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To: The City Clerk

Please add my comments to the agenda for the November 18th, 2024 Board of Health meeting on item 2024. HL18.2; Our Health, Our City: Annual Progress Report 2024.

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Please circulate with the appropriate city's divisions and agencies; and considered this comments as a written deputation, which can be posted publicly as well.

Thanks,

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November 15, 2024

**To: Toronto Board of Health on agenda item 2024. HL18.2; Our Health, Our City: Annual Progress Report 2024.**

I wish the Board of Health to continue its efforts at prioritizing access to social housing, which is part of the City's strategy to improve residents' health, safety, and wellbeing.

Attending the social determinants of health like inequities, economic well-being, and housing are important pieces to address' our overall wellbeing and health outcomes. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario's report on Homelessness and Opioids, provides relevant information with recommendations to reduce the disastrous consequences of social inequities, a broken social assistance programs like ODSP, and also to address the lack of appropriate shelters systems.

I wish this detailed report by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to be taken into consideration as we move forward with our Toronto Public Health initiative.

[Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Advocacy on Homelessness and Opioids by Ontario Big City Mayors](#)

Respectfully,

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