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Mayor and Members of Council
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Dear Mayor and Council Members

Re: Executive Committee Recommendations on Rental Affordability in Toronto

I am writing to you on behalf of the Association of Community Legal Clinics of Ontario (ACLCO). The ACLCO represents Ontario's 76 community legal clinics; non-profit organizations, governed by volunteer boards of directors, which provide legal services to low-income communities across the province. Over 30 of these community based clinics are located in the GTA region.

It was with great interest that we reviewed the Executive Committee's recommendations on Rental Affordability in Toronto. Many of our GTA clinics, particularly the Advocacy Center for Tenants in Ontario (ACTO), have worked with council on this issue, and are supportive of many of the recommendations.

I am writing on behalf of Ontario's community clinics in support specifically of Recommendation #10, which reads:

- City Council request the Government of Ontario to expedite improvements to eligibility and increase funding for Legal Aid clinics to promote housing stability.

Almost all of the GTA's community clinics provide services in the area of income maintenance and housing rights to Toronto's most vulnerable and impoverished citizens. The work of community clinics is critical in preserving affordable rental housing in this city. City Council's support for this work is recognized and greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

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