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**From:** City Council  
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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:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024

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

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Shelby

**Last Name:** Knapman

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** Shelby NAP-min

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

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**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] 4th Ave N

**Ward:** Ward 1

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** June 27th City Council Meeting

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** All Housing Accelerator Fund items.

**Comments:**

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Saskatoon's Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) initiatives. The proposed changes, particularly the Corridor Growth Boundary and Land Use Amendments, the Official Community Plan Amendments, and the allowance of up to 4 units and 4-story buildings within 800 meters of transit, are crucial steps toward creating a stronger, more vibrant city.

While I am a proud homeowner in City Park (Ward 1), I travel, shop, commute, and work throughout all wards of the city. I understand that there is significant pushback to these initiatives, but those can be explained through fear of change, and a robust political pushback against immigration. It's unfortunate that the polarization of opinions is harnessed in this case, as we can all see permeating every area of local, provincial, and national politics at the moment. Losing out on federal funding to diversify and enhance our housing supply would be a disappointing outcome, especially as I believe it to be a 'loud minority' of people who are pushing back against this. It is important to note that City Council does not set federal immigration rates, and must instead respond to the growth that occurs as a result. These policies will help address our continued growth.

These amendments will significantly contribute to Saskatoon's budget and transit system, enhancing our city's overall infrastructure and sustainability. By promoting higher density housing near transit corridors, we can create a more efficient and user-friendly transit network, reduce traffic congestion, and lower transportation costs for residents.

Moreover, these changes will help address housing affordability and eliminate barriers to housing development. Allowing for increased density through 4 units per lot and 4-story buildings will provide a broader range of housing options, ensuring that more residents have access to suitable and affordable living spaces. This approach not only supports future growth but also caters to the diverse needs of our community, fostering inclusivity and resilience.

Housing is a human need first and foremost, and an investment second. I fear that some people are against these proposals because they are interested only in maintaining rapid growth in the value of their homes as investments, to the detriment of our city's maturity, evolution, and transition into a less car-oriented and more transit and active transportation focused place.

I urge you to approve the proposed zoning amendments as outlined in the Housing Accelerator Fund. These initiatives are essential for Saskatoon's continued growth and prosperity, and they will have a lasting positive impact on our city's future.

We have a chance to be bold, regardless of pushback and fear of change. Let's take the right path.

Sincerely,

Shelby Knapman

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