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From: City Council
Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Tanner Zimmerman - Housing Accelerator Fund and Rezoning - CK 750-1
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Submitted on Monday, June 24, 2024 - 15:53

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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: He/him/his

First Name: Tanner

Last Name: Zimmerman

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Langlois Way

Ward: Ward 7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: HAF Rezoning

Comments:

I have attached my letter in SUPPORT of the upcoming decisions regarding as-of-right rezoning.

Attachments:

- [Support of Rezoning - City of Saskatoon.docx](#)16.49 KB

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

Dear City Council,

I recently learned that the City is proposing changes to zoning bylaws that would allow:

- Up to Four-units of housing on any 50ft residential lot city-wide
- Up to four-storey housing in areas close to transit corridors across the city
- Up to six-storey housing on transit corridors and near transit stations

I understand that these changes are being proposed in order to:

- Speed up the creation of more housing units
- Make it possible to create more housing in existing neighbourhoods
- Make sure Saskatoon qualifies for the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund that the City will use to help build more affordable housing units built.

I support the proposed changes and ask that City Council vote in favour of them on June 27. These changes will help combat the housing crisis in our community and make it easier for families and neighbours to find better, more affordable housing.

Cities such as Calgary and Edmonton have already made this important step toward building more housing units. From viewing their public hearings, I would like to present some arguments that may be made at the June 27 public hearing. In turn, I will offer my opinion based on facts I have learned as both a city planner and an advocate.

1. The amendments would “wipe out all existing, historical residential zoning”
 - a. The “historical residential zoning” is a factor that adds to the housing crisis. It is restrictive with leanings toward single-family detached homes. This is an expensive and irresponsible development pattern.
2. The amendments would allow “15-metre tall buildings looming over our homes and our yards”
 - a. This argument assumes that every new development is going to be a four-storey building. Developers will build based on the perceived demand. Additionally, four-storey buildings are only permitted near or on transit corridors. The majority of the city will be largely untouched in this regard.
3. The amendments remove all requirements for developers to provide off-street parking, adding huge congestion to street parking.
 - a. The only development type that would produce congestion are types allowed near transit corridors. The proposed BRT would allow for residents of these buildings to rely on public transportation.
4. The amendments would allow commercial intrusion into single-family home neighbourhoods.
 - a. Mixed-use zoning is beneficial to the development of neighbourhoods. Having a grocery store, café, local gift shop, etc., within walking distance of your house means less time spent driving and more time spent contributing to both one’s own personal life as well as the community as a whole.

Thank you for your time and considerations. Again, I would like to submit my **support** to the proposed zoning changes subsequent to the Housing Accelerator Fund.