

Good Evening Mayor and Council,

First I want to thank the Mayor for putting the Rooming House Bylaw into Abeyance back in May. You showed good leadership and recognized not only that the housing market is very tight in Regina but something had to be done on that issue immediately. Enforcement of the Rooming House bylaw would have had drastic effects on vacancy rates first and then prices second. I suspect thousands of Residents would have had to move in short order and availability of vacant rentals would have completely disappeared.

Secondly I'd like to thank the City Administration for the work they have done in regards to analyzing the Rooming House issue. I have taken the time to review all the documents they have put out available on the website and have reviewed the report. They have recognized many key issues in regards to the challenge that was before them. I think they have done a particularly good job on the matter.

I'd like Council to pass the recommendation to remove the Rooming House Bylaw as presented in the Report. It is the responsible thing to do for the City, Homeowners, Renters and the people affected by the affordability issue. Not only those trying to buy a house but those who have to rent also. It respects the rights of homeowners and renters and that is the proper thing to do.

Thanks for your time.

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