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Attachment 2 - Consolidated List of Recommended Actions for the Provincial Government

The City of Toronto is formally requesting the Ontario government to support the implementation of the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan by taking the following actions.

Note: Section and action items listed below are as reflected in the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan (Attachment 1 to this staff report).

2 Enhance Partnerships with Indigenous Community Partners

7. Provide a set-aside through the Canada Housing Benefit to improve rental affordability for Indigenous households.

8. The provincial government to continue implementing the Ontario Urban Indigenous Action Plan and develop policies and programs with dedicated resources and funding that better respond to the unique needs and priorities of urban and rural Indigenous communities and the organizations that serve them.

3 Prevent Homelessness and Improve Pathways to Housing Stability

14. The provincial government to develop a coordinated regional response and provide additional ongoing resources to respond to the sustained flow of refugees and asylum claimants requiring temporary shelter and housing, starting with \$76.9 million in 2020.

15. The provincial government to provide funding to community organizations and service agencies to provide in situ support for vulnerable residents.

16. The provincial government to provide capital and ongoing operating funding to support the creation and delivery of 18,000 supportive housing homes over the next 10-years, which are anticipated to cost a total of \$6.4 billion in capital costs and \$300 million in ongoing annual operating costs.

17. The provincial government to introduce reforms to child welfare, corrections and health services to reduce the number of households being discharged into homelessness.

5 Maintain and Increase Access to Affordable Rents

24. The provincial government to implement the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit and provide flexibility to help address local needs, including increasing per household allocation to \$4,800 annually (\$400 per month).

25. The provincial government to eliminate the RGI rent scales for social assistance recipients, or at a minimum, set the rents scales to the newly established minimum rent level and similarly index them annually by the rent control guideline.

26. The provincial government to provide increased benefits to households receiving social assistance (i.e. OW/ODSP) at rates that recognize the higher rental costs in major cities.

6 Meet the Diverse Housing Needs of Seniors

32. The Province to provide the City, seniors serving organizations and support agencies with the necessary resources and programs to assist low-income seniors in rental and ownership housing through support services and home modifications.

33. The Province to work with the City and long-term care providers to expedite the replacement of existing long-term care homes.

34. The Province to change the current long-term care funding formula, including the per-diem allocation, so that it covers the full capital cost of building new long-term care homes.

7 Ensure Well-Maintained and Secure Homes for Renters

37. The provincial government to establish a capital repair program dedicated to helping non-profit and co-operative housing providers purchase and address repair issues and building upgrades including making their existing portfolios more accessible and energy-efficient.

38. The provincial government to establish a supportive housing building and operating program dedicated to helping non-profit housing and co-operative housing providers acquire or re-purpose existing homes for use as supportive housing for individuals with support needs.

40. The provincial government to support the City's goal of retrofitting and making its affordable multi-residential housing more resilient and:

a. Make a minimum of 15% of the costs of a retrofits that benefit resilience eligible for grants from the planned emission reduction fund using the planned Ontario Carbon Trust or other mechanisms.

b. Exempt or delay retrofits that benefit resilience from being subject to property taxation increases.

c. Update the Building Code to address resilience in apartment buildings as part of the planned modernization of the Building Code described in the Made in Ontario Environmental Plan.

8 Support Toronto Community Housing Corporation and its Residents

43. The provincial government to contribute a one-third share or \$1.34 billion in capital funding to address TCHC's capital repair backlog.

44. The provincial government to partner in the revitalization of TCHC communities by providing financial support for the addition of new affordable rental homes in projects where land value is not sufficient to cover development costs.

9 Continue the Revitalization of Neighbourhoods

46. The provincial government to provide financial support to create additional affordable rental homes in new developments.

10 Create New Rental Housing Responsive to Residents' Needs

54. The provincial government to provide preferential tax incentives for market and affordable rental housing development.

55. The provincial government to publicly identify and dedicate surplus lands in Toronto for the development of affordable and supportive housing.

56. The provincial government to commit to a multi-year capital and operating investment plan that supports the City and non-profit, and private housing providers in achieving 20,000 new affordable rental and supportive housing approvals.

11 Help People Buy, Stay in and Improve Their Homes

63. The provincial government to extend the financial incentives that help low-income households to make required life safety repairs, accessibility modifications and energy retrofits.

64. The provincial government to provide financial incentives to homeowners to maintain, create and make their secondary suites code-compliant (where required) for use as long-term rental homes.

66. The provincial government to provide tax policy options to support homeowners in adopting measures to protect their homes against extreme weather events, such as ice and wind storms and home flooding as outlined in the Made in Ontario Environment Plan.

12 Improve Accountability and Transparency in Delivery of Housing Services to Residents

69. The provincial government continue to measure the results of their investments in Toronto and monitor and report regularly on the state of Toronto's housing market.

13 Enhance Partnerships and Intergovernmental Strategy

73. The provincial government to establish a housing policy and program coordination group to ensure effective delivery of current and future government investments and interventions.

75. The provincial government to make long-term sustainable investments in affordable and supportive housing, long-term care and support services.

76. The provincial government to work with the City of Toronto and its regional partners to address housing availability and affordability challenges faced by residents in the GTHA.