



December 2, 2019

Re: Acknowledgment of Key Partners in Development of HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Council,

I am writing to formally seek your support in acknowledging key partners in the development of the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan. The plan before us was made possible through the guidance and support of the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan External Advisory Committee, over 50 community groups that hosted consultations, housing sector partners, the public, City staff and our consultants LURA.

When we launched the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan consultations we created an External Advisory Committee comprised of people with lived experience, representation from the across the housing sector and broader civil society. I was fortunate to have David Reyecraft from Dixon Hall as my co-chair to guide our work. The committee helped shape the consultation process, develop key themes and challenge the City to do more. The combined experience of the group ensured the plan focussed on people and committed to real housing outcomes.

The plan was informed by over 6000 people from every part of the City. The City alone would not have had this reach if it was not for the commitment and dedication of over 50 organizations that hosted community-led consultations. These groups reached 2400 of the 6000 people consulted. This meant people had an opportunity to share their voices in safe spaces, in other languages and were accommodated for special needs. These organizations helped us reach Indigenous peoples, marginalized youth, women fleeing domestic violence, racialized communities, people with disabilities, newcomers and refugees, seniors, members of the LGBTQ2SAI+ community, people experiencing homelessness, people suffering from mental health/addictions issues and more.

The consultation process also included nine stakeholder sessions on key themes across the housing spectrum. These sessions were hosted between April and June and saw hundreds of organizations participating, often more than once given the different themes. I would like to thank these organizations not only for their commitment to providing housing and supports to people across Toronto but also for their dedication in helping us find solutions going forward.



As we learned from the input shared during the consultations, many Torontonians are living in precarious situations and feeling stuck in their housing situation. Despite these challenges, over 6000 members of the public engaged either in person at public meetings, through questionnaires or at one of the many community-led consultations. I want to thank the public for sharing their often very personal experiences and for taking their time to be part of our response.

I also want to thank staff from across all City divisions that volunteered outside of work hours to support the public and stakeholder consultations. Not only did they assist with the logistics and facilitation but many also acted as City ambassadors answering questions about City services. Staff across the City also worked to transform what we heard into actions in this plan.

On a final note I want to acknowledge the work of LURA Consulting that supported the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan consultations. LURA developed a process that was meaningfully engaging, provided materials and support to the community groups hosting consultations and created innovative ways to engage with participants. It is evident by reading the "What We Heard" report that they are exceptional in ensuring peoples' voices are heard.

I recommend that:

1. City Council acknowledge and thank the participants that contributed to the development of the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan, including members of the External Advisory Committee, organizations that hosted community-led consultations, stakeholders in the housing sector, the public, City staff and LURA Consulting.
2. City Council request the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Ana Bailão to send letters of appreciation to the members of the HousingTO 2020-2030 External Advisory Committee, listed in Appendix 1 to this letter, and to the organizations that hosted community-led consultations, listed in Appendix 2 to this letter.

Sincerely,

Ana Bailão
Deputy Mayor
Councillor – Ward 9, Davenport



Appendix 1 - Members of the HousingTO 2020-2030 External Advisory Committee

Pedro Barata United Way of Greater Toronto Ryerson University	Kris Boyce Greenwin
Alyssa Brierley Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation	Cherise Burda Ryerson City Building Institute
Cheryll Case CP Planning	Daryl Chong Greater Toronto Apartment Association
Tom Clement Co-op Housing Federation of Toronto	Geordie Dent Federation of Metro Tenants Associations
Debbie Douglas Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants	Judy Duncan ACORN Canada
Kira Heineck Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness	Matthew Huxley People With Lived Experience Group - Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness
Brian Kelcey Toronto Region Board of Trade	Kelly Lawless Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG)
Lisa Levin AdvantAge Ontario	Heather McGregor YWCA Toronto
Harmy Mendoza Woman Abuse Council of Toronto	Jason Mercer Toronto Real Estate Board
Glenn Miller Toronto's Seniors Accountability Table	Ingrid Palmer Tenant's First Advisory Panel
Emily Paradis Urban Studies University of Toronto Maytree Fellow	David Reycraft Co-Chair Dixon Hall
Moray Tawse First National	Steve Teekens Na-Me-Res
Steven Torresan Dream Team	Diane Walter Margaret's Housing and Community Support Services
David Wilkes Building Industry and Land Development Association	Deputy Mayor Bailao Co-Chair



Appendix 2 – Organizations That Hosted Community-Led Consultations

Acorn	Africans in Partnership Against Aids	Anishnawbe Health Toronto
APG Toronto Equity Forum	Artscape	Bangladesh Center and Community Services (BCCS)
Black Urbanism TO	Bob Rumball Canadian Centre of Excellence for the Deaf	Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)
Centre for Equality Rights In Accommodation	Centre for Independent Living in Toronto	Community Living Toronto
Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto	Davenport Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre	Dream Team & Houselink
Elizabeth Fry Toronto	FCJ Refugee Centre	Flemingdon Thorncliffe Inter-Agency Network
Indigenous Housing and Resource Collective of Tkaronto	Institute for Research and Development on Inclusion and Society (IRIS)	Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre
Kerry's Place Autism Services	Lakeshore Affordable Housing Advocacy and Action Group	Le Comité Francophone de Scarborough
Mainstay Housing	Margaret's Housing & Community Services	Native Women's Resource Centre
North York Community House (Lawrence Heights, Neptune)	PARC	Romero House
Regenesys York	Rooming House Project (Includes Dixon Hall Services, Homes First & Ecuhomes)	Scarborough Community Legal Services
Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities	Scarborough Civic Action Network	St. Stephen's Community House
Sistering	Social Planning Toronto	Springboard
Springtides & FTMA	The 519	The Housing Help Centre
The Redwood	The Neighbourhood Organization (TNO)	Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre
Unison Health & Community Services	Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre	Weston Tenants Association
Women's Habitat of Etobicoke	Woman Abuse Council of Toronto	Woodgreen
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