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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, September 23, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Matthew

Last Name: Gallant

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] 29th St W

Ward: Ward 2

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Sept 25

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Support of Saskatoon Homeless Shelter

Comments:

Dear City Councillors,

As a resident of Saskatoon raising a young family in the neighborhood close to 210 Pacific Avenue, I am writing to express my full support for the proposed temporary homeless shelter at this location. My wife, two-year-old son, and I live in this community, and we believe this is the right place for the shelter for several reasons.

Firstly, downtown Saskatoon is where people naturally commute to access a wide range of services, whether it's healthcare, social supports, or other community resources. Placing the shelter here, in the heart of our city's commercial and service hub, makes sense. It is not only practical but also a more humane approach than dispersing services to far-off residential areas. These individuals are part of our community and deserve to be in close proximity to the help they need, not isolated.

Furthermore, I would much rather see those in need housed indoors and cared for, rather than wandering the streets without support. Shelters like the one proposed offer stability and safety, which reduces the likelihood of petty crime as people wouldn't need to resort to desperate measures just to survive. We want our neighborhood to be safe, not just for families like ours, but for everyone—including those struggling with homelessness.

This shelter is not a sign of weakness or decline but rather a demonstration of our community's strength and capacity for compassion. I am confident that this initiative will contribute to a safer, more cohesive, and more caring Saskatoon for all.

Thank you for considering my family's perspective on this critical issue.

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