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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: He/him/his

First Name: Matthew

Last Name: Stefanson

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Ave L N

Ward: Ward 2

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Housing accelerator fund

Comments:

As a resident of Ward 2 that will be directly impacted by the changes proposed by the HAF I am completely in favour of their passing.

These changes will not solve the problems of housing inequality in our city in the short term but are an important step towards making an affordable and livable city for all of our residents.

I work in real estate and the number one reason that people I help buy homes are looking to buy is that renting has become too expensive. My clients are lucky enough to be in a position where they can afford to escape the rental market, but not everyone is so fortunate. Increasing housing access is a crucial element in making our city a fair and equitable place to live. I would encourage the council to also look into the long term possibility of constructing public housing for purpose built rental at below market rates. This is a proven model that has worked in cities all across the world and would be a generational shift in housing availability when my children and their children enter the housing market.

I am also concerned about the conduct and comments of many of the opponents of this initiative. I have been watching the growth of their movements and the online campaigns that they have started and have been disturbed by how often their members and supporters use anti-immigrant and/or anti-indigenous rhetoric to oppose this plan. This relatively small group of citizens hopes to change the will of the council by making noise and causing a stir and I encourage council to ignore them and promote policies that are good for current and future residents of our city.

Thank you

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