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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Sierra Holzer - Funding for the Attainable Housing Program and Innovative Housing Incentives - CK 750-4  
**Attachments:** Dear Mayor &.docx

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**From:** Web NoReply <[web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022 11:26 PM  
**To:** City Council <[City.Council@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:City.Council@Saskatoon.ca)>  
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Submitted on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 - 23:23

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

**Date:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**First Name:** Sierra

**Last Name:** Holzer

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED] Russell Road

**City:** Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

**Postal Code:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** budget meeting starting on November 28, 2022

**Meeting (if known):** Preliminary business plan and budget review

**Comments:**

I wish to submit a letter regarding the budget meeting starting on November 28, 2022.

**Attachments:**

- [Dear Mayor &.docx](#) 7.17 KB

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

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

It has come to my attention that the City of Saskatoon has fallen behind on funding levels for attainable housing and for other resources used to help those experiencing homelessness. Due to this lack of funding, it is my understanding that a couple of recommendations are being considered during the budget meeting starting on November 28, 2022.

The recommendations being considered are:

- 1) That a new mill rate contribution of \$100,000 and a capital contribution of \$300,000 toward the Saskatoon Attainable Housing Program.
- 2) That a new capital project of \$245,000 for the preparation of the new Housing Strategy.
- 3) That the Administration bring forward funding source options at the time this matter is at Budget deliberations

I urge the city council to approve these recommendations and work on further creating initiatives to combat the complex root issue which causes people to experience homelessness in our city.

I am a first year nursing student in the SCBScN at Sask Polytechnic and have been living in Saskatoon for 3 years now. As part of my program, fellow classmates have been working in organizations within Saskatoon that deal with the homeless populations and have shared heartbreaking stories of the people and situations they encounter. Listening to the hardships faced by the residents of our city that have no other option than to sleep on the street, without enough food, proper clothing and other basic necessities for survival is incredibly upsetting and makes me wish there was more I would do to help. Which leads me to writing this letter to you, the people who can help the homeless population that are in desperate need. Housing is a human need; no person should have to live without a safe shelter.

I hope you will decide in favor of these recommendations and will also commit to further work needing to be done to secure sustainable and affordable housing for every person within Saskatoon so that we are no longer losing fellow community members, family and friends to death from exposure as has happened in recent weeks and will continue to occur.

Sincerely,  
Sierra Holzer, NS  
November 16, 2022

