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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: Saturday, June 08, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Roxanne

Last Name: Buller

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Pinehouse Dr

Ward: Ward 5

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council Public Hearing - Amendment Package 2 - June 27

What agenda item do you wish to comment on?: Housing Accelerator Fund

Comments:

I have been a resident of Councillor Randy Donauer's ward for the last two years. I want to share what has happened in that area during this time.

I moved to Lawson Heights when rent was around \$1000 for my son and me two years ago. It was 50% of my income from my full-time job at Sask Polytech but I could manage. It was a much better area for my family as there was a grocery store within walking distance and bus routes were reasonable to downtown. Then last year rent went up \$400 and this year \$300 for the same place with no changes. That was over 80% of my income. I had no option but to move into a condo with my extended family until I can move somewhere else. I don't know what I would do if it wasn't for family. Not everyone is so lucky. Safe housing is no longer affordable for a renter, especially single parents. I believe a rent cap should be put in place.

The city should make it manageable for residents to ensure housing options are available. I understand the housing accelerator fund is trying to allow more units along bus routes and units without parking to keep it more affordable. That would be perfect for people like me. I can't afford a car or a large place. I need someplace with good services, close to schools, and a bus. The new areas are too far away and often seem to be made for people with cars. I know I am not the only one in this position.

I would appreciate your support in making it easier for neighborhoods to include more options for people like my son and me.

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