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Affordable Housing Committee
Scarborough Civic Centre
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To Chair Bailão and the Members of the City of Toronto Affordable Housing Committee

RE: Item 2018.AH10.11, Development Charges Deferral Update to the City's Home Ownership Assistance Program

Habitat for Humanity GTA is pleased to see the recommendation by the Director of the Affordable Housing Office regarding the conversion of the Home Ownership Assistance Program into a development charges deferral program.

We commend the Affordable Housing Committee for being open to an alternative solution and putting a process in place that led to this recommendation. We are appreciative of the collaboration that occurred between City of Toronto Finance, the Affordable Housing Office and the non-profit affordable ownership providers and are supportive of the recommendation that has resulted.

We understand that the number of units eligible for this deferral is likely to be capped, at least initially, at 400 per year. **To the extent that supply of eligible units exceeds this upper limit, we urge the City to place priority on units that are providing the deepest level of affordability.** These households mirror eligibility for city-owned affordable rental units. As such, placing priority on development charge deferrals for ownership units targeted at these households will have the greatest impact on demand for affordable rental units.

We look forward to working with the Affordable Housing Office and other partners in implementing the program and exceeding the minimum targets.

In partnership,



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