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Councillor Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

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Chair Janet Davis
Community Development and Recreation Committee

Dear Chair and Members:

Re: Item 32.2 Sale of 20 TCHC Houses to Wigwamen Inc.

I am writing to express my whole hearted support for the sale of the 20 TCHC homes to homes to Wigwamen Incorporated. In expressing this I would also like to thank the City staff and TCHC staff for realizing a creative solution.

In December 2008, TCHC began an asset review which also included potential sale of up to 371 units of housing.

In January 2009, the TCHC Board asked the TCH staff to provide “options for the re-use of (these) properties for low and moderate income purposes, including partnership opportunities.” The item before the Committee today is a result of many hours of hard work and negotiation to move these 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes into the Wigwamen portfolio. Discussions continue on the multi residential properties.

While some of these assets may have to be sold, it is important to maintain as many of these larger units as possible. They are very hard to obtain and to replace for any social housing provider.

I would ask that the CDR recommend to City Council that prior disposal of any units that the Toronto Community Housing is asked to:

- 1) Continue to pursue options for partnerships to ensure that 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes continue to be part of a social housing portfolio in the city of Toronto.
- 2) Report on opportunities, or lack thereof, to AFC prior to recommendations to Council for disposition of units.
- 3) Formally thank the Staff of AFC and Shelter and Housing and the staff of TCHC for their work in making this sale to Wigwamen possible.

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