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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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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: Sunday, May 26, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Evan

Last Name: Taylor

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Temperance St

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday May 28

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Items 7.5-7.7

Comments:

Dear members of the municipal planning commission,

I am writing in strong support of all the housing accelerator fund agenda items. The proposed density increases are extremely modest and long overdue. The legacy of 1970s low density car-centered city planning continues to haunt Saskatoon and other cities in Canada. The proposed changes are just a small step in the right direction that begin to undo these past mistakes.

I am asking the commission to consider the numerous benefits that density provides: increased walkability, efficient use of infrastructure & transit services, and most importantly allowing people to live where they want to live. Now consider what important public good is achieved by limiting density and building height? Is there anything that comes even close to the benefits previously mentioned? Are there even any benefits at all other than placating angry people that are resistant to any form of change?

I personally live in a neighborhood I love which is close to the university and in a zone that is proposed to allow 4 story buildings. I am thrilled that these buildings could allow housing choices for more people to benefit from this neighborhood and its close proximity to amenities and services. I urge the commission to make choices that prioritize inclusivity vs. exclusivity.

Thank you for considering my remarks.

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