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Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

I am writing today in support of the recommendations by City Planning to legalize multiplexes citywide throughout Toronto (PH3.16). The staff recommended multiplex proposal is the real action we need to tackle the housing crisis. To make building multiplexes actually feasible, I support the staff recommendations to:

- Exempt multiplexes from floor-space index (FSI) maximums.
- Increase maximum height for multiplexes to at least 10m.
- Relax setback requirements.
- Allow secure front entrances for all units.

Further amendments to allow 12m height without setbacks would also allow more family-sized homes.

Legalizing multiplexes is an important first step towards addressing inequality and the housing crisis in Toronto. Allowing gentle density in neighbourhoods is critical to becoming the welcoming city of diversity and opportunity that we aspire to be, and will provide further diversity in housing options to fight the ongoing housing crisis. However, it is important that we not only legalize multiplexes in name, but make them viable to build. This is why I support the staff recommendations to exempt multiplexes from FSI and replace it with form-based zoning instead.

As Toronto faces budget challenges, Council needs to make better use of latent infrastructure in Neighbourhoods, particularly those with declining population and undersubscribed schools. In addition, providing more homes in Toronto helps to fight Greenbelt sprawl, reduces commutes and broadens the tax base.

The housing crisis is urgent and multiplexes are just one element in the array of reforms needed to begin addressing it, but it is one that we can change today. Let's make multiplexes a success in Toronto and keep communities thriving. Please vote in favour of this item with the form-based measures of density recommended by City Planning staff.

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