MY NAME IS BOBBI STADNYK.

I AM A PH.D PSYCHOLOGIST HERE IN REGINA AND I AM REPRESENTING THE CHILD POVERTY CONCERN GROUP

STATS I WILL USE TODAY ARE FROM CITY POLICE RECORDS OR STATS CANADA

IN MATTERS OF ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CITY HALL IS LEGALLY BOUND BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT.

A MAIN PURPOSE OF THE ACT IS TO CONTROL THE USE OF LAND FOR PROVIDING FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF CITIZENS.

THE WORLD STANDARD IN CITY BUILDING IS TO BUILD MIXED INCOME COMMUNITIES OF CHOICE WHERE PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF ETHNICITY AND ECONOMIC BACKGROUND CAN LIVE TOGETHER IN DIVERSE NEIGHBOURHOODS.

REGINA HAS FAILED MISERABLY IN THIS ENDEVOUR AND IN FACT HAS CREATED NEIGHBOURHOODS OF **ECONOMIC AND RACIAL SEGREGATION.**

THE GOLF COURSE AREA IS A GOOD EXAMPLE

CORONATION PARK IS DIVIDED INTO 2 VERY DIFFERENT AREAS, NORTH AND SOUTH OF SHERWOOD.

THE GOLF COURSE AREA LIES ON THE SOUTH IN A 4 BY 5 BLOCK AREA WITH NATURAL BOUNDARIES THAT ISOLATE IT FROM THE REST OF CORONATION.

THE CHILD POVERTY RATE IN THE AREA is 64% COMPARED TO THE REGINA RATE OF 17%

AND THE CANADIAN RATE of 16% (STATS CAN)

WEALTHY AREAS OF REGINA HAVE FAR LOWER RATES

PRAIRIE VIEW 2%

GARDNER ON THE GREENS 1.6%

AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF ARGYLE PARK 0%

SOCIAL AND SUBSIDIZED HOUSING RATES ALSO REFLECT THE PROBLEM

THE GOLF COURSE AREA HAS 54%

PRAIRIE VIEW 2.5% AND

ARGYLE PARK SOUTH SIDE 0 %

YOU CAN SEE FROM THESE STATS THAT DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN, ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LIVE IN WEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS IN REGINA IN ANY MEANINGFUL NUMBERS. CITY ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES AND SHADY DEVELOPERS MAKE SURE THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN. THE RICH AND POOR ARE KEPT SEGREGATED

IN ADDITION TO THE GRUELLING EXPERIENCE OF BEING EXPOSED TO EXTREME POVERTY CHILDREN LIVING IN THE GOLF COURSE AREA ARE FACED WITH A STAGGERING VIOLENT CRIME RATE.

IN 2014 THERE WERE 635 VIOLENT CRIMES IN CORONATION ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES IN REGINA MANY MORE GO UNREPORTED

THIS IS FAR HIGHER THAN WEALTHY
NEIGHBOURHOODS LIKE

TWIN LAKES AT 62 VIOLENT CRIMES A YEAR,

ARCOLA EAST 50 PER 7,000 PEOPLE PER YEAR AND

PRAIRIE VIEW 31 PER YEAR

CITY POLICE DIVIDE CORONATION INTO 6 ZONES ONE BEING THE GOLF COURSE ZONE. ALTHOUGH THE GOLF COURSE ZONE HAS ONLY 19% OF CORONATION'S POPULATION... NEARLY 50% OF ALL VIOLENT CRIMES OCCURS HERE.

STATS CANADA TELLS US THERE IS A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VIOLENT CRIME AND RENTAL PROPERTIES SO THAT AS RENTAL PROPERTIES INCREASE SO DOES VIOLENT CRIME.

THE GOLF COURSE AREA HAS A RENTAL PROPERTY RATE OF 68% ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN REGINA

WEALTHY AREAS HAVE LOW RENTAL RATES

ARCOLA EAST 8%,

ARGYLE PARK 4%, AND

PRAIRIE VIEW 1.3%

WHAT SENSE WOULD IT MAKE TO CONTINUE ADDING MORE RENTAL PROPERTIES TO THE SOUTH PART OF CORONATION?

THE ONLY THING THAT CAN COME OF ALLOWING THIS IS MORE HARM TO CHILDREN.

