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Date: Friday, November 18, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Gillian

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

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Comments:

To our Mayor and City Councilors,

I am sending along this pre-made letter, in hopes that it will increase the likely hood of action to help homeless in Saskatoon. As a teacher in Saskatoon public schools I see the stress of housing security on my students. It is frustrating to see students loose confidence because their performance at school is impacted by housing needs outside their control.

It is my understanding that these recommendations are being considered during the budget meeting starting on

November 28, 2022:

- 1) A new mill rate contribution of \$100,000 and a capital contribution of \$300,000 toward the Saskatoon Attainable Housing Program.
- 2) 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 want you to know I support these recommendations because there are so many people without access to adequate housing. As you will know, very recently we lost a community member to cold weather! It is shameful that we do not provide adequate infrastructure to help people who need a source of warmth overnight.

Regina has a city bus that people can warm up in from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and I hope that Saskatoon is considering providing a similar stop-gap measure until more sustainable solutions are in place.

Please accept these recommendations and commit to further work to secure sustainable and affordable housing for every person within Saskatoon. We must not continue to lose our fellow community members to the cold.

Sincerely,
Gillian Walker (they/them)

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