations made by the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the data used to inform the recommendations announced February 8, 2022.

We acknowledge efforts by your government, including the Restriction Exemption Program, universal masking, and other public health restrictions, have been successful in encouraging Albertans to get vaccinated thereby reducing the spread of COVID-19. We all look forward to a day where COVID-19's effects are not felt in our work, learning, play and everyday lives.

Edmonton City Council is a willing and able partner to support you in finding a balanced way forward for our residents. Given that some of the next stages of the plan are tentatively scheduled, we are asking you for an opportunity to share our perspectives, including what we have heard from a wide variety of Edmontonians, on the timing and staging of the relaxations. To have this discussion, and support City Council's further discussions on this topic, it would be helpful to understand the data which informed the Government of Alberta's recent plan.

We look forward to doing our part to continue to promote public safety, support our local businesses and reduce the pressure on Alberta's health care system.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "A. Sohi". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Amarjeet Sohi
Mayor

- c. Members of City Council
Andre Corbould, City Manager