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**From:** City Council  
**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Trevor Blum - Housing Accelerator Fund and Proposed zoning amendments - CK 750-1  
**Attachments:** HAF Comments - Trevor Blum.docx

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**From:** Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2024 4:47 PM  
**To:** City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
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Submitted on Monday, June 24, 2024 - 16:41

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:** Trevor

**Last Name:** Blum

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Kirk Cres

**Ward:** Ward 8

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** CITY COUNCIL AGENDA - PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL MEETING

## What agenda item do you wish to comment on?: Proposed zoning amendments - HAF

### Comments:

Dear City Council,

The proposed zoning amendments are a monumental change to our city. These changes will allow four story apartment buildings on existing quiet residential crescents and streets. There will no longer be requirements for parking, consultation with nearby property owners, or infill requirements. These are existing neighborhoods that have not been planned for this.

I urge you to slow down this process of zoning changes and defer the vote until the residents of Saskatoon have been properly notified of the changes. I just recently learned of these changes from a concerned neighbor. I attended the information session at the fieldhouse and asked them why the residents were not informed of this. Their response was that an addressed letter was mailed in the fall of 2023 and a pamphlet was mailed in the spring of 2024. I emailed the city planning department for a copy of these mailouts. The letter from the fall of 2023 invites you to an engagement session, and the pamphlet directs you to the website to learn about the changes. There was nothing in these letters that mentioned: fourplexes, four story apartments, removal of parking requirements, removal of infill requirements, or removal of consultations. Nothing in the letter said that my property or nearby properties were affected. Residents of Saskatoon deserve to be properly notified of proposed zoning changes that will affect them.

It is also my understanding that that many of these changes were not proposed until February of 2024. Even if the resident were to go to the website or engagement session in the fall of 2023, they would see proposed amendments that are much different than they are today. This is very misleading. If the city administration can send out letters addressed to property owners in the fall of 2023, they could have also sent out new letters to affected property owners after the February changes. These letters should have communicated what the changes are, not just inviting you to an engagement session or website.

According to the map on the city website ([https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/community-services/planning-development/TDA\\_Development%20Opportunities\\_ENGAGE.pdf](https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/community-services/planning-development/TDA_Development%20Opportunities_ENGAGE.pdf)), You can see the proposed Corridor Growth Area outlined in blue. Within this area, there are properties highlighted in light purple to designate "Corridor Residential". The following neighbourhoods are partially located in the Corridor Growth Area but are not designated "Corridor Residential":

- Forest grove
- Erindale
- Willowgrove
- North park
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- Lawson heights
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- Kensington
- Pacific Heights
- Fairhaven

I asked at the information session why these neighborhoods were not included, and I was told it was because they haven't been planned yet but will be in the near future. Residents of these neighborhoods have no idea they are affected by these proposed zoning changes. This is very misleading. My understanding is that the changes for these neighborhoods will be in another upcoming vote. A reasonable person could see that the vote on June 27 will set the foundation for future votes. Have these residents been notified of the proposed changes? If they were only directed to the website (like everyone else) they would see that their properties are not designated "Corridor Residential", which is very misleading since this will be changing once their neighborhoods are planned. There would be a much different conversation around these zoning changes, and many more people speaking up, if Saskatoon residents actually knew about these proposed changes. The vote on these amendments should be deferred until planning is complete and residents are accurately notified of the proposed changes.

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

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