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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the February 4, 2026 City Council meeting on item 2026.CC36.2, Waiving Application Fees to Support the Redevelopment of Safehaven, 1173 Bloor Street West

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Comments:

As CEO of Safehaven for the last 10 years, I have seen first-hand that when care is delivered within stable, compassionate communities, outcomes improve for individuals, families, and the healthcare system. For 35 years, Safehaven has provided highly specialized, community-based care for children, youth, and adults with the most complex medical needs.

The proposed redevelopment responds to a growing and urgent need for community-based care for individuals with medical complexity. Advances in medicine mean people are living longer and fuller lives, yet care systems remain heavily anchored to hospitals and families under strain. This project is intended to add capacity and support long-term planning for care that reflects dignity, stability and inclusion.

Council's consideration of a waiver of planning applications fees is an important and practical step in enabling this work to move forward. As a nonprofit organization, the ability to redirect these funds toward essential planning and care related components of the project is critical. We are very appreciative of Mayor Chow and her office for bringing forward this agenda item and for support from Councillor Bravo and her team.

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