YOU MAY ARGUE BUT IT'S A SENIORS COMPLEX.

BUT IS IT REALLY?

THE CITY SHOWS US PICTURES OF A SENIORS COMPLEX AND TRIES TO MAKE BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT WILL BE BUILT ON THE LAND.

BUT WHEN YOU ASK THE CITY IF THAT IS WHAT THE DEVELOPER WILL BUILD THEY ADMIT THEY DON'T KNOW.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE OUR GROUP SURVEYED 50 SENIOR LIVING IN REGINA SENIORS COMPLEXES IN DISADVANTAGED NEIGHBOURHOODS.

THEY REPORT THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT SENIORS

LIVE IN THEIR COMPLEXES

ESTIMATES VARIED FROM 5% TO 35%

WORSE YET 75% OF SENIORS REPORTED EXPERIENCING CRIME IN THEIR FACILITIES.

THIS INCLUDED VANDALISM, THEFT, MUGGINGS, ASSAULT, PROSTITUTION AND DRUG USE AND DRUG DEALING OF SUBSTANCES LIKE CRACK COCAINE WHICH WAS USED ON THE PREMISES.

ONE FACILITY HAD A GANG MEMBER LIVING IN THE COMPLEX FOR AT LEAST 4 MONTHS.

IN SPITE OF REPEATED COMPLAINTS GANG MEMBERS WERE ROAMING THE HALLS AND RESIDENTS WERE TERRIFIED TO COME OUT OF THEIR UNITS

SO EVEN IF A "SENIORS COMPLEX" WERE BUILT AT THE GOLF COURSE IT WOULD STILL BE CLEARLY PROBLEMATIC AND PROMOTE CONDENSED POVERTY

THE KIND OF ECONOMIC AND RACIAL SEGREGATION THAT IS HAPPENING IN REGINA IS WRONG AND THERE IS NO VALID EXCUSE TO CONTINUE TO PERPETUATE IT

THE HARM DONE TO CHILDREN BY WAREHOUSING THEM INTO DISADVANTAGED NEIGHBOURHOODS IS WELL DOCUMENTED AND HAS LIFE LONG CONSEQUENCES

IT IMPACTS THE WAY THEY THINK FEEL AND ACT

THEY SEE THE WORLD AS A SCARY PLACE WHERE THEY AREN'T SAFE AND CAN'T PROTECT THEMSELVES

THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN GANG ACTIVITY, VIOLENT CRIME AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

THEY HAVE FAR HIGHER RATES OF HELPLESSNESS, WITHDRAWAL, ANXIETY, DEPRESSION AND PTSD AND ARE 4 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO ATTEMPT OR COMMIT SUICIDE

MOVING KIDS FROM HIGH TO LOW POVERTY NEIGHBOURHOODS CAUSES MAJOR IMPROVMENTS IN MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH.

WHILE CARING PEOPLE WORLD WIDE ARE SUPPORTING OPEN BORDERS BETWEEN COUNTRIES, IN ORDER TO PROTECT DISADVANTAGED PEOPLETHE PEOPLE IN REGINA CITY HALL CAN'T EVEN BRING THEMSELVES TO OPEN WEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS TO DISADVANTAGED AND AT RISK PEOPLE IN MEANINGFUL NUMBERS.

AFFLUENT AREAS OF THE CITY ARE BEING KEPT WHITE AND WEALTHY WHILE NEIGHBOURHOODS LIKE NORTH CENTRAL AND THE SOUTH PART OF CORONATION ARE BEING TURNED INTO GHETTOS WHERE DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN ARE BEING WAREHOUSED AND DAMAGED

AS A COMMUNITY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CORONATION WE AND OUR CHILDREN HAVE DONE FAR MORE THAN OUR FAIR SHARE OF SHOULDERING THE BURDEN AND COST OF CONDENSED POVERTY

NOTHING SHOULD BE BUILT ON THE GOLF COURSE LAND THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE IN ANY WAY TO MORE POVERTY AND THIS INCLUDES THE SO CALLED SENIORS COMPLEX. THIS WOULD BE DISGUSTING AND SHAMEFUL AND ANYONE WHO THINKS OF ALLOWING THIS SHOULD

THINK ABOUT WHAT IT WOULD DO TO THEIR OWN CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.