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**Councillor** Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

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Councillor Ana Bailão  
Chair, Affordable Housing Committee  
100 Queen St. West C42  
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Members,

RE: Riverdale Abbey Affordable Home Ownership Development

I am writing to seek your support for a very exciting community project in Ward 30 at 1117 Gerrard Street East.

The Riverdale Abbey Affordable Home Ownership proposal has the capacity to add 49 affordable ownership homes in Riverdale, while preserving the existing United Church building, maintaining the Parent Resource Centre, and supporting the long term sustainability of the Heather Terraces non-profit housing building which is part of the site.

The Riverdale Abbey Affordable Home Ownership proposal has been conceived by Neighbourhood Concepts as a way to achieve affordable ownership housing in Riverdale. Neighbourhood Concepts is a reputable organization working in partnership with Home Ownership Alternatives.

Through an agreement with the Riverdale United Church, Neighbourhood Concepts has secured the right to purchase the existing building for an affordable ownership housing opportunity, while providing room in the future project for the existing Parent Resource Centre. Heather Terrace was built by the Riverdale United Church and with the sale of the church, the deal with Neighbourhood Concepts will provide Housing Terrace with long-term stability.

In keeping with the community effort to maintain the Parent Resource Centre, earlier this year, the Community Development and Recreation Committee requested the General Manager of Childcare to work with the community to maintain this valuable service.

In light of the above, I would request the Committee to instruct the Director of the Affordable Housing Office, to work with Neighbourhood Concepts and convene a process with other City Divisions in an effort to advance affordable home ownership and the community revitalization project at 1117 Gerrard Street East.

I would be happy to answer any questions concerning this important initiative and will appear at Committee on June 24<sup>th</sup> to speak to this request.

Sincerely,

Councillor Paula Fletcher  
Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth