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To: [Mayor Tory](#); [Clerk](#); [Planning and Housing](#)
Cc: [Councillor Bradford](#); [Councillor Cressy](#); [Councillor Bailao](#)
Subject: Re: Motion MM5.2 - Expanding the City's Housing Allowance Program
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Dear Mayor Tory, members of the Planning and Housing Committee and Toronto City Council:

The Outreach and Services Committee of Danforth Mennonite Church wishes to add our support to the motion MM5.2 by Councillors Baillao, Cressy and Bradford <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.MM5.2> to provide more housing allowances through a raise in the land transfer tax on homes selling for over \$3 Million.

You and everyone in this city are aware of how the homelessness crisis is growing, and how many more people cannot find any affordable accommodation. Revenue must be found to get more people out of shelters and into homes. Although this would only be a very small step towards meeting the need, it would nevertheless be a significant contribution.

I understand that this motion has been referred to the May 28, 2019 meeting of the Planning and Housing Committee on potential measures to expand the Housing Allowance program and funding options to do so, including but not limited to the creation of a new tier of the Municipal Land Transfer Tax for transactions above the current top tier.

We look forward to a positive outcome that will benefit the most vulnerable of our neighbours in Toronto.

Thank you,
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