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Attention: Nancy Martins
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RE: PH3.2 Zoning Revisions for Municipal Shelters

Dear Chair Ana Bailao and Members, Planning and Housing Committee

This correspondence provides comments and a recommendation on proposed zoning revisions for Municipal Shelters.

The report appears to be saying that the City's desire to space shelters geographically across the city is not being achieved through the spacing separation, and so why have it? Yet while proposing to remove the locational restrictions, the report has not proposed anything in its place to address the issue. The report notes that the separators were added in 2003 in response to community concerns at the time; so will taking them out lead to a return to the former situation that led to their creation? And what is left of a regulatory framework at the end? It appears that the only part of the framework left is the zones where shelters are specifically excluded (e.g. no shelters permitted in Employment Lands)

It appears that the City still needs to develop a comprehensive locational strategy for Shelters, not an insignificant challenge given the complexity of the issue. However this report evidently does not provide one.

We recommend:

- **That Planning and Housing Committee refer the matter to staff for further consideration in light of the complexity of the situation, and inadequate solutions offered at this point.**

Respectfully submitted,

Yours truly,

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