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I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

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I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Tara

Last Name: Faris

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: TAR-uh Fair-is

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Address: [REDACTED] 1st Ave S

Ward: Ward 6

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Midtown Plaza Inc.

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: September 25, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 10.3.2

Comments:

Please see attached letter in response to the proposed shelter for Pacific Avenue.

Attachments:

- [Midtown Letter to Coucil.pdf](#)554.75 KB

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



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September 18, 2024

Dear Mayor Clark and Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to address the upcoming integration of the new emergency shelter into the downtown district. Midtown Plaza and our tenants acknowledge and respect that the shelter is necessary, however we wish to outline our concerns and provide actionable recommendations to help mitigate potential impacts on local businesses and the broader community.

The following suggestions are intended to ensure a positive environment for all downtown residents, visitors, businesses and shelter guests:

1. **Enhanced Safety & Security:** Develop and implement comprehensive safety protocols including the presence of exterior security personnel at all times. This should include regular security patrols and responsive measures to address any security concerns 24/7. Enforce a strict code of conduct for all shelter residents to promote respectful behavior and integration within the community.
 2. **Effective Cleanliness & Waste Management:** Establish a rigorous plan for maintaining cleanliness both inside and around the facility. This includes frequent waste collection, washroom facilities for shelter guests, and overflow guests, and immediate action to address any sanitation issues.
 3. **Loitering & Overflow Management:** Limit the shelter to a maximum of 40 guests to ensure manageable operations and reduce strain on local resources, and create a clear strategy for managing loitering and overflow. Designated areas for residents should be enforced to prevent unauthorized encampments and other disruptions.
 4. **Graffiti & Vandalism Control:** Implement a proactive program for the prompt removal of graffiti and repair of vandalism. Regular inspections should be conducted to prevent these issues from affecting the area.
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Thank you for considering our recommendations. We look forward to working together to address these concerns and support the successful integration of the new shelter into the downtown district.

Sincerely,



Tara Faris
General Manager, Midtown Plaza Inc.