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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:** Saturday, June 22, 2024

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

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Mackenzie

**Last Name:** Johnson

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**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Bateman Cres

**Ward:** Ward 8

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** Public Hearing Special Meeting of City Council, June 27 2024

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** 4.1 (namely 4.1.1 to 4.1.3)

**Comments:**

Dear Council,

I am writing in support of the proposed Corridor Growth Boundary and Land Use Amendments, Housing Accelerator Fund Community Plan Amendments, and of permitting up to 4 units in Residential Zoning districts. With the Bus Rapid Transit development in its early steps, the time is ripe for the city to facilitate the construction of more "missing middle" residences along the transit corridor. While this of course helps address housing population, building density near these new transit corridors incentivizes these residents to use these transit services, and ideally moves the city towards a new design that moves away from purely car-centric urban and suburban design.

Of course, I recognize that increasing density is not a cure-all, and comes with its own collection of risks. This move is but one component of a larger set of developments that would need to occur to move in a substantially net positive direction. But the missing middle is only "missing" because of previous decisions about zoning and residential construction. There is value to suburbs, but a city can only sustain so many, and as new suburbs can only develop further and further away from urban centres, they feed into a car-centric culture, necessitating an extra expense that not every person moving to the city may be able to afford.

As a resident of the Greystone Heights neighbourhood, I count myself privileged that the bulk of my essential needs are accessible within walking distance, and can access regular and frequent transit to go further if I need. I can easily get to work either by transit or through active transportation (namely walking). I don't think every resident has that some good fortune as me, and I know that if I lived in a further reaching neighbourhood, I would likely struggle. And I certainly would love even more frequent transit, but that can only develop with sufficient demand. Increasing density is the right choice, both to provide better opportunities for many newcomers to the city, and because a city can only sprawl for so long before maintenance starts to become untenable -- how much would increasing density save on future road maintenance, and where instead could those savings be allocated.

The maintenance to support the increased density of course, but I wonder what the difference in maintenance costs would be.

Again, I urge Council to remember this is but one part of a larger solution to many social challenges that they can affect, but I believe it is an important component and that it should be pursued.

Regards,  
Mackenzie Johnson

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