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Toronto City Council City Hall, 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Members of the Toronto City Council,

On behalf of Beach United Church, I am writing to express our support for the Hennick Bridgepoint Hospital and Sinai Health proposal to develop a 392-bed Long Term Care (LTC) facility at **400 Broadview Avenue.** East Toronto and in particular the Beach Community are seeing significant change as long-time members of the community now require supportive living environments which allow them to move from their homes and free those up for new, growing families. This facility responds to this demand and can significantly help meet the growing demand for long-term care in our community. This approach aligns with our mission and values, most notably in fostering a caring and inclusive community.

Beach United Church has a long history of serving the needs of our community, with a focus on community engagement, compassionate welcome, and justice. Our congregation is dedicated to supporting initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all individuals, particularly the most vulnerable among us. The proposed LTC facility will provide essential care for seniors, allowing them to live with dignity and receive the support they need.

We are excited to see that the LTC at 400 Broadview Avenue will significantly enhance the accessibility of high-quality care for seniors in our area. 24-hour health care, structured recreational programs, and emotional support, ensures that seniors receive comprehensive and compassionate care. The integration of these services within the community will benefit our aging population, allowing them to maintain connections with their loved ones and familiar surroundings.

Furthermore, we also envision the job opportunities created that contribute to the economic stability of our neighbours. The provision of unionized jobs is an essential element, ensuring fair wages and benefits for workers, supporting local families and promoting economic growth.

We will be pleased to welcome the LTC facility and its residents into the community. We urge the Toronto City Council to approve this project, as it is a critical investment in the health and well-being of our community's seniors.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

Rev. Gregory Daly Minister, Beach United Church