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Dear City Planning and Housing Committee members, Councillor Morley, Toronto Shelter Support Services, and Toronto City Councillors,

On behalf of Kairos Toronto West/Mississauga, a community of individuals and organizations deeply committed to social justice and the well-being of all Torontonians, we are writing to express our strong support for the proposed women's shelter at 3838 Bloor Street West in Etobicoke.

As we continue to face the urgent realities of homelessness, gender-based violence and housing insecurity across Toronto, the establishment of this shelter represents a crucial step toward addressing the growing needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. The site at 3838 Bloor Street West provides an opportunity to offer urgent, life-saving support in a safe, secure environment for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

We recognize that shelters are not a long-term solution to homelessness, but they are an essential response in times of crisis, particularly during the winter months. This facility will help bridge the gap for women currently unsheltered while the City continues its efforts to increase affordable and supportive housing.

We are also confident that this shelter will be operated with the professionalism, compassion, and community engagement that Toronto Shelter Support Services has demonstrated in other locations. As a community, we are committed to working alongside the City and our elected representatives to foster understanding and collaboration with local residents. It is through such partnerships that we can dispel myths about shelters and emphasize the shared benefits of addressing homelessness in a humane and proactive manner.

We urge you to prioritize the approval and implementation of the women's shelter at 3838 Bloor Street West. This initiative aligns with Toronto's commitment to inclusivity and the right to housing for all. We also encourage continued open dialogue among the City, Councillor Morley, and local community stakeholders to ensure that this project is successful and widely supported.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Kairos Toronto West/Mississauga if there are ways we can assist in fostering collaboration and support for this much-needed initiative.

Sincerely,

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