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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the September 26, 2024 Planning and Housing Committee meeting on item 2024.PH15.6, Increasing the City's Supply of Accessible Affordable Housing

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Comments:

Date: Sept 23rd 2024
To: Planning and Housing Committee
Email: phc@toronto.ca
Subject: Support for Item 2024.PH15.6 – Increasing the City's Supply of Accessible Affordable Housing

Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

As Director of Partnerships at AccessNow, I am writing to offer our full support for **Item 2024.PH15.6 – Increasing the City's Supply of Accessible Affordable Housing**. AccessNow is committed to promoting accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities, and we believe the recommendations presented in this report are a vital step towards ensuring a more accessible and equitable housing landscape in Toronto.

The report's focus on revising the City's affordable housing design guidelines to include more accessible and universal design features is crucial in addressing the barriers individuals with disabilities face in finding safe and independent living arrangements. The establishment of an inventory of existing modified and accessible housing units will make it significantly easier to match tenants with appropriate housing, simplifying the process and improving access.

Moreover, the recommended revisions to by-laws to facilitate accessible retrofits of existing buildings will help overcome some of the current physical and regulatory barriers that limit the availability of accessible housing options. AccessNow also fully supports the call for additional funding to achieve deeper and more comprehensive accessibility in new

developments.

Please consider this letter in support of **Item 2024.PH15.6**, and I urge the Committee to move forward with these important recommendations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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