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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the July 5, 2022 Planning and Housing Committee meeting on item 2022.PH35.20, Local Priority Rules for Rent-Geared-to-Income Housing and Centralizing Access for Affordable Rental Housing

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:

As the General Manager of Wigwamen Incorporated, Toronto's oldest and largest urban Indigenous non-profit housing provider, I wanted to take this opportunity to comment on item 2022.PH35.20, Local Priority Rules for Rent Geared-to-Income Housing and Centralizing Access for Affordable Housing.

To begin with, I'd like to acknowledge the consultations with Indigenous housing partners that were undertaken by city staff around the proposed changes. It's fair to say that the initial vision of an entirely random draw approach was not well received by Indigenous housing partners, and that this opposition was probably not anticipated by city staff.

That said, I believe that the re-drafted allocation methodology now provides more balanced options to those who have been waiting the longest to be housed, while also providing, through the use of a random draw for some of the affordable housing units, hope to youth and others who have been on the waiting list for less time.

We are pleased also to see the city recognize the depth of need within the Indigenous community through the proposed amendments to current RGI local priority rules.

I would like to close by thanking city staff for taking the time to consult with Indigenous housing partners such as Wigwamen Incorporated, and taking our input seriously. We look forward to continuing to engage with the Housing Secretariat on matters including but not limited to the implementation and roll-out of these and other policies related to the housing access system.

Yours sincerely,

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