MY NAME IS JACQUIE BRAUN

TONIGHT I AM PRESENTING ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGENT PAR III GOLF COURSE LAND

CITY COUNCIL MAY PRESENT STATS TONIGHT ON CRIME, GREEN SPACE, DENSITY AND OTHER SUCH THINGS IN CORONATION PARK BUT THIS WOULD JUST SERVE TO MISLEAD PEOPLE

THE 4 BY 4 BLOCK AREA AROUND THE GOLF COURSE IS FAR DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER AREA OF CORONATION PARK AND IT IS COMPLETELY ISOLATED BY ITS NATURAL BOUNDARIES

THREE THINGS THAT SET CORONATION APART FROM OTHER AREAS OF THE CITY ESPECIALLY AFFLUENT AREAS ARE

- 1) IT HAS A FAR HIGHER CRIME RATE
- 2) A FAR HIGHER CHILD POVERTY RATE AND
- 3) IT OFFERS VERY LITTLE TO DISADAVNTAGED CHILDREN IN TERMS OF HEALTH GOOD QUALITY GREEN SPACE.

THE MOST RECENT CITY POLICE STATS FOR 2019 SHOW THAT IN TERMS OF VIOLENCE AND ASSAULTS AND THREATS CORONATION IS WORSE THAN 80% OF THE 36 OTHER REGINA NEIGHBOURHOODS IDENTIFIED BY THE POLICE

FURTHERMORE THE CITY POLICE DIVIDE CORONATION INTO 6 ZONES

ALTHOUGH ONLY 20% OF THE POPULATION OF CORONATION LIVES IN THE GOLF COURSE AREA HISTORICALLY 40 TO 50% OF VIOLENT CRIME OCCURS THERE

WAREHOUSING AT RISK AND DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE, CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ELDERLY PEOPLE INTO HIGH CRIME, HIGH POVERTY NEIGHBOURHOODS COMES AT A VERY HIGH COST

RECENTLY RESEARCHERS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS TYPE OF WAREHOUSING DOES MORE HARM THAT THEY HAD EVER RECOGNIZED BEFORE

IT HURTS EVERYONE BUT ESPECIALLY CHILDREN AND ELDERLY

THE NEGATIVE QUALITIES FOUND IN THE SOUTH SIDE OF CORONATION IMPACT THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY IN TERRIBLE WAYS

IT IMPACTS THE WAY THEY THINK FEEL AND ACT

RESEARCH HAS BEEN CLEAR THAT CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN HIGH CRIME HIGH POVERTY AREAS OF A CITY SEE THE WORLD AS A SCARY PLACE WHERE THEY ARE NOT SAFE AND CAN'T PROTECT THEMSELVES

IN SUCH NEIGHBOURHOODS THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO BECOME ANGRY, USE DRUGS, GET INVOLVED IN GANGS AND COMMIT VIOLENT CRIMES

AND UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE TO STOP BUILDING CONDENSED POVERTY IN VERY SPECIFIC REGINA NEIGHBOURHOODS THEN DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE WILL BE DOOMED GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TO REPEAT THE CYCLE

AND IT ISN'T JUST THE CHILDREN WHO PAY SUCH A HIGH PRICE IN THESE AREAS

THE ELDERLY SUFFER AS WELL

IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR A SURVEY OF ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING IN SENIORS COMPLEXES IN HIGH CRIME HIGH POVERTY NEIGHBOURHOODS IN REGINA WAS CONDUCTED

75% OF SENIORS IN THOSE COMPLEXES SAY THEY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO CRIME IN THEIR FACILTY

THIS INCLUDED THEFT, MUGGINGS, ASSAULTS AND DRUG DEALING

55% SAY THEY FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY IN THEIR COMPLEX.

RESEARCH SAYS THAT FEAR OF CRIME IN ELDERLY PEOPLE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH POORER MENTAL HEALTH, REDUCED PHYSICAL FUNCTIONING, AND LOWER QUALITY OF LIFE.

IF THE CITY DECIDES TO BUILD ANYTHING THEY HAVE PROPOSED ON THE GOLF COURSE LAND THEN THEY ARE CHOOSING TO BE WILLFULLY BLIND AND IGNORE THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY WAREHOUSING ELDERLY, THE DISADVANTAGED AND CHILDREN INTO HIGH POVERTY AND HIGH CRIME NEIGHBOURHOODS

THE SUFFERING THAT WILL BE CAUSED TO PEOPLE BY DOING THIS ESPECIALLY TO CHILDREN AND ELSERLY WILL BE ON THE COLLECTIVE HANDS AND CONSCIENCE OF CITY HALL AND PARTICULARLY CITY COUNCILLORS

THIS KIND OF IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR BEING SHOWN BY THE CITY AND BY DEVELOPERS HAS TO STOP.

CITY COUNCILLORS MUST BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR DECISIONS AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OUTCOMES

THINK FOR EXAMPLE OF ALL THE MURDERS THAT TAKE PLACE EVERY YEAR IN REGINA

VIRTUALLY ALL OF THESE ARE IN THE HIGH POVERTY AREAS

WHY WOULD ANYONE PERPETUATE MORE OF THIS...IT WOULD BE UNETHICAL, IMMORAL AND IRRESPONSIBLE

THERE IS NO EXCUSE TO TAKE AWAY ANY OF THE GREEN SPACE IN THE GOLF COURSE LAND

IT IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE TO RUBBER STAMP BAD ZONING AND BUILDING IDEAS AND THEN SAY IT WAS ALL THE FAULT OF THE DEVELOPER

IT IS YOUR FAULT YOU PEOPLE ON CITY COUNCIL WHO HAVE A LEGAL MANDATE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE OF CITIZENS OF REGINA!

YOU NEED TO STEP UP AND DO THAT THE TIME IS NOW!

FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS AND MORE WE OPPOSE PLACING ANY BUILDINGS ON THE GOLF COURSE LAND

I REJECT ALL FOUR CITY CONCEPTS FOR THE GOLF COURSE AND I AGREE WITH CONCEPT 5 PROPOSED BY NELSON BRYKSA

ALSO I AGREE WITH THE 1069 OUT OF 173 INDIVIDUALS FROM CORONATION PARK AND NORTH CENTRAL WHO SIGNED THE PETITION TO THE CITY TO NOT HAVE ANY BUILDINGS ON THE GOLF COURSE LAND

I AGREE WITH THE 350 RESIDENTS OF NORTH CENTRAL AND CORONATION WHO PERSONALLY FILLED IN A SURVEY WITH THEIR IDEAS OF WHAT THEY WANT ON THE GOLF COURSE LAND AND MOST RECENTLY THE MORE THAN 500 RESIDENTS OF CORONATION AND NORTH CENTRAL WHO SIGNED AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITY REJECTING ALL OF THEIR FOUR GOLF COURSE OPTIONS

IN SHORT STOP PROMOTING RACIAL AND ECONOMIC SEGREGATION AND STOP HURTING PEOPLE BY BUILDING ANYTHING THAT CONTRIBUTES TO POVERTY INCLUDING SENIORS COMPLEXES IN HIGH CRIME HIGH POVERTY NEIGHBOURHOODS

LET'S MAKE REGINA AN INCLUSIVE CITY WHERE ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME TO LIVE IN ALL NEIGHBOURHOODS IN EQUAL NUMBERS