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Planning and Housing Committee
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RE: PH12.1 - Update Downsview: Secondary Plan, Zoning By-law, Urban Design Guidelines and Master Environmental Servicing Plan - Final Report (Ward 6)

Dear Members of Planning and Housing Committee,

Kehilla Residential Programme (Kehilla) is the Housing Agency in the Jewish Community based in North York. Kehilla is responsible for creating and supporting affordable housing initiatives for the vulnerable in the community.

We are writing to express our strong support for the proposed Downsview Secondary Plan and to highlight two key aspects that we believe are critical for the success of this redevelopment.

Affordable Housing

Kehilla supports the affordable housing requirements identified in '2.1 Affordable Housing' of the Final Report. We ask that the proposed maximum gross densities and permitted built forms continue to ensure that the affordable housing requirements are viable in this project. We hope you recognize the importance of this aspect in creating a sustainable and inclusive community.

Financial Viability

Kehilla believes that all levels of government understand the urgency and that it is essential to secure the necessary financial investment for the success of this redevelopment. This project represents a significant opportunity to make a positive impact on our community, providing much-needed affordable housing and fostering economic growth.

Kehilla is unwavering in our support of the proposed Secondary Plan, as it holds immense promise for Downsview, its current and future residents.
Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Lipowitz', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Lipowitz
Executive Director