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Elizabeth McIsaac
Chair, Housing Rights Advisory Committee
City of Toronto

Dear Ms. McIsaac,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you in your capacity as Chair of the Housing Rights Advisory Committee to formally request the inclusion of an item on the agenda for our upcoming meeting on November 4th, 2024. The item pertains to the recent annual progress report on the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan, released by the City of Toronto on September 18, 2024.

As you know, one of our committee's key mandates is the independent monitoring of the progress of the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan through publicly available data to the extent that it is within our capacity to do so. Considering this mandate, I believe it is our responsibility to review the latest updates in the report, assess any significant changes or gaps in the implementation, and determine what further monitoring or advocacy efforts may be necessary to support the plan's goals.

Specifically, I would appreciate the Committee's discussion on the following questions:

1. **Progress Indicators:** What are the key progress indicators highlighted in the report, and how do they align with the original targets set out in the HousingTO Action Plan?
2. **Data Transparency and Availability:** Has the City provided sufficient, transparent, and up-to-date data to allow for independent monitoring, and are there any gaps in the information provided that may impede our review? What parameters are being used to assess the accuracy of the HousingTO Action Plan 2020-2030 Dashboard?
3. **Impact on Vulnerable Populations:** How has the Plan's implementation to date addressed the housing needs of marginalized and vulnerable groups, particularly women-led households, those who are racialized, low-income, or at risk of homelessness?

New Homes for Women-led and Gender Diverse Households and New Homes for Indigenous, By Indigenous consistently remain the two at-risk targets, falling [over 70% short](#).

As per the latest numbers added to the dashboard, out of the [annual target of 1000 new homes, only 24](#) were dedicated to Women-led and Gender Diverse Households in 2023 comparable to pandemic levels. Similarly, out of the yearly target of 520 new homes, only 23 new Homes For Indigenous, By Indigenous were created.

How are we evaluating the reasons for failing to meet these targets? Could investments into enhanced disaggregated data collection support strategies to meet these targets?

4. **Next Steps for Monitoring:** What steps should the Advisory Committee take to ensure continued oversight of the Action Plan's progress? How can we improve collaboration with other stakeholders to enhance our monitoring capacity? What streamlining processes can we implement for greater coordination?

Given the importance of these questions and the Committee's mandate, I kindly request that this matter be added to the agenda for our next meeting. I believe that our collective expertise and insights will contribute significantly to ensuring the continued success of the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan and realizing its goals for housing equity and rights across the city.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to your response and to discussing these critical issues further with the committee.

Sincerely,



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