

To: City of Regina,
City Council

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Subject: Bylaw changes to Gyms

I am writing city council to fully oppose the bylaw changes forcing gyms and all children's gymnastics ^{clubs, etc.} to be located in commercial areas. These organizations chose to be in light industrial or industrial areas because city taxes were less and the facility structure could accommodate the type of space they need. The Bylaw change forces them to unacceptable accommodations. The taxes may financially shut them down. If existing clubs can stay where they are, that's fine in the short term. These organizations made big investments to establish and successfully operate. With the bylaw change, the value of their business drops, as new ~~owners~~ owners must move to move high cost facilities.

As business (small) investors, who want to start a business in Regina when the council would arbitrarily change bylaws to drive up costs forcing them to reduce size of operation or shut down!

As a member of Crossfit Regina, our family has benefited from the gym. I am much better physically and mentally

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because of the variety of workouts the gym provides. In order to continue operation, the club will experience higher costs, increasing membership dues causing members to quit the club. ultimately, the facility must shut down.

why would city council purposely drive costs up shutting the clubs down? Also, many of these clubs need high ceilings which are mostly located in light industrial or industrial areas.

In concluding, my family is opposed to the bylaw change. Please do not make the bylaw changes that will directly impact the business viability of gyms & other clubs!

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