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Submitted values are:

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Kathy

Last Name: Gallant

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice)

Subject: Housing Budget

Comments:

I will not be attending, but submitting a letter in reference to housing options.

Attachments:

- [Housing Budget Letter - Kathy Gallant.docx](#) 7.53 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) 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

As a community member living here in Saskatoon, I would like to let you know I am in support of these recommendations because:

- I believe everyone has the right to safety, no matter what walks of life they come from.
- Our province is way too cold for anyone to be left out on the street without a warm place to stay
- Partnerships can make a huge difference. When people work together, the workload is lighter.
- I also believe that along with the abovementioned suggestions, a fleet of patrol vehicles and staff should be patrolling the streets as often as needed, especially during the winter months -- whether this is volunteer or fundraised for depends on the amount of investment willing to be put in
- More community fridge opportunities are needed, and the regulations around food waste from restaurants should be loosened, as many restaurants produce tons of perfectly healthy food garbage every day.

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,

Kathy Gallant

Date: Nov 17/2022

Postal Code: [REDACTED]