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May 14, 2014

Councillor Anthony Perruzza
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Dear Members of the Community Development and Recreation Committee,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses. We are a provincial association with members of first stage and second stage shelters for abused women across the province of Ontario.

Specifically we request that you support the motions introduced by Councillor Paul Fletcher requesting City Council's support and requesting that City staff work with the Red Door to secure a permanent home at 875 Queen Street East.

The Red Door Family Shelter has been providing critical support services to homeless families for over 30 years at its Queen Street location. The Red Door operates 106 beds for homeless families which represents 10% of the total family shelter beds in the City of Toronto. My organization works closely with Red Door and we can attest to the essential nature of their services for abused women and homeless families. The Red Door Shelter has been a member of OAITH for years and has been committed to providing excellent and skillful service to some of our most vulnerable people in the community.

Red Door Family Shelter is an important part of the web of community services in South Riverdale that support vulnerable families. It is important that they secure a permanent home at their current location because the Red Door Shelter is completely accepted and supported by both the local residents and businesses in its community.

Through no fault of their own, the Red Door faces the prospect of becoming homeless themselves. We cannot let that happen and I am respectfully requesting that the Community Development and Recreation Committee and City Council take a leadership role in supporting this valuable community agency.

Yours truly,

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Charlene Catchpole, Chair
Board of Directors, OAITH

CC/ Councillor Paula Fletcher

May 13th, 2014

Councillor Anthony Perruzza
Chairperson, Community Development and Recreation Committee (CDRC)
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Dear Members of the Community Development and Recreation Committee,

I am writing to you in our capacity as the Co-Chair of the Toronto Shelter Network (TSN) to ask you to support the Red Door Shelter. Specifically, I am asking you to support the motions introduced by Councillor Paul Fletcher requesting City Council's support and requesting that City staff work with the Red Door to secure a permanent home at 875 Queen Street East.

The Red Door Family Shelter has been providing critical support services to homeless families for over 30 years at its Queen Street location. The Red Door operates 106 beds for homeless families which represents 10% of the total family shelter beds in the City of Toronto. The Toronto Shelter Network works closely with Red Door and we can attest to the essential nature of their services for homeless families. The Toronto Shelter Network's Planning Committee includes senior representation from Toronto shelters/hostels that meet regularly to discuss issues, to develop strategies and engage in activities that affect the quality of service delivery in the shelter system. The Red Door Shelter has been consistently represented by Bernnitta Hawkins, ED of the Red Door Family Shelter, in the formerly Ontario Association of Hostels, Toronto Steering Committee, now, the newly created Toronto Shelter Network. Covenant House, Fife House, Salvation Army, Homes First Society, Toronto Hostels Training Centre, Sojourn House and Fred Victor are the member agencies that comprise the TSN Planning Committee.

Red Door Family Shelter is an important part of the web of community services in South Riverdale that support vulnerable families. It is important that they secure a permanent home at their current location because the Red Door Shelter is completely accepted and supported by both the local residents and businesses in its community. We, on behalf of the Toronto Shelter Network, respectfully request that the Community Development and Recreation Committee and City Council take a leadership role in supporting this valuable community agency.

Yours truly,



Sylvia Braithwaite,

Co-Chair, Toronto Shelter Network

CC/ Councillor Paula Fletcher



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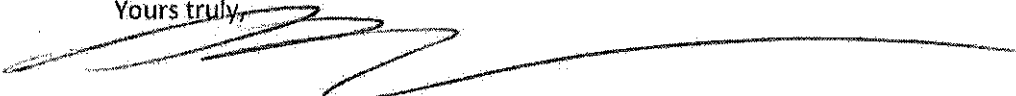
I am writing to you in my capacity as Interim Executive Director of the Ralph Thornton Centre to ask you to support the Red Door Shelter. Specifically, I am asking you to support the motions introduced by Councillor Paul Fletcher requesting City Council's support and requesting that City staff work with the Red Door to secure a permanent home at 875 Queen Street East.

