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From: City Council
Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Sandra Ledingham and Kevin Giles - Provincial Approach to Homelessness - Timeframe for Emergency Residential Shelter – 210 Pacific Avenue - CK 4350-20 x 750-6
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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2024 1:00 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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--- Replies to this email will go to [REDACTED] ---

Submitted on Sunday, September 22, 2024 - 11:54

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: Sunday, September 22, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: sandra ledingham / kevin giles

Last Name: ledingham / giles

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] 23rd st. east [REDACTED]

Ward: Not Sure

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): none - owners in the above address Condos.

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 'temporary Saskatoon Emergency Residential Shelter'

Comments:

To whom it concerns:

We understand you have selected a “ temporary shelter” in our neighborhood of ‘ The Warehouse District’ . This District has been framed by the city as a distinctive neighborhood of homes & businesses. We enjoy our neighborhood. We feel very free to walk and mingle in this neighborhood of cafes, dance studio, potential restaurants, salons, new BusBarns Conversion, and very nearby downtown commerce. AND the new upcoming “ Entertainment District “ .

We look much forward to the continued development of the inner city as ‘walkable’, inviting, bustling, quaint, energizing safe & lovely, with cultural offerings and drawing people back to the downtown, NOT driving folks away from what many of you, and many of us are striving for.

This proposal seems very counter-intuitive from all points of view!

We know Vancouver, we know Victoria, we know Portland Oregon – we have lived and visited often to these inner cities. We have seen all too well the exact occurrence of placing : shelters, food depots, needle sites and aid services in the inner city. Last week we drove thru (again) Hastings & Downtown Eastside, it has grown exponentially ! My favorite cafes I do not dawn anymore (and I might add I live & travel in adventurous ways).

We all know what starts out as “ temporary “ takes on a life of its own and becomes impossible to reverse. We KNOW that what draws people to the shelter overflows – spills to encampments & gathering outside. View the many examples in any city around the world. This we see STRONGLY as not a way to attract development, happy smiles, walkability, commerce, AND be the lead-in to “ the Entertainment District” but instead WILL most surely deter this growing perspective.

Understood are the growing problems of homelessness in our cities ! It will require some very astute, creative, researched strategies . (Check ‘A Better Tent City – Ontario). Bring on continued brainstorming and input of ideas from all, BUT we DO NOT want to see downtown Saskatoon boarded up, empty and a fearful place to step foot. STRONGLY concerned.

Sandra Ledingham



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

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