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**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

**First Name:** Taylor

**Last Name:** Bueckert

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** Tay-lor Be-u-kurt

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

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**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Broadway Ave

**Ward:** Ward 7

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** Thursday June 27, 2024

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

**Comments:**

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I write today in support of Saskatoon's Housing Accelerator Fund initiatives and encourage council to approve the associated zoning amendments.

I love Saskatoon. I was born here, grew up here and decided to return to Saskatoon to live and raise my family. While Saskatoon is still considered affordable when compared to high cost of living areas like Vancouver or Toronto, it is becoming increasingly unaffordable for the people that live here. Renters are seeing their rent increased by hundreds of dollars a month due to growing demand, landlords wanting to maximize income and the insufficiency of our legislation to protect renters.

Saskatoon desperately needs affordable housing, both to purchase and rent. We live in a time of growing inequality between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' and where a basic human necessity has become a commodity to profit from.

While we have infill initiatives, what once was a \$350,000 single family home becomes two semi-detached homes for \$600,000 each making huge profits for developers. This improves density, but not affordability. The homes people are selling to move into that brand new, semi-detached townhouse have been priced for maximum gains and will still be out of reach for many. Many more people are not able to afford to purchase a house at all and need safe, affordable homes to rent.

Saskatoon should be a city for everyone, where anyone can find a safe place to live and call home. A place where people aren't dependent on a car to do the most basic tasks, like going to work or getting groceries. Our city needs the money from this fund to make that more of a reality.

I again encourage council to approve all zoning amendments outlined in the Housing Accelerator Fund including the Corridor Growth Boundary and Land Use Amendments, Official Community Plan Amendments, and 4 Units and 4 stories in the Transit Development Area. Help our city grow so that everyone can benefit, not just the few.

Thank you for your time.  
Taylor Bueckert

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