The Red Door Family Shelter has been providing critical support services to homeless families for over 30 years at its Queen Street location. The Red Door operates 106 beds for homeless families which represents 10% of the total family shelter beds in the City of Toronto. My organization works closely with Red Door and we can attest to the essential nature of their services for homeless families. They frequently use our centre for meetings and we frequently refer clients to them.

Red Door Family Shelter is an important part of the web of community services in South Riverdale that support vulnerable families. It is important that they secure a permanent home at their current location because the Red Door Shelter is completely accepted and supported by both the local residents and businesses in its community.

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Yours truly,



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CC/ Councillor Paula Fletcher



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Dear Members of the Community Development and Recreation Committee,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Executive Director of East End Community Health Centre to ask you to support the Red Door Shelter. Specifically, I am asking you to support the motions introduced by Councillor Paul Fletcher requesting City Council's support and requesting that City staff work with the Red Door to secure a permanent home at 875 Queen Street East.

The Red Door Family Shelter has been providing critical support services to homeless families for over 30 years at its Queen Street location. The Red Door operates 106 beds for homeless families which represents 10% of the total family shelter beds in the City of Toronto. My organization works closely with Red Door and we can attest to the essential nature of their services for homeless families. Our Community Health Workers refer families in crisis to the Red Door Shelter, where they receive critical supports toward building a stable future.

Red Door Family Shelter is an important part of the web of community services in South Riverdale that support vulnerable families. It is important that they secure a permanent home at their current location because the Red Door Shelter is completely accepted and supported by both the local residents and businesses in its community.

Through no fault of their own, the Red Door faces the prospect of becoming homeless themselves. We cannot let that happen and I am respectfully requesting that the Community Development and Recreation Committee and City Council take a leadership role in supporting this valuable community agency.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Kalsen".

Joyce Kalsen

CC/ Councillor Paula Fletcher

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May 12, 2014

Counselor Anthony Perruzza
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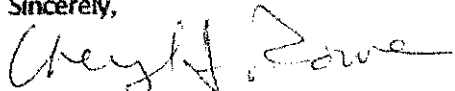
Dear Members of the Community Development and Recreation Committee,

I am writing to you in my capacity as a member of the Advocacy Committee and Member of the Inner City Health Associates Board to ask you to support the Red Door Shelter. Specifically, I am asking you to support the motions introduced by counselor Paula Fletcher requesting City Council support and requesting city staff work with the Red Door to secure a permanent home at 875 Queen St. E.

I represent members of Inner City Health Associates which is a group of over 60 physicians in the city of Toronto who are providing services to homeless and marginalized people. I also have been a physician who has been providing service to the Red Door once a week for over five years. During that time I have seen hundreds of people for assessment and follow-up and have watched them heal and become productive members of Toronto society. As a physician who has attended many shelters throughout the Toronto system, I know the Red Door is a unique and special place for refugee families. I also live in this community and know how the Red Door Shelter is completely accepted and supported by both the local residents and businesses here.

Inner City Health Associates strongly supports the continuance of the Red Door Shelter where it is. We have partnered with many other agencies for physical and mental health care to support the Red Door residents throughout the years including South Riverdale Community Health Center, the Child Development Institute, the Women's Immigrant Center, the East End Community Health Center, and the Albany clinic. We strongly request that the Community Development and Recreation Committee and City Council take a leadership role in supporting this valuable community agency.

Sincerely,



Cheryl J. Rowe M.D. FRCP C for Inner City Health Associates



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Dear Members of the Community Development and Recreation Committee,

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Board of the South Riverdale Community Health Center, to ask you to support the Red Door Shelter. Specifically, I am asking you to support the motions introduced by Councillor Paula Fletcher to City Council requesting that City staff work with the Red Door to secure a permanent home in its current location at 875 Queen Street East.

The Red Door Family Shelter has been providing critical support services to homeless families for over 30 years at its Queen Street location. The Red Door operates 106 beds for homeless families which represents 10% of the total family shelter beds in the City of Toronto. My organization works closely with Red Door and we can attest to the essential nature of their services for homeless families.

