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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: Parker

Last Name: MacDonald

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] main street

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: June 27 Housing Action Plan

Comments:

I am in support of Council acting to increase density in core areas of the city. Letter attached

Attachments:

- [Letter to council.pdf](#) 31.57 KB

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

Dear Saskatoon City Council,

I am a lifelong resident of Saskatoon and current homeowner in Varsity View. I would like to express my support for the steps forward that council is taking with regards to adding density to corridor regions. Whether or not the housing accelerator fund is successful or not, I hope the city continues to explore ways to improve things for both current and future residents with the action plan.

First, my concerns. The federal money on the table here seems like a tiny amount compared to the work already done/underway prior to the rewrites that have happened to the plan in the past few months. We should continue to be careful that our neighborhoods and the investments made into them are not being made overly exploitable.

At the same time there is also a worsening state of housing availability and urban sprawl occurring. Waiting or doing nothing and letting a new council start the planning process over again sometime in the future is also not viable. Increasing density in a proactive way seems the simplest path towards keeping the cost of living in the city manageable and continuing to grow in a sustainable way. I do not believe that fear of property values dropping in the short term (amidst a local and global housing supply crisis?) should hold the city hostage against stagnation or inefficient growth.

I rarely hear how great it will be to be able to walk places that I want to visit, or to have students, young families and new communities flourish in my neighborhood. Usually the rhetoric is only about how annoying it will be to have more people parking and/or driving on my street, etc. I hope that the messaging going forward addresses some of the benefits that this type of modernization will bring, including to things like parking and traffic congestion, rather than just holding the door open for complaints.

I love living in a place that allows me to walk or bike most places I need. In my opinion adding density in areas that have access to grocery, parks, schools, restaurants and public transit is a sure way to bring more life into them, and reduce the cost of providing them with services and utilities. This new life will then bring value to existing homes and lives, and hopefully an opportunity for new residents to join these core neighborhoods and ensure they continue to thrive.

Thank you for your time