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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 30, 2020 City Council meeting on item 2020.CC20.6, Implementing the Toronto Modular Housing Initiative as an Urgent Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Comments:

CMHA Toronto supports the request by TAEH for 1000 modular housing units this year. We know from the Vancouver pilot that modular housing works, so we don't need a pilot in Toronto- we need to scale. There are over 18,000 people on the supportive housing waitlist. This number grew by 1600 per year prior to COVID-19. We know that people who are homeless, in shelters or congregate settings are at high risk to contract COVID-19 and we can expect more than one wave over the next 18 months. This proposal can be part of the COVID-19 solution, but more is needed. Last Fall council called for a federal investment \$600 million per year (motion by Kristen Wong Tam which passed unanimously) which would help the City deliver on its target of 18000 supportive housing units over 10 years. This should be included in funding request for post COVID relief. We know that every \$ invested in housing has a \$1.50 multiplier effect on the economy.

Yours truly

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