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**From:** City Council  
**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Brennan Field - Housing Accelerator Fund - Permitting Up to Four Units in all Residential Zoning Districts – CK 750-1

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**From:** Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>  
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Submitted on Sunday, May 26, 2024 - 20:42

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:** Sunday, May 26, 2024

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Brennan

**Last Name:** Field

**Phone Number** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] 12th St E

**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 28th 2024

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** 7.6 Housing Accelerator Fund (permitting 4 units in all residential zoning), 7.7 Housing Accelerator Fund (permitting 4 storeys within transit development)

**Comments:**

I'm writing to voice my support for recent proposals to make changes to Saskatoon's zoning regulations. I was dismayed to find a letter in my mailbox recently encouraging residents of Varsity View to speak against sensible proposals related to the Housing Accelerator Fund, related to changing restrictions on zoning. It inspired me to submit my own comments in favour of density.

I strongly support these efforts to allow greater density, not only because it will meet the requirements for the federal Housing Accelerator Fund, but also because these changes are sound policy which should be adopted regardless of the availability of federal funding. Saskatoon has an opportunity to avoid the mistakes of the past by moving away from continued urban sprawl, and build the "missing middle" that has been absent in so many Canadian cities.

Doing so will increase affordability in housing by adding more housing supply, without the pressure on the municipal budget that comes from building entirely new infrastructure in sprawling new subdivisions. It will provide greater opportunities for walkable neighborhoods to support local businesses. In my neighbour hood of Varsity View in particular, greater density presents better options for students to live closer to campus as well. Now is the time to adopt these changes (4 units, 4 storeys / rapid transit) to make our city a more livable, vibrant, and affordable place to live.

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