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**From:** City Council  
**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Claire Card - Housing Accelerator Fund Initiatives - CK 750-1  
**Attachments:** Card HAF letter.pdf

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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:** Friday, June 21, 2024

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

**Pronouns:** She/her/hers

**First Name:** Claire

**Last Name:** Card

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] 9th Ave N

**Ward:** Ward 1

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** Self

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** June 27 9:30 am public consultation

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Item 4 Housing Accelerator Fund

**Comments:**

See attached letter in support of the HAF initiative

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

To: Mayor Charlie Clark, City of Saskatoon  
From: Claire Card  
Date: June 20, 2024  
**Re: Federal Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)**

Dear Mayor Clark and City Councillors,

This letter to ask the Mayor and Councillors to act in support of the city's successful federal 41.3 million dollar *Housing Accelerator Fund* application by approving the changes through Bylaw 9700. Bylaws Changes are needed to access the federal funding to move forward with this housing initiative. The HAF initiative is expected to result in the construction of up to 900 new homes by increasing housing density. This initiative aligns with Saskatoon's priorities for growth.

I am a long-term resident of Saskatoon. This issue is important to me. I am deeply concerned about the many and growing number of people living in poverty without homes, which disproportionately impacts Indigenous people and children. Without a plan to address this need, we are failing to act in support of Reconciliation.

In fact, unhoused people are now in every neighborhood in the city. Because of the great unmet housing needs, supporting the HAF is timely and consistent with our policy to *"Consider social and environmental determinants of health, and the City's role in influencing these, when making decisions."* Housing is one of the main social determinants of health. Without a place to call home, peoples' lives are shortened. Unhoused individuals are constantly under stress wondering if and how they will make it through the day.

The Official Community Plan in the section on Health and Wellbeing calls for us to create *"healthy communities that are characterized by physical, mental and social well-being."* Currently there are inadequate housing resources to meet the needs of the people. Stabilization cannot be achieved without housing for individuals with complex needs.

The actions required for the HAF are also consistent with the climate action and green growth plan of the city.

Increasing our middle housing supply will create safer, more resilient communities. It will help make Saskatoon a city where the basic needs of people are met, and where all people have a place to call home, live in dignity and feel supported. I urge you to support the HAF initiative and Bylaws changes to achieve more affordable housing.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

Claire Card

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