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Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Province: Saskatchewan

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Comments:

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

Please find my letter regarding the upcoming City Council Budget Meeting attached.

Thank you,
Annika Lessing

Attachments:

- [city council budget meeting.pdf](#) 30.49 KB

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

November 17, 2022

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

My name is Annika Lessing. I have been residing in Saskatoon for the past 10 years.

As a community member in Saskatoon, I ask City Council to approve full funding for the Attainable Housing Program and the development of the new Housing Strategy.

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 would like to let you know I am in support of these recommendations. I see the effects of homelessness all around me and it breaks my heart. I see people struggling to stay warm, huddling on sidewalks outside of shelters on my walk to work. I donate food to the community fridge, buy warm clothing to donate to local organizations, etc. but individual actions are just not enough to remedy this problem at its core. I hope you will decide in favor of these recommendations and commit further to addressing this issue. All citizens of Saskatoon deserve to be housed and to thrive.

Sincerely,

Annika Lessing

■ 8 Street East, Saskatoon, ■