

Dear Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

RE: TE17.8 - 985 Woodbine Avenue and 2078, 2086, 2100, 2102 and 2106 Danforth Avenue - Zoning By-law Amendment and Rental Housing Demolition Applications - Decision Report - Approval

About More Neighbours Toronto

<u>More Neighbours Toronto</u> is a volunteer-only organization of housing advocates that believe in building more multi-family homes of all kinds for those who dream of building their lives in Toronto. We advocate for reforms to increase our city's ability to build more homes in every neighbourhood. We are a big-tent organization with members across the political spectrum who are committed to counterbalancing the anti-housing agenda that has dominated Toronto's politics, created an affordability crisis, and cost burdened a new generation of aspiring residents. We are firmly committed to the principle that housing is a human right and believe Toronto should be inclusive and welcoming to all.

Position

More Neighbours Toronto supports this Zoning By-law Amendment. This application will provide 606 much-needed housing units, including 12 affordable units. The developer will replace the 14 existing units and must submit a Tenant Relocation and Assistance Plan. Additionally, non-residential space for a grocery store, theater, and daycare is proposed.

Dense, mixed-use developments close to transit, such as this one, will help solve the housing crisis and are climate-friendly. We need many more similar developments across the city.

We encourage members of the Community Council to approve this project, and to work with City Planning staff to continue to refine and reform our planning processes and By-laws to help solve the housing crisis. In particular, it would be ideal if it was easier to rezone lower density lots currently occupied by single-family houses, so that there would be less incentive to demolish and redevelop existing rental housing stock.

Kind Regards,

Alena Parkinson, More Neighbours Toronto