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Members of the North York Community Council c/o City Clerk's Office North York Civic Centre 5100 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M2N 5V7

Dear Members of the North York Community Council,

My name is G. Lin Ferguson, and I am writing on behalf of *The Rhema Foundation Canada*, where I serve as Executive Director. Our work is grounded in three core investment areas: **Human Settlement, Health and Well-Being, and Strengthening the Family Unit**. At the heart of our mission is a commitment to the effective mobilization of resources to meet the evolving needs of communities, locally in Downsview and globally.

Over the past five years, we have had the opportunity to engage with *Northcrest Developments* through community events, partnership conversations, and collaborative planning efforts. From the outset, Northcrest has demonstrated a sincere commitment to working alongside local organizations and amplifying the work already happening in the community.

Our relationship with Northcrest has been built on mutual respect, active listening, and shared purpose. Their team consistently takes the time to understand the values and challenges faced by organizations like ours. Their approach to partnership is grounded in humility and a genuine desire to support. When we've raised concerns or shared aspirations, the response has never felt transactional, instead, it has felt like part of a meaningful journey toward community-building and trust.

We fully support Northcrest's application for the **Hangar District**. Our endorsement is informed by direct experience with their behind-the-scenes commitment and day-to-day presence in the community. Northcrest doesn't just appear for major announcements—they show up consistently, supporting local efforts with both resources and care. They help create capacity and open doors where it is most needed.

The Hangar District proposal reflects what is possible when development is rooted in community input and shared values. We are particularly encouraged by the potential for **new** 











## community spaces, youth employment opportunities, and accessible programming infrastructure.

This work has already fostered connection and collaboration. With the approval of this application, we believe even more opportunities will emerge, to deepen partnerships, strengthen community infrastructure, and make North York a place where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support.

Sincerely,

G. Lin Ferguson

Executive Director

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