

Hailing tougher standards and more cab competition

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Cabs line up fares in front of the Hyatt Hotel. Reader says tougher standards and more competition are needed for better service. Photograph by: Ted Rhodes, Calgary Herald., Calgary Herald

Re: "Better taxi service sought; Proposed rules aim to improve public access, driver safety," Sept. 6.

Voters for Taxis does not favour deregulation of the taxi industry in Calgary. We feel that it is in the public interest to regulate taxis, which are an important part of our transportation infrastructure. There have been suggestions that by increasing the number of taxi licences, the quality of both cars and drivers will deteriorate.

This is simply not true. Rather than lowering standards for drivers, we would like to see higher standards for drivers, especially in the area of geography.

The quality of the cars would continue to be strictly regulated.

Votersfortaxis.ca would also like to see service standards written into the bylaw, as was proposed in 2006, which would require taxi brokerages to meet communications and response standards as well as have sufficient cars available and on the road when the bars let out. Sandy Jenkins,

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