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Date: Friday, May 24, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Don & Marg

Last Name: Ravis

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Lake Cres

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 May 28, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.4

Comments:

Please see the attached letter

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

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Saskatoon SK █████
May 24, 2024

Dear

We are deeply concerned with the proposed zoning changes related to the Transit Development Area that City Council is considering. It appears that proposed changes were triggered by the Housing Accelerator Fund that the Federal Government is setting in motion. This is an unbelievable major change in zoning for some areas of Saskatoon without proper consultation with residents that will be impacted. To be blunt, it appears this decision is being made in haste to obtain federal dollar funding. Selling a city's soul for a few million dollars smacks of ill-foresight, knee-jerk planning, and not protecting Saskatoon's reputation as a well-planned city on the prairies. Has there been meaningful consultation with school boards and what about infrastructure over-capacity? The proposed change for no off-street parking also has no foresight particularly for those residents already dealing with overcrowded street parking near the University of Saskatchewan.

Saskatoon is a beautiful city with many character homes built decades ago and are within the 800 metre range of the Transit Development Area. One such example is Grosvenor Park where approximately 90% of the homes are bungalows and pride of ownership and upkeep is the hallmark of the neighborhood. In the 200-300 block of Lake Cres alone there have been at least a dozen major renovations or infills by new young families knowing they are investing in an R1 zoning area. Allowing multi-family development of four or eight plex dwellings is not what any owners or former city planners ever imaged in Grosvenor Park. We live in a city where much land is owned by the City of Saskatoon and hundreds of multi-family units are under construction without destroying stable established neighborhoods.

It is interesting that we just received a fourth notice from the Saskatoon Water Department regarding the water management project with the University of Saskatchewan storm retention pond for Cumberland and 14th Street. Now, that is communication and keeping residents up-to-date with the project! Perhaps the Planning Department could take some lessons from the Water Department.

Saskatoon, like many cities our size, is facing public transit challenges. We encourage you to separate the transit issues and zoning changes for higher density when dealing with these matters.

We implore you to have second thoughts of these ill-planned changes and vote against these changes.

Regards,
Don & Marg Ravis
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