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**RE: 2023-2024 Annual Progress Update Report – HousingTO
2020-2030 Action Plan and Housing Action Plan (2022-2026)**

To the attention of Mayor Chow and Toronto City Council,

On behalf of United Way Greater Toronto (UWGT), I am writing to express our support for the City of Toronto's staff recommendation to City Council regarding the adoption of recommendation five in the 2023-2024 Annual Progress Report on the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan and the Housing Action Plan (2022-2026). Specifically, we encourage City Council to authorize the Executive Director of the Housing Secretariat to accept a partnership contribution of up to \$120,000 from United Way Greater Toronto. This funding is intended to support the critical supportive housing project at 90 Dunn Avenue.

This partnership reflects our commitment to addressing housing needs in our community and supporting the City's long-term housing strategy.

UWGT has been a committed partner in the Social Medicine Initiative (SMI) which has successfully developed the Dunn House. This new supportive housing initiative at 90 Dunn Avenue is a result of a partnership with the City of Toronto and the University Health Network (UHN). United Way supported the initiative through collaboration, funding agency activities, community engagement and capital costs for building enhancements. Through a grant to West Neighbourhood House, a United Way Anchor Agency, the community was engaged in the project to ensure local voices were prioritized and amplified to champion supportive housing in the neighbourhood. Further, United Way staff supported the preparation and transfer activities with Fred Victor, the multiservice agency selected as the new housing provider for Dunn House.

Lastly, our funding contribution to the City of Toronto will enhance the on-site community kitchen at Dunn House. This contribution will cover improvements to the commercial kitchen equipment, allowing Fred Victor to prepare meals for the 51 future residents at Dunn

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House. The industrial kitchen will be an important part of Fred Victor's service, ensuring nutritious meals for residents while creating a new asset for the housing provider and the Parkdale community.

Yours sincerely,

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