

**Executive Committee**

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**From:** Carol Huang <carol@nipost.org>  
**Sent:** February 15, 2019 10:14 AM  
**To:** Executive Committee  
**Cc:** Gladys Wong; Lorraine Hewitt  
**Subject:** Petition for the Budget Discussion on March 4  
**Attachments:** Petition.pdf; Petition-additional signatures.pdf

Petition for the Budget Discussion on March 4

Dear Executive Committee:

As your constituents, we are asking City Council to invest in more community resources in Toronto Downtown East, particularly in homelessness prevention programs and services.

Homelessness is a crisis in Toronto and we have a record number of people using the shelter system. The lack of affordable social housing units, rapidly rising rent and low vacancy rate have led to a high number of our community members being homeless or precariously housed. It is vital for Council to increase funding to: 1) divert vulnerable individuals and families from shelters into housing; 2) keep vulnerable individuals and families in stable housing and avert eviction; and 3) increase available shelter space.

With the overflowing shelter system, it is urgent for the City of Toronto to take immediate actions to address the homelessness and housing crisis. We urge City Council to put in additional funding resources for homelessness prevention programs and shelters in the 2019 budget.

Thank you.

Attached please find the names and signatures of individuals in our community who endorse our request.

Regards,

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Sincerely,

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