



RE: Housing Accelerator Fund: Expanding Permissions in Neighbourhoods for Low-Rise Sixplexes

Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

We are writing today to applaud the recommendations to expand sixplex permissions.

We want to make it clear to the committee that although associations of residents are often portrayed as opposing more housing, we at Willowdale in Neighbourly Community (WINC), are in favour of policies that would make housing more affordable and more friendly to *more* families. There is no “character” in a neighbourhood, if existing families/residents age out and no one new can move in.

We have seen the clear effects of not building enough housing in neighbourhoods, and how that has led to many of our neighbours without homes. If our city councillors care about safety for residents, as many say they do, we hope they see there is a strong connection between housing and safety and that increasing housing is necessary.

We call on the committee to not only expand these permissions but also take into serious consideration feedback additionally on how to make these sixplexes a reality.

About Willowdale in Neighbourly Community (WINC)

We are a group of Willowdale residents informing, gathering, and mobilizing Willowdale residents around issues of housing and homelessness with the goal to shift policies and change systemic structures that ultimately creates thriving community for all.

Best,

Rachel Chen, on behalf of WINC