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Toronto City Council
City Hall – 100 Queen Street West
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Attention: Sylwia Przezdziecki, Manager – Council Secretariat Support

Re: A0139/24SC – Community Living Toronto's Support for Advancing the Construction of Affordable Housing at 777 Victoria Park, Hearing Date July 17th

About Community Living Toronto

Celebrating more than 75 years of belonging, Community Living Toronto (CLTO) has been a source of support for people with an intellectual disability and their families through a variety of supports and services. We put the people we support at the front of our advocacy and amplify their voices. We help people to live where they want, with who they want, find meaningful employment, and participate in their community. In partnership with families and with more than 1200 staff, we are proud to support over 4,000 children, youth, and adults, along with their networks, in diverse neighbourhoods across Toronto.

Summary of Position

Community Living Toronto strongly advocates for the creation of affordable, inclusive housing and endorses the proposal for developing new residential spaces at 777 Victoria Park Avenue through the City of Toronto's Housing Now Initiative to promote diverse, mixed-use neighborhoods. The project's close proximity to the Victoria Park Subway Station ensures that residents will have convenient access to public transit. This strategic location reduces the need for extensive parking facilities and aligns with our commitment to sustainable living and accessibility. We believe this project will significantly benefit our community by providing accessible, transit-oriented housing solutions that meet the needs of those we support.

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The city is currently in a housing crisis with more people every day struggling to find appropriate, affordable spaces to live, and this build could be part of the solution. We strongly support the prioritization of people and their homes over the concern for spaces for parking, and feel that the build at 777 Victoria Park Avenue provides an opportunity to support people who are eager to participate in their community.

Community Living Toronto calls on Toronto City Council to accelerate plans for the Housing Now project at 777 Victoria Park Avenue to further the City of Toronto's housing agenda as highlighted in the HousingTO 2020 – 2030 Action Plan, aligning with priorities to reduce poverty, build city-wide resilience, tackle climate change, and support seniors and vulnerable populations.

Regards,



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