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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Eva Karpati. I am writing on behalf of the One Voice Project of [National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto](#). NCJWC Toronto is a volunteer organization committed to enhancing the community through education, service and social action. Since its inception in 1897 it has educated and engaged thousands of community members about pressing social issues. The [One Voice Project](#) has brought together women of diverse faiths to deal with the issue of domestic violence.

Recognizing that this a problem across all faiths, the participants of One Voice created a guide for faith leaders: “Faith Leaders on the Front Line: Responding to Domestic Violence in Our Communities.”

As Co-Chair of One Voice I am writing today to express strong support for the proposed zoning and official planning amendments for a proposed women’s shelter at 3838 Bloor Street West.

The number of intimate partner violence occurrences in Toronto each year ranges from about 17,200 to 19,300 which the city has declared an epidemic. Being able to access a safe shelter is a critical step in the survival of a woman fleeing abuse. There is a desperate need for more shelter space. Etobicoke needs to be added to this availability.

- A shelter is already a permitted use of this site.
- The proposed changes are consistent with the neighbourhood characteristics and the planning legislation.
- This shelter is 500 m from the a subway station, making it accessible and reducing the need for car dependency and parking requirements.
- This shelter will provide safety, dignity, and pathways to permanent housing for women.
- Shelters are a critical entry point to long-term housing and should be located in neighbourhoods, like any other essential public service.

In supporting these amendments, we respectfully recommend that the City:

**Approve the official plan and zoning amendments to facilitate the build of a new women’s shelter at 3838 Bloor Street.**

Respectfully,  
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