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A Referendum Affair: Edmontonians invited to connect across differences ahead of the Alberta referendum

October 15, 2026 (amiskwacîwâskahikan | Edmonton) — Media are invited to attend *A Referendum Affair* — a non-partisan community event bringing Edmontonians together for open, thoughtful conversations about immigration, the constitution and separation on the eve of the referendum.

Event Details
Ticket Link: interVivos Presents: A Referendum Affair
Date: Sunday, October 18, 2026; 2:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Location: 99ten (downtown Edmonton, below The Common), 9910 109 St NW, Edmonton
Forum speakers:

- Immigration — Funke Olokude, Co-Executive Director, Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative
- Separation — Danielle Paradis, Assistant Professor, MacEwan University
- The Constitution — Richard Mailey, Director, Centre for Constitutional Studies

More than a debate stage, local community leaders will lead conversation with attendees to spark engagement and a wider sense of understanding between community members. — to understand why Albertans feel the way they do about our political landscape.

"*A Referendum Affair* explores our democracy outside of polarizing echo chambers — encouraging curiosity over conflict and dialogue over division," says interVivos President Zohreh Saher. "We're here to prove open, relaxed civil discourse is still possible; that understanding and empathy between Albertans is accomplished face-to-face."

Whether someone has already voted, is still making up their mind, or is not eligible to vote, they belong in the room. The referendum may happen the next day, but the conversations it raises about Alberta, Canada and our communities affect all of us and will continue long after the ballots are counted.

interVivos President and co-founder Zohreh Saher is available for an interview on-site or by request.

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About interVivos:
interVivos is a group of volunteers in Edmonton who cultivate leadership and make an impact in the community. interVivos engagement events and mentorship programs have brought people together from all backgrounds since 2006.