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Date: April 01, 2026
To: Caldwell City Council
From: Mayor Eric Phillips

Subject: Mayoral Veto – Actions Adopted at Special City Council Meeting
(March 25, 2026)

Introduction and Authority

Pursuant to Caldwell City Code § 03-05-11(2), I hereby exercise my authority as Mayor to veto specific actions adopted by the Caldwell City Council during the Special City Council Meeting held on March 25, 2026.

This written veto is submitted for inclusion in the record and for presentation at the next regular Council meeting.

VETO NO. 2

RESOLUTION NO. 096-26: A Resolution Of The Council Approving And Authorizing The Implementation Of A Railroad Quiet Zone

I hereby veto the Council's action approving the establishment of a Railroad Quiet Zone within the City of Caldwell.

Basis for Veto:

After careful consideration, I have determined that this action presents unresolved and significant concerns in two primary areas:

1. Public Safety Concerns

I have consistently raised concerns regarding the potential safety implications associated with the implementation of a Railroad Quiet Zone. The removal of routine train horn warnings at crossings introduces an elevated level of risk, particularly in areas with high vehicle and pedestrian traffic.



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At this time, I do not find that sufficient mitigation measures, analysis, or assurances have been established to adequately address these risks to a level that protects public safety.

2. Budgetary and Fiscal Responsibility

The financial impact associated with establishing and maintaining a quiet zone is substantial. Given current and anticipated budgetary constraints facing the City, I do not believe this project represents a prudent or necessary allocation of public funds at this time.

The City must prioritize essential services, infrastructure, and public safety needs where the benefit is immediate, measurable, and necessary.

Conclusion:

For these reasons, I cannot support the establishment of a Railroad Quiet Zone at this time and therefore veto this action in its entirety.

Closing Statement:

My responsibility as Mayor is to ensure that decisions made by the City prioritize public safety, fiscal responsibility, and the long-term well-being of our community. At this time, I do not believe these actions meet that standard.

I remain committed to working collaboratively with the Council to evaluate future proposals that are supported by clear safety data, community need, and responsible budgeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Phillips

Mayor,

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