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Approach to Homelessness - Timeframe for Emergency Residential Shelter - 210 Pacific

Avenue - CK 4350-20 x 750-6

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Submitted on Monday, September 23, 2024 - 16:32

Submitted by user:

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

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: 29th St W

Ward: Ward 2

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Shotokan Karate YXE

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 ?: Homeless Shelter 210 Pacific Ave

Comments:

Dear City Councillors,

I am writing to you on behalf of Shotokan Karate YXE to express our unequivocal support for the proposed temporary homeless shelter at 210 Pacific Avenue. As a business actively engaged in the community, we recognize the pressing need for compassionate and immediate solutions to the growing homelessness crisis in Saskatoon.

The selection of 210 Pacific Avenue for the shelter aligns with the City's strategic objectives and site selection criteria. This location is ideally suited to accommodate approximately 30 beds and necessary amenities while being conveniently positioned near vital community services, such as hospitals, police, and addiction support facilities. This proximity not only aids residents of the shelter but also promotes a safer environment for our entire neighbourhood.

It is essential to understand that shelters are not merely about providing a roof over someone's head; they represent a pivotal step toward healing and reintegration into society. By supporting the establishment of this shelter, we are taking action to prioritize humanity and compassion over discomfort. Our community thrives when we advocate for every individual's right to safety and shelter, and this location is ideal for making that vision a reality.

We urge our fellow business owners and residents to consider the long-term benefits of fostering a supportive community. By embracing this initiative, we can contribute to a more inclusive and empathetic Saskatoon, which ultimately enhances the quality of life for everyone.

I sincerely hope that the City Council will approve the temporary emergency shelter at 210 Pacific Avenue. This is an opportunity for our community to demonstrate its commitment to compassion and social responsibility.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this important matter.

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