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Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 6:50 AM **To:** City Council < City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>

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Date: Friday, November 18, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Mikayla

Last Name: Schultz

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code:

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Saskatoon Unhoused People's

Initiative

Subject: Funding for the Attainable Housing Program and Innovative Housing Incentives

Meeting (if known): Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review

Comments:

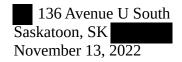
Yes, I would like to speak at the next Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review meeting, in regards to the

agenda item titled, "Funding for the Attainable Housing Program and Innovative Housing Incentives". I may or may not have a companion speak with me for my allotted time. My phone number is

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Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No



His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council Office of the City Clerk 222 3rd Avenue North Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Dear Members of the City Council of Saskatoon

I have been a resident of Pleasant Hill for 6 years, and I love Saskatoon for all its culture and the diversity of its residents. However, I would like to express my frustration and concern for the lack of supports in place for people who are in unhoused situations or who are facing homelessness within our community. I am aware that the City of Saskatoon has worked closely with many local Organizations to provide the most adequate supports in housing and emergency shelters, but I feel current funding provided through the City of Saskatoon's Budget Plan does not go far enough to address these issues.

Having been personally faced with food insecurity, and most recently the potential for homelessness, I have been attending to Organizations located on 20th St West to access their services. In this effort, I have had the opportunity to meet many people whom also access these services, many being themselves unhoused or clients of local Emergency Shelters. In these interactions, I have heard many appalling stories about being forced to live in the streets of Saskatoon and the many barriers that are in place preventing people from accessing much needed supports. In addition, I have witnessed the disdain that many of these people face in their own interactions with both service providers and the citizens of our fine City.

Due to the current Housing Crisis faced by many citizens of our City, I believe the "Funding for the Attainable Housing Program and Innovative Housing Incentives" agenda item that is before Council at the upcoming Budget Review Meeting this month will go along way towards addressing concerns regarding housing and emergency shelters in Saskatoon. However, I question whether the proposed amount will be enough. The Government of Saskatchewan, in recognizing the severity of the situation, has recently committed some funding towards addressing the issue of homelessness in our province's 3 major cities. Our communities have been greatly affected by the long-term lack of funding towards low-income housing and emergency shelters, so I ask whether we can do more?

When the benefits of increased funding towards housing initiatives are so great as to fundamentally keep people from freezing to death in our streets, it makes good sense, if not common sense, to support those whom find themselves without shelter this Winter. I encourage my City's Councilors to vote in support of "Funding for the Attainable Housing Program and Innovative Housing Incentives".

Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Mikayla Schultz

