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To: City of Toronto Council Members

Re: **Deputation in Support of Parkdale United Church Foundation (PUCF) Green Phoenix II, Affordable Housing Development Project**

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to express strong support for the PUCF's proposed 92-unit affordable housing project that will bring lasting benefits to our community. I respectfully urge the Council Members to approve the requested funding of **\$3,993,027**, which is essential to ensuring this vital project can move forward.

The need for affordable housing in our city is both urgent and growing month by month. Far too many residents, particularly seniors, newcomers, and low-income families, are struggling to find safe, stable, and affordable places to live. The PUCF development responds directly to this crisis by providing 92 deeply affordable rental units, many of which will be prioritized for those most at risk of housing insecurity.

Importantly, this project is nearly shovel-ready. With municipal support and matching funding anticipated from CMHC, construction could begin as early as **March 2026**. That means we're not discussing a distant vision; we're talking about real homes for real people within a short timeline.

The PUCF with its almost 50 years long history, is a trusted non-profit organization with a long-standing track record in social justice and community development. The PUCF leadership will ensure this housing will be **permanently affordable, responsibly managed, and built with deep consideration for the needs of the community.**

Approving this funding does more than support a housing build; it signals that the City of Toronto Council is committed to taking bold, effective action on the housing crisis. Your support will allow PUCF to unlock the final pieces of funding, break ground, and begin the work of housing 92 households in need.

I urge the Council members to approve the full **\$3,993,027** in municipal funding and help bring this important, community-driven project to life.

Thank you for your time and your continued leadership on affordable housing.

Sincerely,

Predrag Milenkovic
PUCF, Executive Director