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Subject: My comments for 2022.PH30.2 on January 12, 2022 Planning and Housing Committee
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the January 12, 2022 Planning and Housing Committee meeting on item 2022.PH30.2, Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods - Garden Suites - Final Report

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

It is my pleasure to write a letter on behalf of MOSS SUND in support of the City of Toronto's Garden Suite initiative and the proposed garden suite regulations being considered by City Council. We urge City Council to pass the Official Plan and City-Wide Zoning By-law amendments as recommended by the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning.

Garden suites are an essential housing typology to help solve the "missing middle" housing crisis that Toronto is currently experiencing. Like laneway suites, garden suites will enhance the quality of life and livability for Toronto residents by providing safe, good quality and affordable rental housing, multi-generational housing, and aging in place solutions within established neighbourhoods and thriving communities. Garden suites make use of already developed residential lands while fitting into the established scale and density of existing neighbourhood streetscapes and enhancing the urban fabric.

Garden suites support the city's Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods initiative goals of prioritizing gentle density, including low-rise residential, that supports transit use, provides affordable housing that accommodates people at all stages of life, and provides access to nearby parks, schools, local establishments and local stores and shops.

An exciting and essential element of garden suite initiative is that it aligns with Toronto's TransformTO Net Zero Strategy of achieving Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040 by building gentle density on existing developed lands with existing infrastructure, allowing for sustainable transportation choices, such as walking, cycling, and public transit. Garden suites can easily be designed to achieve net zero, which is essential for all new buildings if we are to achieve our greenhouse gas emission reduction goals – a goal that MOSS SUND is actively helping the city to achieve with all our residential projects.

Best,
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