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From: City Council
Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Nicole Saretsky-Perkins and James Perkins - Letter Against Proposed Changes to Zoning Bylaw - CK 750-1
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From: James Perkins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 26, 2024 8:27 PM
Subject: Letter Against Proposed Changes to Zoning Bylaw

Good evening group,

Please accept our comments on the proposed changes to zoning.

Respectfully,

Nicole Saretsky-Perkins & James Perkins

James Perkins & Nicole Saretsky Perkins

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Attention:

Mayor Charlie Clark
Councillor Cynthia Block
VVCA President Matthew Wiens
VVCA Past President Jon Naylor
CC: zoningbylaw@saskatoon.ca

RE: ReZoning Spurred by the Housing Accelerator Fund and Changes to Corridor Residential

Dear Worship, Counsellor, and good sirs,

We were recently made aware of the proposed changes in my neighborhood associated with the Housing Accelerator Fund. We are extremely concerned at the short-sighted venture and the adverse effects that this plan will bring if passed.

Just over a decade ago, VVCA led the discussion on Infill guidelines in our city, advancing key philosophies such as neighbourhood and block sensitive infills, pattern books to inform builders, and a thoughtful approach to garage and garden suites. Led by a mantra of finding a win-win solution for all stakeholders, VVCA and other community associations challenged previous councils to model our growth after leading world cities. Saskatoon's current Neighbourhood Level Infill Development Strategy is a balanced result of these advocacy efforts and reflective approach.

We are of the view that the Housing Accelerator Fund and proposed changes casts aside all previous work of VVCA, our allied community associations, and like-minded allies. An "anything goes anywhere" approach is completely counter to the progress Saskatoon has made. The willy-nilly development of 8.5 m buildings, four units per site, no off-street parking requirements all wildly defy what makes Varsity View & Grosvenor Park neighbourhood gems and would irrevocably destroy sensitive infills we have worked together to actualize.

Having spent years shaping good growth in our city, we expect that you will **vote against** blanket rezoning and adding four units/lot and four storey multiple dwelling buildings in the Transit and Corridor Development Areas. We must inform you that this will be a pivotal issue to us in the 2024 Municipal election.

Respectfully,

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Nicole Saretsky-Perkins

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