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Dear Councillor Cole,

I hope you are well.

I wanted to send this email as an act of support for the Frankfort Family Reena Residence at 155-165 Elm Ridge. The need for this project has never been more urgent or more widely accepted locally. As you know Beth Sholom Synagogue is but blocks removed from this important initiative and on behalf of our 1200+ family congregation we wholly endorse it.

Through our Out of the Cold project we have come to know that over 18% of the homeless population in Toronto have a developmental disability and there is a severe and chronic housing shortage for those with developmental disabilities. As of today there is a 40 year waiting list for housing with supports in Ontario which cannot be acceptable. In addressing this issue we know Reena is a leader in developmental services support with extensive housing experience and has experience in building Intentional Communities. Moreover, as a local resident on Fairleigh Crescent, the height of the building is no different to other buildings in that area.

I hope we can trust for you support in this project.

With my warmest and best regards,

Aaron

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