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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Soren Hvenegaard - In Support of Housing Accelerator Fund and Zoning Changes - CK 750-1

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Monday, June 17, 2024 - 22:30

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: Monday, June 17, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Soren

Last Name: Hvenegaard

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: [REDACTED]

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Rutherford Crescent

Ward: Ward 1

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Special Meeting - City Council Public Hearing - To consider reports regarding the Housing Accelerator Fund

Comments:

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I am writing today in support of Saskatoon's HAF initiatives, which include the supporting the zoning changes of 4 units per lot and 4-storeys within 800m of transit, and the elimination of minimum parking requirements.

These changes will benefit future and current residents by encouraging missing middle housing, supporting future growth in the transit development areas, and providing housing options that will benefit Saskatoon for generations to come.

I grew up in BC, Canada's most unaffordable province, and I have seen the effects of restrictive zoning. It results in brain drain, unaffordable and exclusive cities, and it deprives those unable to afford the cost of living of opportunities and forces them into ever longer commutes. Not only that but it also hurts those who already live there by depriving them of alternative housing options and increasing their tax burden.

You will hear people say they do not want their neighborhoods to change. In fact, our neighborhoods are changing regardless of the action we take. The buildings may not change, but when people who grew up in a neighborhood are priced out of it and cannot raise families there, that changes the character of a neighborhood in a much more negative way than the addition of a new fourplex.

I encourage you to approve the zoning amendments as outlined in the Housing Accelerator Fund.

Sincerely,
Soren Hvenegaard

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