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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the December 17, 2019 City Council meeting on item 2019.MM13.11, Asking the Province to maintain the definition of disability for recipients of the Ontario Disability Support Program - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie

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**Comments:**

CMHA Toronto supports the motion to ask Mayor Tory to request the provincial government not to change the definition of ODSP disability. Changing the definition will reduce the shelter allowance available to people struggling with mental health and addiction issues and likely increase homelessness rather than reducing it. The focus should actually be raising ODSP rates which are currently 45% of the LICO.

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