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From: City Council

Subject: FW: Email - Request to Speak - Sudhansu Nayak - Housing Accelerator Fund - Permitting Up to Four

Units in all Residential Zoning Districts – CK 750-1

**Attachments:** Sudhansu Kumar Nayak- Concerns on exiting zone change.pdf

From: Web NoReply < web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 12:48 AM

To: City Council < City. Council@Saskatoon.ca>

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Submitted on Monday, May 27, 2024 - 00:33

Submitted by user:

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.: Yes

Please share comments with:: Mayor Charlie Clark, Ward 6 - Cynthia Block

Date: Monday, May 27, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Sudhansu Kumar

Last Name: Nayak

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 306

Email:

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: 12th St E Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Housing Accelerator Fund – Permitting Up to Four Units in all Residential Zoning Districts [GPC2023-0503]

## **Comments:**

I have concerns related to the proposed changes to the established neighborhoods inside the transit corridor. Concerned with the removal of off-street parking requirements.

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

To, Date:- May 27, 2024

The Mayor,

City of Saskatoon,

Saskatoon

Sub: Concerns regarding the proposed zoning change

Dear Mayor,

I am writing this email with regards to the letter dated May 17, 2024 regarding proposed changes to zoning changes to the existing site. I have some concerns regarding the proposal and wanted to raise my voice against it.

The city removed parking requirement for secondary suites and/or garage suites earlier this year. Since the scope of development is limited, we as residents didn't raise our voice at that time, although removing parking restrictions were removed without conducting a long term or short term impact assessment of this decision. Now the city is proposing to change the zoning to permit from four dwelling up to minimum four storey or more residential units. With no parking requirement and no limit on bedrooms, it may be a boon for the builders and may address the housing shortage temporarily. However, it will have catastrophic impact on quality of life for residents. I have below concerns:

- 1. What about parking of those residents? In absence of parking, there will be rampant parking violations and it will be a breeding ground for criminals.
- 2. With reference to the transit hub, what type of transit are we referring here? Is the city planning to build subways? The existing public transport system may fail as the carriageway width is limited and with the influx of these multi storey units the traffic woes will deteriorate further.
- 3. Do you have plan for last mile connectivity to cover each end of the city? With no parking availability residents will have no option but to depend on public transport.
- 4. Who did the long-term impact assessment of these changes?
- 5. What options were discussed before concluding this as the last resort to address housing shortage?
- 6. How the existing road infrastructure will accommodate this change?

Instead of developing the existing neighborhood to increase the density which may could cause above mentioned problems, the city can develop a new community which can accommodate high density residences and this can be fast tracked. The same housing accelerator fund can be utilized to develop new communities.

I strongly believe you will review the decision to remove parking requirements and changing the zoning of existing neighborhood and will refrain from taking such catastrophic decision which will destroy the beauty of these peaceful neighborhoods. I await you favorable response.

Best regards,

Sudhansu Kumar Nayak