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Dear Member of Toronto City Council,

The Coalition for Equitable & Inclusive City Development is focused on creating a space for allies to collaborate on city wide planning issues and policies that impact residents of Toronto, ensuring that the needs of equity-deserving communities are prioritized in municipal decision-making. It brings together over 40 different grassroots groups, organizations and multi-service delivery organizations actively connected to a larger network of resident and community groups across Toronto.

Feb 14th, 2024 is an important date for residents of Toronto as Council votes on the City of Toronto's Budget. **We are writing to you today to ask for your support in adopting the Mayor's proposed budget. It's important this budget gets passed as it ensures a commitment to unhoused communities, renters and equitable development during a challenging time.** We are calling on you to consider our following budget asks as our city faces a dire affordability crisis:

1. Invest in renter supports

Increase funds for RentBank, eviction prevention, rental replacement, and RentSafeTO

2. Support a progressive property tax rate

An increase in property taxes is one of the most effective revenue tools to fund our city and affordable housing.

3. Keep our affordable rental stock

Continued investments in the Multi-Unit Residential Acquisition Program (MURA) is key to preserving affordable housing in our city.

4. Invest in permanently affordable housing development

Use city-owned surplus land to build housing that stays affordable long-term

5. Adequately fund social development plans

Increase and expand funding for social development plans in communities across the city

6. Sustained funding for unhoused communities

Unhoused, precariously housed communities in shelters, transitional housing and encampments deserve to live with dignity.

Thanks for your consideration. We look forward to seeing the outcome of this budget and working together in future years to come.

Sincerely, Coalition for Equitable and Inclusive Development

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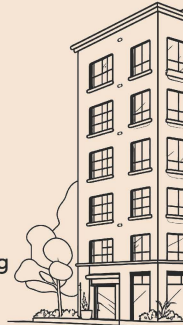
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