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City Councillor | Ward 14 Toronto-Danforth

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Councillor Brad Bradford Chair, Planning and Housing Committee City of Toronto 100 Queen St. W

Re: 1117 Danforth Avenue Affordable Housing Opportunity

Dear Chair and Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

I am writing today to request support to explore a potential redevelopment of 1117 Danforth as part of a proposed redevelopment of 1095-1111 Danforth. 1117 is owned and operated by Houselink/Mainstay (HLMS) and 1095-1111 Danforth is a development proposal by CORE Developments.

HLMS currently operates 27 units of supportive housing in a four storey apartment building at 1117 Danforth. The building is aging and there are no accessible units or an elevator. A few years ago there was a request by HLMS to rebuild a 6 story building.

CORE developments has a number of other development applications on the go in Ward 14 and has indicated that their contribution towards affordable housing from all sites would be directed towards units at their Danforth location.

This opportunity could create efficiencies and materially reduce costs and add new housing in a long awaited refurbished HLMS building. Working with HLMS and City Planning and Housing Secretariat it may be possible to realize the long held dream of refurbished supportive housing on the Danforth.

To ensure its success I am requesting the Committee's support of the following:

1. The Planning and Housing Committee request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat, in consultation with Houselink/ Mainstay Community Housing and the local Councillor, to review and report on all options to realize the redevelopment of 1117 Danforth as affordable supportive housing, including opportunities as part of the ongoing redevelopment of 1095-1111 Danforth Avenue.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Paula Fletcher City Councillor Ward 14, Toronto-Danforth

