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Re: PG30.8 Proposed Options to Increase As-of-right Zoning Permissions for Municipal Shelters

On behalf of HomeComing Community Choice Coalition, I am writing to urge the Planning and Growth Management Committee to approve the staff recommendation to conduct a public consultation process on options to increase zoning permissions for the residential use called municipal shelters.

As the past winter illustrated, there is a continuing and growing need for emergency shelters in all parts of the City of Toronto. With an increasingly expensive housing market and a shortage of appropriate affordable housing options for low income people, this situation is likely to persist into the future.

We commend the City for adopting a process for siting shelters in communities across the City, which enables staff to acquire appropriate sites in the context of a dynamic real estate market and which encourages community involvement in support of the healthy integration of the shelter into the community.

We look forward to the opportunity to participate with the City and with people across Toronto in a discussion of the zoning permissions which are necessary and appropriate to ensure that all people are able to live in the neighbourhoods of their choice.

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