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Can you kindly circulate the following letter to all councillors present at the Planning and Housing Committee on May 28, 2019, and please allow me to make a public presentation to the committee.

Dear Chair and members of the Planning and Housing Committee, I am requesting that you make an amendment to item PH6.2 recommendation number 2, to explicitly mention community organized public consultation events, and to allocate grant funding for groups that undertake to host such events. For example the text of recommendation number 2 can be amended to read as follows (my suggestion in bold letter):

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*2. The Planning and Housing Committee direct City Planning staff to undertake consultation, including open houses and meetings with key stakeholders, to obtain comments and feedback regarding the proposed Official Plan inclusionary zoning policy directions and affordable ownership housing definition contained in Attachment 1. **And that this consultation include events organized by community groups, especially events that can draw comments from persons previously under-represented in policy consultations. And that up to 50 grants of up to \$1,000 each be made available to community groups organizing these consultation events.***

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I believe in collective wisdom, and I believe that people like me, moderate and low income people have a lot of wisdom to offer the City in shaping its policy. I also think that by the City's own admission, it has been less than capable in reflecting the diversity of Toronto in most urban planning related consultations that are organized by City staff. On the other hand, Toronto has many very active working class community organizers and community groups that have demonstrated an ability to engage marginalized groups in discussions about government policy, including about municipal planning and zoning policy.

Please follow the precedent set in the consultations for HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan, and allow the community, especially those of us who are low and moderate income earners, to be an active participant in the shaping of policy. It is particularly important on the topic of Inclusionary Zoning to not only hear from the construction industry and real estate developers, and from existing land owners, small or large. The key stakeholder in Inclusionary Zoning, is those we intend to **include**.

Thank you,
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