EX 9.3: Generational Transformation of Toronto's Housing System to Urgently Build More Affordable Homes

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To the Members of the City Executive Committee,

The Member Advocacy Committee is writing you with some feedback about the City of Toronto's new housing report, "Generational Transformation of Toronto's Housing System to Urgently Build More Affordable Homes". Our group is made of people who have current and recent experience of homelessness. We also engage with people at the Corner Drop In at The Neighbourhood Group Community Services in Kensington Market.

While we welcome your actions to develop new affordable housing, most of these units will be out of reach for people like us and the people we know who are unhoused. To build just 6,500 units of rent geared to income deeply affordable housing will barely scratch the surface of what needs to happen for our communities.

We urge you to work to at least double the number of RGI units in this project and get them built faster.

Our group works with people at the nearby Bellevue Avenue housing encampment and we see first hand the need for people who have the least to get into safe affordable housing.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter. We look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely (Sent electronically)

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