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Councillor David Shiner, Chair  
 and Planning and Growth  
 Management Committee Members  
 Toronto City Hall  
 100 Queen Street West  
 Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

**Re: Request to Defer PG 10.2: Official Plan Five Year Review: Public Consultation and Implementation Regarding Amendment to Affordable Ownership Housing Definition - Final Recommendation Report**

Dear Chairperson Shiner and Committee Members,

As Toronto's Housing Advocate and Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, I am respectfully requesting that the Planning and Growth Management Committee defer consideration of this item until the April 2016 meeting of the Committee.

While there has been considerable consultation with organizations involved in the delivery of new affordable housing, I believe further consultation is necessary prior to scheduling the statutory meeting.

A deferral to the next meeting of the Committee will permit further discussions with key non-profit organizations and Build Toronto on the scope and impact of the proposed Official Plan Amendment. I am particularly concerned with the potential negative impact of the proposed definition on lands which have been designated by Build Toronto for affordable housing under the Memorandum of Understanding between Build Toronto and the City. I am also concerned that the proposed definition may reduce, rather than increase opportunities for the City to work with non-profit affordable housing organizations to deliver on the City's affordable housing ownership targets.

In requesting the deferral, I am also requesting that City Planning and the Affordable Housing Office meet with Build Toronto and key non-profit affordable ownership organizations and to submit a supplementary report which addresses the concerns related to the proposed definition and planning and program implementation issues.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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 Ward 18, Davenport