Our Community Health Center has been providing Primary Care through a weekly clinic at the Red Door. This has existed for over 15 years, and during that time, clinicians have responded to both acute and chronic medical conditions and, through connections with the Health Center, enabled access to additional services as needed. The impact of trauma, homelessness and settlement on health can be profound, requiring a multipronged response. As a result, the broader community of South Riverdale has worked collaboratively to support clients of the Red Door until clients are able to move into more permanent and safe housing. It is therefore imperative that this resource stay in South Riverdale because of the established network of partnerships who have together been able to address the short and longer term health, social, educational and economic needs of this vulnerable client group.

In addition, the Red Door Family Shelter itself is an important component of the web of community services in South Riverdale that support vulnerable families. It is therefore important that they secure a permanent home at their current location because both local residents and businesses in our community fully accept and support this service.




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If you would like any further information from us, please feel free to contact the Center's Board or Senior staff.

Respectfully Submitted by,



David Willis

President of the Board of the South Riverdale Community Health Center

CC: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Peter Tabuns, MP

Lynne Raskin, CEO of South Riverdale Community Health Center



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Dear Members of the Community Development and Recreation Committee,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Executive Director of the Toronto Hostels Training Centre to ask you to support the Red Door Shelter. Specifically, I am asking you to support the motions introduced by Councillor Paul Fletcher requesting City Council's support and requesting that City staff work with the Red Door to secure a permanent home at 875 Queen Street East.

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The Red Door Family Shelter is an important part of the web of community services in South Riverdale that support vulnerable families. It is important that they secure a permanent home at their current location because the Red Door Shelter is completely accepted and supported by both the local residents and businesses in its community.

Through no fault of their own, the Red Door faces the prospect of becoming homeless themselves. We cannot let that happen and I am respectfully requesting that the Community Development and Recreation Committee and City Council take a leadership role in supporting this valuable community agency.

Yours truly,

R. Gillson

Ruth Gillson
Executive Director

CC/ Councillor Paula Fletcher

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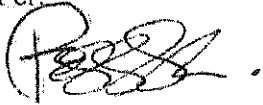
I am writing to you in my capacity as Community Legal Worker of Parkdale Community Legal Services to ask you to support the Red Door Shelter. Specifically, I am asking you to support the motions introduced by Councillor Paul Fletcher requesting City Council's support and requesting that City staff work with the Red Door to secure a permanent home at 875 Queen Street East.

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Yours truly,
PARKDALE COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES INC.

Per:



Peggy-Gail DeHal-Gunraj
Community Legal Worker/Clinical Instructor

Copy to: Councillor Paula Fletcher



SOJOURN HOUSE
BUILDING A FUTURE FOR REFUGEES

May 12, 2014

Councillor Anthony Perruzza, Chairperson
Community Development and Recreation Committee (CDRC)
City of Toronto
City Hall
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Dear Members of the Community Development and Recreation Committee,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Executive Director of Sojourn House a shelter and transitional housing program for refugees to enlist your support for the Red Door Shelter. Specifically, I am asking you to support the motions introduced by Councillor Paula Fletcher requesting City Council's support and requesting that City staff work with the Red Door to secure a permanent home at 875 Queen Street East.

The Red Door Family Shelter has been providing critical support services to homeless families for over 30 years at its Queen Street location. The Red Door operates 106 beds for homeless families which represents 10% of the total family shelter beds in the City of Toronto. Sojourn House works closely with Red Door and we can attest to the essential nature of their services for homeless families. In particular the Red Door hosts many refugee families. Often these families are referred to our transitional supportive housing program for refugees who have experienced trauma due to their refugee journey and are in need of longer term supports. The Red Door has long worked with this particular vulnerable constituent of the homeless populace. We cannot afford to lose their expertise in working with this population.

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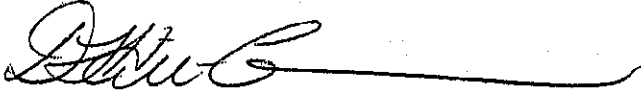
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Yours truly,

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Debbie Hill-Corrigan
Executive Director
Sojourn House

CC/ Councillor Paula Fletcher