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City of Edmonton

Mayor's Statement - West Edmonton Mall

"While it is concerning to hear specific mention of West Edmonton Mall, it's important that we keep in mind that there is no imminent threat in our city and we should not overreact.

It's equally concerning to hear the appeal directed toward a specific group. The Somali Edmontonians I know are hard-working, peace-loving, contributing members of our community and I fully expect they would be as offended as other Edmontonians at any suggestion of violence.

My office is in constant contact with the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) and I am assured that the EPS is working closely with the RCMP as well as West Edmonton Mall Security. The EPS is also working with leaders in the Somali community. I am confident that the EPS is responding appropriately.

Edmontonians should feel confident that our city is safe, and that our law enforcement agencies and personnel are working to keep it that way."

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