

Dear Councillor -----,

I am contacting you to express my disappointment that you did not support the motion to reinstate the garbage rebate for condominiums in Regina. I encourage you to reconsider your vote.

City Administration advises that there are over 6,000 condos in Regina representing a minimum of 11,000 voters who are unhappy with the current situation.

We appreciate that the financial situation for all municipalities has been impacted by the reduction in provincial transfer funding levels. All Regina homeowners, including condominiums, were asked to share in the budget shortfall by paying higher municipal taxes.

Your vote to not reinstate the garbage rebate program, communicates to residents that you expect condominium homeowners to shoulder more of the cities' shortfall than other Regina homeowners. My condominium does not get garbage picked up by the City of Regina but is still required to pay the same taxes as those that do. Instead, I pay a private corporation to remove my garbage and recycling. How is this equitable?

Regina condominium owners, including seniors on a fixed income and millennials saving up for a down payment on a home, are willing to pay our fair share in taxes. Therefore, I ask what reason justifies your expectation that condominium owners should assume a larger responsibility for the city's budget shortfall?

I urge you to reconsider your vote for the garbage rebate program for condominiums.

Yours respectfully,

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