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Subject: FW: Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>

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Submitted by [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: Saturday, June 07, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Steven

Last Name: Squier

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] TROTTER CRES

Ward: Ward 4

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Cohen's Beer Republic / Taste Hospitality

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Governance and Priorities Committee of City Council

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: City of Saskatoon's Response to Homelessness [CC2025-0105]

Comments:

As a business owner in the RBID and Riversdale, I am writing to urgently implore you to address the escalating interrelated crises of addiction, security, and homelessness that are impacting the safety, health, and dignity of countless individuals in our city. This humanitarian emergency not only affects those experiencing homelessness but also strains our public spaces, healthcare and policing systems, and community well-being. Like many in the area, we are doing our best to ensure our employees and guests feel safe and comfortable, but this is becoming increasingly difficult without broader support. We need immediate, coordinated action that includes access to affordable housing (immediate options while the future developments on this are constructed), expanded access to mental health and addiction services, and sustainable support programs. It is imperative that our city and our province prioritize compassionate, effective, and immediate solutions to ensure that no one is left behind and our city is able to recover and flourish. Countless previous conversations on this subject have put blame and responsibility on higher levels of government, but we are begging for support, advocacy, and initiatives from the City to address this as best we can, and for the City to collaborate with us to convince the provincial and federal governments that their assistance is compulsory and urgent.

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