



Neighbourhood Centre

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Councillor Gary Crawford Toronto City Council, Ward 36, Scarborough Southwest 100 Queen St. West Suite A11 Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

## Re: Relocation of the Birchmount Residence

Dear Councillor Crawford;

It has come to our attention the plans of the City of Toronto to relocate the residents of Birchmount Residence to a better location on Kingston Road.

Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre (BBNC) is a charitable, multi-service neighbourhood centre that offers a broad range of recreational, social and capacity-building programs to the southwest Scarborough community. We envision a strong and inclusive neighbourhood in which community members fully participate in opportunities that enhance well-being for all. We believe that the full inclusion of persons of different abilities and backgrounds enhances the quality of life for all, and invite our community to partner with us in building a more equitable, caring neighbourhood. We are in excellent standing with our primary funders, United Way Toronto and the City of Toronto. In 2012 BBNC was recognized, as finalist of, the 2012 Voluntary Sector Reporting Award of the CA Queens Centre for Governance Queens University School of Business for our outstanding financial reporting.

On behalf of the Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre please accept this letter as a deputation in favor of the decision to move the residence to a better location. Many of the residents are participants or beneficiary of the programs and services we offer and as such part of our community.

Through our experience we learned that people adequately housed are better contributors to the community. Although, the Birchcliff community have accepted their neighbors, in the Birchmount Residence, as contributors to the community and are no longer discriminated against it is not a secret the building where they live is in a despairing need of repairs.

Personally and as Executive Director of Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre I would like to express our solidarity with the residents of Birchmount Residence as well



on the decision and subsequent investment to relocate the residents to the location on 3306 Kingston Rd. here is Scarborough.

Yours Truly,

Enrique Robert Executive Director

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