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Comments:

On behalf of the Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre, I am writing to express our strong support for prioritizing affordable housing incentives in the allocation of the Housing Accelerator Fund. As an organization committed to addressing food security and supporting educational initiatives, we recognize that stable, affordable housing is foundational to the well-being and resilience of the communities we serve.

The forthcoming report to the City Council represents a critical opportunity to address the urgent need for affordable housing in Saskatoon. We advocate for a substantial portion of the Housing Accelerator Fund to be directed towards enhancing housing affordability. This strategic allocation is crucial, especially as we anticipate the broader implications of the Housing Strategy set to be approved later this year.

Affordable housing is more than just a necessity for economic stability; it is a catalyst for community health, educational opportunities, and overall social equity. By investing in affordable housing, we are also investing in the long-term viability of our city and its residents.

We urge the Planning, Development, and Community Services Committee to recommend that City Council prioritize affordable housing in their strategic use of the Housing Accelerator Fund. This decision can pave the way for transformative change and provide support where it is most needed.

Thank you for considering our perspective. We look forward to seeing the positive outcomes that your thoughtful allocation of resources will bring to our community.

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