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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Michael Bischoff - Housing Accelerator Fund - Accessory Dwelling Units - CK 4350-63 x 750-4

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Submitted on Friday, April 19, 2024 - 17:26

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Friday, April 19, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Michael

Last Name: Bischoff

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: [REDACTED]

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Lake Cr Saskatoon

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: April 24th

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Report on Accessory Dwelling Units to Public Hearing of City Council on April 24.

Comments:

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to increase the number of Accessory Dwellings Units per lot. While I understand the need for densification, I do not agree with a "blanket approach" to zoning changes. There are many unique neighborhoods in Saskatoon that have their own distinct character and that should be a consideration when looking at densification ideas and making changes to the number of units permitted on a property. Many of the older residential areas were not built to accommodate the proposed density. The higher densification will increase traffic congestion, strain roads, water utilities and other infrastructure. The higher densification will also take away on street parking options. Observing Brunskill, 14th street, Main Street, Cumberland Ave, Garrison, Copeland, and Lake Crescent gives a realistic picture of the parking challenges. Implementing higher densification without requiring additional on-site parking seems impractical. Its essential to be realistic about the fact that residents in Saskatchewan rely heavily on driving. Furthermore, I would also like to express how disappointed I am with the process surrounding the Housing Accelerator Fund and proposed zoning changes. I have never experienced a proposal associated with such major ramifications that has failed to provide due diligence, transparency, and stakeholder /citizen collaboration. It feels rushed and prioritizes financial gain over careful consideration of the unintended consequences. While I'm not opposed to a garden suite within the existing zoning guidelines, I would ask city council to reject the proposed amendment in its current form due to the reasons outlined above. Thank you for considering my feedback.

Sincerely,

Mike Bischoff

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