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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Miki

Last Name: Mappin

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

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

Meeting (if known): Council Budget Meeting, Nov. 28, 29 and 30

Comments:

I wish to speak to this issue at the Council Budget meeting. I will attend in person. I would like to show a 3 1/2-minute video as part of my presentation. Phone [REDACTED]

Attachments:

- [MikiMappin-Letter-Saskatoon-Council-Budget-Meeting.pdf](#) 21.74 KB

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: Yes

Publicly viewable / shareable link from YouTube: <https://youtu.be/bZq2v8B8e64>

November 14, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council for the City of Saskatoon,

My name is Miki Mappin. I live in the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood of Saskatoon.

I ask City Council to approve full funding for the Attainable Housing Program and the development of the new Housing Strategy.

These funding requests outlined by your administration and Planning Committee are essential to address the accelerating problems of income disparity and housing insecurity in Saskatoon.

In fact, they are inadequate; we should be providing funding equal to or greater than that in similar cities, such as Regina. As you know, the issues are complex; funding is needed for emergency solutions, as well as addressing the root causes of poverty.

I am a Senior receiving a pension and guaranteed income supplement, and I rent a room on Avenue L South. I cannot leave my house without seeing the crisis that the lack of adequate housing options, and red tape, is causing. People are suffering and dying. The need is profound and urgent.

I wish I could help the unhoused people of my neighbourhood. Sometimes I give them water or clothes or let them come in to use the washroom at night. I help those in wheelchairs to cross the icy street on their way to Friendship Inn. I see them in the daytime, waiting for the Dr. Freda Ahenakew Library to open, and when it is open, using the computers and phone to try to navigate bureaucratic obstacles. I see them lining up for food at The Bridge and camping in the backyards of abandoned houses. As recently as November 7, 2022, someone was camping on the sidewalk of 20th St. West, beside the CUMFI kiosk outside Station 20 West. At least one unhoused person has died of exposure so far this winter. The suffering of those still alive is evident and hard to bear.

In addition to the full funding for the Attainable Housing Program before you at this budget meeting, I ask City Council to consider what can be done right now to prevent further deaths and injuries from freezing.

One step might be to increase emergency patrols in cooperation with community groups of all the likely places people might be sleeping at night. This should not just be temperature sensitive but should be done whenever social and weather conditions might put the unhoused at risk.

Yours very sincerely,

Miki Mappin

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