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July 15th, 2024

Attention: Executive Committee, City of Toronto

**Re: EX16.20 - Delegation of Development Review Related Authorities
WoodGreen Community Services Letter of Support for Staff Recommendations**

WoodGreen supported the City's most recent Rental Housing Supply Program as a pivotal tool for building affordable rental housing, and now the proposed Delegation of Development Review Related Authorities report submission to the Executive Committee and Council. The proposals in this report to set up a new delivery structure and delegate authority to the Executive Director -Development Review will streamline decision-making, accelerate development applications and ultimately speed up the achievement of the city's new 10-year target of 65,000 homes.

In 2020, WoodGreen's Board of Directors set an ambitious goal to grow to 5,000 units by 2030 through three strategic approaches: acquisition, new development as sole developer or in partnership with aligned private sector purpose-built-rental developers. To date, WoodGreen's portfolio consists of proven models of each of these approaches. We have a pipeline of over 3,000 units currently in the process of negotiation or with completed agreements and in the process of rolling out.

In the last several years WoodGreen Community Services as an affordable housing leader has engaged in very productive discussions with City staff and officials on ways to strengthen the non-profit housing sector in scaling and accelerating the development of new affordable housing in the rental market. WoodGreen looks forward to working closely with the City's Executive Director - Development Review and to expedite the overall development of affordable housing together with our private partners and non-profit developer sector as a whole.

Yours,

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