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Executive Committee

c/o Julie Amoroso
10th Floor, West Tower
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: Housing Now

Dear Mayor Tory and Members:

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA), founded in 1982, represents approximately 35,000 residents in the area bounded by Yonge Street, Parliament Street, Queen Street East and the railway tracks. We regularly work with City staff, residents, developers and property owners to ensure that proposed developments represent good planning and enhance our neighbourhood.

Please accept this letter in support of the Housing Now report and Staff Recommendations.

The SLNA is community organization that is held in high regard as an example for building successful mixed-use neighbourhoods. We support the recommendations and we also advocate for the eventual embrace of stronger targets for affordable rental housing.

The model that is being proposed in the Housing Now report builds on the City's participation in the Provincial mixed market rental pilot that is currently being implemented in the West Don Lands - our neighbours to the east. The SLNA is also an active member of the West Don Lands Committee.

It will be important for Council to continue to find opportunities to address the growing crisis of affordability. We would hope that CreateTO, working in partnership with the City, will give this the highest priority towards identifying further sites that have the potential to be developed using this model.

The Development Committee of the SLNA also works with development proposals and encourages mixed-use and affordable housing when the opportunity arises.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Kavanagh
Chair, Development Committee

cc. Sharon McMillan, President SLNA
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