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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Myself and many others

Subject Rezoning a neighborhood

Meeting (if known) whatever, apparent councilors and mayor, Having a vote on monday

Comments I would love to speak but not at this time. It is not appropriate with covid and my anger with this city council that people voted in

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Recent Discovery That an Area of Saskatoon's Residential Sector is Going to be Rezoned to Accommodate Apartment Buildings, Increase the Density by 22,000 People Within a Half Mile Radius of the BRIT Going down 8th Street.

Fortunately, this rezoning proposal was brought to my attention by the respectable, reputable people, Scott Matheson and Theresa Kirkpatrick. Had they not brought this to my attention, I, nor my neighbors would have never known anything about this rezoning being put in place. In fact, **Saskatoon's City Councilors and Mayor have approved "a basic policy" on this with absolutely NO consultation with people who reside in these single-family homes.** The next day an apartment building could be going up. I didn't know when it happened that houses that were sold the property could be split into 2 and 2 houses could be built where only 1 used to be.

The zone I am referring to is located in Cynthia Block's Ward 6. She is the apparent representative voted in by some residents in this neighborhood. She is supposed to respect and convey the concerns of residents in this Ward. Communicate with residents, especially concerning major changes that are potentially changing a neighborhood. Still, over the years our street continues to flood. It seems the only time communication occurs is when there is an election.

The boundaries of this rezoning in my nearest area of single-family homesteads includes:

- Louise Ave to Clarence Ave (East to West)
- Main Street to 5th Street (North to South)
- This Rezoning also includes parks (ie Green space)

The area listed above is primarily single-family houses, a few apartments already exist but have been present since say almost 60yrs ago.

Of the limited green space that we have in this neighborhood, it could potentially be turned into an apartment complex. Our neighborhood does not have many parks for not only children and families to play in, but they are also, healthy for the environment.

When we first moved to Saskatoon we lived in the Holliston / Haultain area. I went to Haultain School and then onto Aden Bowman Collegiate. After that, I moved out on my own and attended the U of S. Received my education and my 1st degree.

I travelled over-seas for quite a while, lived in various larger cities, but came back to Saskatoon, my hometown that I always enjoyed and also to pursue further education. Met a man, married and it was time to buy a house. I immediately knew what neighborhood I wanted to live in, my husband concurred. I proceeded to drive up and down the streets this neighborhood looking for houses going up for sale. Finally, we found this property that we still reside in 30yrs later.

Why did/do we love this area? Many reasons.

Solid homes on a large piece of property with a great, remarkable backyard that will allow our large dogs, future children, children birthday parties and adult get togethers. There is this great yard both front and back with gorgeous huge trees, a wonderful deck where the glorious sun shines beyond the trees directly onto our deck. It is especially enjoyable on our deck in spring, summer and fall. Puppies especially enjoy sunning on the deck. We are lucky so far not to have one of those 2 story monstrosities next door that would inhibit the enjoyment our backyard. There is room left for a garden for fresh produce in the summer. Flower pots on the deck, barbeque, table, chairs, fireplace, enjoyment of our outdoors in our backyard would drastically change if; one, a double story infill house is built or two, worse an apartment building goes up.

This house is built with a solid foundation, lath and louver, real wood. Not the cheap particle wood new houses are. Of course, renovations have been made over the years, as well as landscaping. We fortunately have survived the constant flooding of our street that the city hasn't addressed but the only thought is to; let's rezone this area so that apartment buildings can be built. Without a thought for the full repercussions that could or would happen.

The focus of this intention is to foster the vision of this neighborhood as the city had when it was first built. Even though we could afford a new house in the burbs, we wanted ours to be here, small house on a large lot with mature trees. Yes, it is a lot of work especially with the fall leaves that we continually clean up. Also dealing with what seems annual flooding of the street at 7th and Cairns ave. New houses being built, 2 story, and wrecking the streets and sidewalks that we pay for.

We love this neighborhood as it is and don't want it to change any more.

The same applies to Main street, reality, think about it!!! Parking, kids, parks, sets a precedent. Increased density may well be good for your paycheck through taxes, but as to peoples, family's livelihood it is decimating. Just because you want some sort of rapid transit system you want to destroy single family homes and build 2 story houses and apartments. This is terrible! Over the years, except for early morning work / school and evening work / school do I see a lot of people using the transit system. The rest of the time no one. In fact, the last time I used a bus was when I went to gymnastics downtown. When I lived in Vancouver, I rarely took a bus, only when it was pouring rain. I would take the train to Surry every now and then.

Obviously, you are so preoccupied increased density, and in that stance, you have no regard for people life enjoyments, esthetics of the neighborhood, safety of children, parks, parking. Why did we buy our houses in this neighborhood? We bought in this neighborhood because of all it has to offer and we don't want it to change any more.

Quit the infill in this single-family residential neighborhood and build your apartments downtown. Isn't that where you want everyone to go. Well I won't. In the last 5 could be 10

years I may have been down there once? You have made downtown inaccessible, unhealthy, challenging, the parking meter thing is ridiculous. As the saying goes if it isn't broke then why change it.

LEAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ALONE!

Regards

Debra Draper