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RE: No A0139/24SC – 777 Victoria Park

Dear Committee of Adjustment Members and Members of Toronto City Council:

Fred Victor strongly supports the efforts to develop the 777 Victoria Park Ave site into affordable housing. This project will add much needed affordable and deeply affordable housing units to Toronto, and it will respond effectively to the support needs of its various tenant populations. Additionally, it will align with the City of Toronto 10 Year Plan to create new affordable units.

Fred Victor is a multi-service organization that has assisted people living on low incomes and who are homeless in Toronto for 130 years. Fred Victor's mission is to improve the health, income and housing stability and housing options of people experiencing poverty and homelessness. Every day, more than 3,000 people use Fred Victor's programs and services, located at 22 different housing and support sites across Toronto.

Fred Victor is committed to the principle of housing is a human right and the 777 Victoria Park project is a significant and tangible step in putting this principle into action. Today, thousands of individuals and families are on the housing waiting list, many have been waiting for months if not years for an affordable and safe place to call home. Over 250 multi-unit affordable and deeply affordable units at 777 Victoria Park must proceed and those individuals and families in need of affordable housing will have a place to call home.



I urge members of the Committee of Adjustment to allow this project to proceed. After over 4 years of planning, development and consultations, it is time to move this project forward. We cannot allow the issue of parking to delay or even scuttle this project. Subsidizing parking spaces for those who can afford vehicles should not supersede the public interest in delivering affordable housing for those in need.

We all play a part in solving the housing crisis we are in. Let's move this project forward, build future homes for more individuals and families and celebrate the opening of this new community housing project.

I would be pleased to discuss the above points to provide more detail. I can be reached at 416-364-8228 ext 1393.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Hambly

CEO

Fred Victor

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Mr. Tim Neeb, President Mahogany Management