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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:** Friday, June 14, 2024

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

**First Name:** Michael

**Last Name:** Bischoff

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**  
**Address:** [REDACTED] Lake Cr Saskatoon  
**Ward:** Ward 6

**What do you wish to do ?:** Request to Speak

**If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely:** In person

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** June 27/24

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Housing Accelerator Fund: Amendments for consideration

**Comments:**

Dear Mayor Clark and Councillors,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed changes outlined in the Housing Accelerator Amendments for Consideration, particularly the CR2 designation which permits the construction of four-unit and four-story apartments on 15-meter-wide lots in Ward 6, specifically in Grosvenor Park. As a resident of Lake Crescent, where most lots are 15 meters wide or more, I have significant concerns about the potential negative impact of these changes on our neighborhood.

The construction of a four plex or a four-story apartment next to a Bungalow is most concerning. The proposed amendments will lead to issues of massing and shading, disrupt the aesthetic harmony of our streets, and result in the removal of mature trees that contribute to the character and environment of our area. Additionally, there are serious concerns about privacy, noise and the lack of adequate parking to support increased density. Infrastructure capacity and the future costs are also a concern.

The potential devaluation of my property, which I purchased at a premium and have continually invested in over the years, is another major concern. The certainty of the current zoning was a significant factor in my investment decisions, and the proposed changes undermine that certainty.

I find it unbelievable that such drastic changes are being proposed and considered reasonable. I ask that all future four-plexes and four-story buildings be limited to the actual transit corridors to minimize disruption. Extending the encroachment to 800 meters into residential areas is unreasonable and unacceptable.

I further propose that neighborhoods most impacted by these changes be given proper consultation and feedback opportunities before any major decisions are made. The residents of Grosvenor Park and other affected areas deserve a say and a vote on these amendments rather than the "blanket zoning" being proposed. It is very discouraging to see such a significant proposal being rushed forward without adequate community input.

I strongly urge all decision-makers to reject the proposed amendments as presented. Instead, please allow for a comprehensive and consultative approach to determine a more acceptable way to increase density. Grosvenor Park has already seen a significant increase in density through the allowance of garden suites. The current proposal goes far beyond what is reasonable.

Given that these changes are linked to federal funding, it is crucial that there be open dialogue and a collaborative approach rather than a "do this or else" mandate. Please reject the amendments in their current form and consider a more balanced and community-focused approach to urban densification versus a blanket approach.

Sincerely,

Michael Bischoff

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