



June 23, 2020

Dear Councillor Bailão,

Little  
Portugal  
Dundas

I am writing to you on behalf of the Little Portugal Dundas BIA in support of the City of Toronto's proposal for affordable housing at the corner of Harrison Street and Dovercourt Rd.

The availability of affordable housing affects every one of our businesses, from the staff we hire to the customers we serve. If we want the west-end to remain a diverse, welcoming, healthy and economically thriving area we need people of all different incomes to live, work and shop here. We need them to eat and drink here and when the COVID-19 threat lifts we need them to bring vitality back to our street.

As businesspeople most closely connected to our community we also see the need for affordable housing and services that support Toronto's economically challenged residents with dignity. Everyday we see a side of Toronto that is difficult to reconcile with the wealth of our City. As our representative at Toronto City Council we know that you are also mindful of this need and we respect the difficult choices that you have to make.

The City's choice to implement modular affordable housing in Ward 9 seems to balance the need of the future tenants, the scale and support of our neighborhood, and the efficiency of the prefabricated construction. On this basis we are pleased to support this much-needed initiative.

Going forward, the BIA would be interested in participating in any community committees to support the start-up of the new housing and to welcome the new residents to our community.

Yours truly,

AnaBela Taborda, LPDBIA Chair

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