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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: She/her/hers

First Name: Mackenzie

Last Name: Burnett

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] 9th St E

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Special Meeting - City Council Public Hearing - To consider reports regarding the Housing Accelerator Fund

What agenda item do you wish to comment on?: 4.1

Comments:

June 24, 2024

Saskatoon City Council
222 3rd Ave North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Dear Mayor Clark and Councillors,

As a resident in a single unit dwelling next to a multiple-unit dwelling, I am writing to express my support for the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 9700, the Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2020. Approving these amendments is the right move for Saskatoon's residents and the environment.

Saskatoon needs more housing, in particular housing that is accessible to middle and low income residents. I have first hand experience of the difficulty of finding a place to live in the current housing climate. In 2023, it took me five months to find a new lease. I inquired about more than 100 listings during this time and applied for many leases before finding my current suite. I know of others who have had to move away from Saskatoon for a time until they were able to find a suitable place. The lack of housing in Saskatoon is having a direct impact on residents, our health, and our ability to contribute to Saskatoon's economy.

I empathize with residents who are concerned about the proposed changes. However, I do not feel that living in a single unit dwelling next to a multiple-unit dwelling has had a negative impact on me. If anything, it has contributed to a greater sense of community. I interact more with my neighbours in the multiple-unit dwellings than I do with those in single unit homes.

While responding to this housing shortage, Saskatoon needs to ensure they are protecting the environment. The proposed amendments will help the City of Saskatoon realize this goal.

For these reasons, I support the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 9700, the Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2020. I hope you will approve them so the residents of Saskatoon can receive some relief to the housing shortage while protecting the environment.

Sincerely,

Mackenzie Burnett

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