

## Letter of Support

October 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

Re: EX9.3 – Generational Transformation of Toronto’s Housing System to Urgently Build More Affordable Homes

Dear Executive Committee,

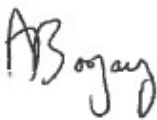
I am writing on behalf of the UHN Gattuso Centre for Social Medicine to express support for the recommendations put forth in the Generational Transformation of Toronto’s Housing System to Urgently Build More Affordable Homes. We believe the recommendations outlined in the comprehensive report can help address the dire housing crisis in our city and holds the potential to transform Toronto’s housing system in the need for deeply affordable housing.

We commend the proposed actions, including utilizing City-owned land, supporting the non-profit and co-operative housing sectors, and developing sustainable funding models. These actions prioritize people, equity, and sustainability to help advance our collective mission of improving health outcomes for people living in Toronto. The serious decline in social housing over the past 30 years has resulted in a housing crisis that is also a bonafide public health crisis. This report provides an ambition plan to resuscitate public housing options that aligns with the evidence and best practices in various jurisdictions.

UHN Social Medicine aims to address housing as a social determinant of health and supports the human rights-based approach in ensuring housing for all. We know there is no health without housing.

UHN Social Medicine remains dedicated to continuing our work with community partners and The City of Toronto, as well as every level of government, to support the implementation of the recommendations outlined herein.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Boozary". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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