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To Mayor Olivia Chow & Toronto City Council,

We write to you today to express our support for Item 2025.PH20.1, regarding the City-initiated zoning amendment application for 7-9 Wardlaw Crescent in Etobicoke.

This item is a proposal for a 51-unit supportive housing development, in partnership with Youth Without Shelter, Midaynta, Delta Family Resource Centre, Albion Youth Services, and Rexdale Women's Centre. As you are aware, we are in the middle of a severe housing crisis. Rents are skyrocketing, Ontario's rent control laws have been eroded, and life is getting more and more expensive while our wages and welfare stagnates.

Rexdale is a working class community. We have often been neglected by City administrations and politicians focused on their voter base in the downtown core or the wealthier suburbs. It's time for the City to step up and start building more rent-geared-to-income housing in Rexdale. You can start with these 51 units.

We urge you to approve this proposal today, and to do your due diligence as our elected representatives to ensure more proposals like this are approved.

Yours,

The Etobicoke ACORN Chapter Board

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