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Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

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Comments:

Please see attached letter.

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Dear Mayor Charlie Clark 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 the following 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

My family has lived in this city for three generations. I care deeply about this city and its people, and believe that how we are at the smallest scale is how we are in the large scale. While housing may fall under provincial jurisdiction, I think that there is a clear need for a municipal conversation on this crisis of homelessness that only the people in this room can have. Working with the province will be required. It is unacceptable for anyone to go unhoused and for any deaths to occur because of exposure to the elements.

I would like to let you know I am in support of these recommendations and believe that as city counsellors representing the people of Saskatoon, you have an ethical obligation (enshrined in federal law Bill C-97 as well as several international legal instruments) to ensure that **all people** have access to safe, secure, and affordable housing. This includes short- and long-term shelters, twenty-four hour warm up locations, and safe, affordable, long-term housing, as well as reducing barriers to application for current programs, such as sobriety requirements.

The Province of Saskatchewan seemingly has \$20 million dollars to create a new police force, the Saskatchewan Marshalls Service, under the auspices of increasing public safety. This will not keep us safe. Ensuring people are housed and food secure keeps us safe.

I support the Saskatoon Community Plan 2019-2024 and would be curious for public transparency on how that plan is progressing.

I hope that you will decide in favor of the above recommendations today.

Sincerely,

Erin Grant
Resident of Saskatoon

██████ Ewart Avenue, ██████
November 17, 2022