

EC6.16.2

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Dear Economic and Community Development Committee Members,

Re: EC6: 16 Downtown East 2023 Five Year Action Plan

When I read this report I read about policing, patrolling and attention to control and restrict public space as a means to deal with a massive humanitarian crisis in the downtown core.

I do not see a response that matches the desperate need for more shelter, safe community space, community-based funding for supports provided by skilled community workers and agencies.

I see no acknowledgment that respite sites are now at 100% capacity with 425 people at six sites (three of them being the Sprung domes).

I do not see measures to prevent worsening homelessness conditions.

In my estimation, Toronto is only months away from the scenes in American cities of large, permanent tent encampments.

I fully support the comprehensive recommendations in Jessica Hale's written deputation on behalf of the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty.

Sincerely,

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