

Mayor Masters, Regina City Council and Administration,

RE: MN22-3 Ending Homelessness

Good afternoon, I'm Terri Sleeva, here today representing myself to underline the importance of this motion passing. We need to look beyond the statistics, of which there are many that support this as being the correct economic move, but also look at this from a humanitarian perspective.

Homelessness is a worldwide issue, but we, as a moderately sized city are faced with the very real opportunity to end its presence here at home. Regina can continue to be a leader in what is possible for a city of our size, and I think we should invest in those opportunities. We see this coming to fruition with our attitude towards the climate, the transit system, and now we can tackle homelessness as well.

Let Regina be an example of how we can **raise the bar for our community** and prove to other cities that such feats are possible. Leading by example, especially when it comes to homelessness, can be a direction that helps people Canada-wide and not just here at home.

The fact that this has been discussed for years shows you that it is an ongoing, and concerning issue. It's time we do something about it that not only solves the problem but helps families and individuals get the stability and safety they need to make the positive future that each and every individual should be entitled to.

By giving homeless individuals a place off the streets and a secure housing environment, we can aid in their positive future growth which will then also benefit our city and influence a positive future for everyone involved.

Tax dollars are not plentiful and need to be properly administered in a way that benefits the people of this city the most, all people, including the homeless. There should be no one sleeping in a Cemetery in Regina so that they feel safer at night. I know you understand and plan to make a difference. Thank you!