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Dear Mayor and Members of the City council.

I am writing in support of the low income Métis and Indigenous housing proposal on Hart Road. I would like you all to vote in favour of rezoning and the project.

Firstly, low income housing is clearly needed for Métis and Indigenous people. The Government of Saskatchewan is working for reconciliation, funding the Métis nation for Métis education and housing. Let's follow the lead of our Provincial government and allow for Métis housing to be built. Here was have a company who is willing to build it. It would be ridiculous to pass up on an offer to have the buildings built for them.

Concerning location, let's remember that low income housing statistically does not devalue neighbourhoods or increase crime in an area. See Nick Sackville in this c bc news article:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/saskatoon-blairmore-camponi-affordable-housing-election-1.5739047>. Furthermore, the area is walkable, has necessities, and is already in an area of the city where

statistically Métis and Inigenous people live. The same proposal in a new suburb would separate communities physically.

Thirdly, opposing this bill for any of the reasons outlined in the CBC news article does not demonstrate community-minded, equal opportunity values. Many of the objections are being clouded by racial injustices, like anticipating lower property value. Single and Multi-dwelling properties can clearly exist in the same high-value neighbourhood: see Stonebridge. Would there be the same opposition if the units were for white people or wholesome refugees and newcomer families? No! Let's not let racism cloud our judgement. Saskatoon needs to stand for reconciliation and allow for the proposal to pass in order to actually support Métis and Indigenous people in a practical way.

Thank you,
Sarah Albers

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