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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:** Monday, June 24, 2024

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

**Pronouns:** She/her/hers

**First Name:** Tracey

**Last Name:** Mitchell

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Lansdowne Ave, [REDACTED]

**Ward:** Ward 6

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** City Council Public Hearing

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Housing Accelerator Fund & Zoning Changes

**Comments:**

Dear Mayor Clark & City Council,

I am so glad that the City has planned for more housing units under the Housing Accelerator Fund and I support the changes to zoning to allow for more four storey units close to transit corridors, six storey units on transit corridors, and four units of housing on 50-foot lots.

My partner and I live in a four-storey condo building just off 8th Street and there are several other four storey buildings in our surrounding area, including a mix of affordable rental housing and condo developments ranging in age and cost. I love the density and diversity of our neighbourhood. I love watching my neighbours play cricket at night in the park, and as a longtime transit user, I love seeing growing ridership on buses in my neighborhood. I also love that my neighbourhood is quite safe because there are almost always people around, due to the density. After all, safer neighborhoods are busy, active neighbourhoods.

In my work in the field of peer support for mental health and addiction challenges, I am worried about increasing inequality and houselessness and the impacts this has on people's wellness. It is almost impossible to get well and stay well without adequate housing, and our city has extremely low vacancy rates currently, forcing more and more people into shelters or the streets. We need a strong and concerted plan to increase the availability of low-income housing options. These zoning changes are the step we need now in this city. Please support the zoning changes in your upcoming vote.

Sincerely,  
Tracey Mitchell

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