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Planning & Housing Committee City of Toronto 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

## RE: PH25.2 - Housing Now - Bloor-Kipling (Six Points)

Chair & Members of the Planning & Housing Committee,

Volunteers from our **HousingNowTO.com** civic-tech and open-data project attended all of the in-person and virtual public meetings over the last 2+ years for the "Housing Now" program site as part of the Six Points and Etobicoke Centre redevelopments.

We have also worked with data analysts, urban planners, architects and affordable housing operators to crowd-source trustworthy and accessible information about the "Housing Now" program – and its affordable-housing development goals.

Based on this technical-work, and the responses we heard at the various open-house events for Six-Points – we would like to offer our support to the current report for the "Housing Now" residential Blocks 1 and 5.

- Estimated Total Unit Count = ~1,229, including / ~409 Affordable-Rental Units
- 99-year period of affordability
- Proximity to TTC Subway and GO RER service at KIPLING station

While we would encourage additional density on these transit adjacent blocks, we would like to thank City staff for their work on this project, and look forward to seeing how this work evolves as the other "Housing Now" residential Blocks at Six-Points and Islington go out to market.

As always, our open data and civic-tech volunteers are happy to answer any questions the committee or city staff may have on "Transit-Oriented Affordable-Housing" development best practices.

Yours,

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