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To: [Planning and Housing](#); [Councillor Cheng](#)
Subject: [External Sender] Toronto Agenda Item 2025.PH23.3 - Please Post Publicly
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Dear Planning and Housing Committee,

My name is Adam Zeineddine — I am a homeowner living at 7 Bishop Ave, North York. I am writing in support of PH23.3 and the proposed zoning amendments.

I cannot emphasize enough how critical it is at this time to erect new shelters to help our unhoused neighbours. Toronto is facing a serious homelessness crisis. The homeless population in Toronto has doubled over the past three years, reaching 15,400. Of this number, 12% inhabit the North York neighbourhood.

These are people with lives, stories, and families who are victims of a growing affordability crisis. I see this all around the neighbourhood in Willowdale. There is not a single person I have spoken to that has not seen their grocery bill, rent, or other costs increase dramatically over the past few years. Even worse is the housing crisis in the city. With the average rental price for a one-bedroom hovering around \$2,600, is it any wonder that homelessness is rising?

Given this context, opposition to the building of more shelters would result in unfathomable cruelty. Living on the streets is a horrifying and traumatizing experience. Even worse, homeless people are smeared as dangerous, when studies have shown over and over they are far more likely to be the victims of crimes rather than the perpetrators. Building a shelter to help the homeless in Willowdale is the absolute bare minimum we can do.

Please accept this letter as my formal support for the proposed amendments. I ask that my submission be posted publicly on the agenda.

Sincerely,

Adam Zeineddine
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