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Planning and Housing Committee  
City of Toronto

## To whom It may concern

### Re. Zoning at 3838 Bloor St. West, Etobicoke

I am writing on behalf of the Shelter and Support Board Advocacy Coalition (SSBAC) to support the shelter project at 3838 Bloor St West, Etobicoke, for women experiencing homelessness.

SSBAC is a coalition of Board Directors - community voices – from shelters in Toronto, including Fred Victor, Dixon Hall, Fife House, Sojourn House, Eva's, YWCA Toronto, TNG and L'Agapanthe. The SSBAC is supported by its partners, the Toronto Shelter Network (TSN) and the Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN).

Street Haven has been selected as the operator for this new 60-65 bed shelter slated to open in 2028. This new shelter represents a critical step in preventing homelessness among women. The zoning proposal to add two additional floors is necessary to ensure the effective functioning of the shelter and its residents, and a healthy integration in the community.

SSBAC supports the zoning request for two additional floors that would increase programming and outdoor space for clients and staff. Higher floors will provide more privacy for residents and community members. These additional floors will overlook Bloor Street West, not residential homes; the higher floors are beneficial to minimize disruption to the community.



The SSBAC calls on the Planning and Housing Committee to allow the zoning request for two additional floors to the benefit of women who are experiencing homeless and the community.

Yours truly,



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