



Date: September 11, 2017

To: Members, Affordable Housing Committee
Chair and Members, Executive Committee

Subject: **Authority for City to Take Part in Province's *Home for Good* Program – \$90 Million Allocated to Toronto**

On September 11, 2017 the Province announced that it will be providing the City of Toronto with \$90 million over three years to provide supportive housing and services for the chronically homeless and individuals with mental health needs through the new Home for Good Program.

This funding will make a real and immediate difference to provide supports and housing for some 2,000 Toronto residents, helping to break the cycle of homelessness in the emergency shelter system by keeping vulnerable residents housed.

It is crucial that these funds be activated immediately to provide much needed supports. As a result, I am asking for your support for the following recommendation:

City Council authorize the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration and the Director, Affordable Housing Office to report directly to the October 2, 2017 City Council meeting seeking authorization for the City to take part in the *Home for Good* supportive housing program and to enter into an administration agreement and/or related agreement(s) with the Ministry of Housing or any other provincial entity necessary for the receipt and expenditure of funding under the program.

This partnership with the Province supports the City's *Housing Opportunities Toronto (HOT)* ten year housing action plan and *TO Prosperity*, the City's poverty reduction strategy.

I look forward to working with members of this committee and Council to ensure that this plan sets us on the right course to achieve safe, secure, affordable and well-maintained homes for all residents.

Sincerely,

Ana Bailão
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Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee