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Dear Ms. Pritchard,

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Re: Proposed City-wide Zoning By-law

St Leonard's Society of Toronto operates a halfway house ('correctional group home') for federal parolees in Toronto. It periodically contemplates opening another house, but finds the zoning regulations to be an obstacle to identifying suitable properties.

The regulations in the proposed city-wide zoning by-law retain these obstacles. We object to three specific regulations in Chapter 150 of the proposed by-law:

- The requirement that in a residential zone, a group home must be located in a building originally constructed as a detached house. There are often buildings such as churches or stores that may be suitable for conversion to a group home, and we do not see why they shouldn't be used as such.
- The minimum distance separation of 250 meters. We do not believe there is any planning rationale to justify this separation requirement.
- The requirements that correctional group homes are not permitted in an RD zone and that they must be on a major street. We believe these requirements discriminate on the basis of the occupant's personal attributes, and contravene Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. They discriminate by singling out occupants of correctional group homes from occupants of other group homes, based only on their personal attributes. This is 'people' zoning.

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We would request that the proposed zoning by-law be changed to permit group homes to be located in any area where other types of housing are permitted, without any separation distances or other restrictions that don't apply to the other

housing permitted in the area.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please notify us of the passing of the City-wide Zoning By-law, or of any further committee meetings to consider the by-law.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter being a large, stylized 'S'.

Sonya Spencer,
Executive Director