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Subject: My comments for 2019.MM12.21 on November 26, 2019 City Council
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the November 26, 2019 City Council meeting on item 2019.MM12.21, Ending Homelessness - Building New Supportive Housing Now - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

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Comments:

The motion proposes action on an urgent priority. The wait list for supportive housing has grown from 700 in 2009 to over 17,000 now. Of the 1600 people who are added to the waitlist each year we are only able to house 300. Prior to the federal election Council unanimously passed a motion by Councillor Kristyn Wong- Tam asking the federal government for \$600 million annually to develop supportive housing, which I hope you will also bring forward. As well it called for annual \$300 million investment to improve mental health and addiction services in the City. There is also a need to press the federal government to allow capital gains deductions for donations of land or buildings to NGOs for housing which will reduce the cost of acquiring housing for development.

Finally Council should know that we are working with TAEH, the Wellesley Institute, and the Toronto Supportive Housing Network to develop supportive housing growth plan which we hope to present to Council in 2020.

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