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Dear Mr. Stone,

Re: Possible Valleyview Housing Unit

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I am writing you today on behalf of the Valleyview Community Association with concerns that there is the possibility of a housing unit to support Kamloops most vulnerable to be built in the Valleyview community.

The Valleyview riverbanks have become a homeless camp. These camps have gotten quite large and have an influx of debris, garbage, hazardous material, drug paraphernalia along with human waste. Our community has seen an increase of crime in the area and we suspect that many of the items in the camp are stolen property.

Over the weekend, there was a fire at one of the camps that spread quickly because of such debris. These camps are causing irreparable damage to the riparian zones with the clearing the natural grasses, vegetation and digging out the riverbanks to level areas for their camps. . The community has lost our walking trails and beaches due to these encampments. It just isn't safe.

Local motels are over-run with low income housing and supported living. These motels are not zoned for this and there is no support in Valleyview to affectively care for these residents. Several of these motels are in close proximately or back on to schools and daycares.

The crime in Valleyview is at an all time high. Every night there are several people breaking into vehicles and properties. Our community social media page has become a constant reminder with daily posts regarding items stolen and police files. Residents are fed up and have started going to problem motels and the riverbanks to look for their belongings; an incident will happen, it is just a matter of time.

Many indicators are pointing to a permanent housing unit coming to fruition in the Valleyview area. This would be detrimental to our community. There are no resources in the area to support the vulnerable. We have witnessed this happening in other parts of the city and we have seen the affects.

The Valleyview community is a small area in Kamloops that has a thriving business and family community. We are hoping that you can help us ensure that a housing unit like this does not become a reality without the proper resources.

Regards,

Julie Dormer  
Chair  
Valleyview Community Association