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Dear Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council,

Re: **Support for Rental Housing Demolition Application No. 26 147735 STE 04 RH and related Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Application No. 26 118047 STE 04 OZ – 1497–1501 Queen Street West and 89–91 Beaty Avenue**

On behalf of the Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre (CONC), I am writing to express our strong support for the application by the Parkdale Activity-Recreation Centre (PARC) to redevelop 1497–1501 Queen Street West and 89–91 Beaty Avenue. The proposal replaces 50 existing rental units with a 141-unit building that includes 54 replacement rental homes secured as deeply affordable housing, alongside tenant relocation assistance and a guaranteed right of return for current residents.

As a community organization serving seniors, individuals experiencing homelessness, newcomers, low-income residents, and others facing food insecurity and housing instability in Toronto's west end, we witness firsthand the urgent and growing need for deeply affordable, stable, and supportive housing. Every day, we support individuals who struggle to find safe and affordable places to live while accessing essential services such as meals, food assistance, housing support, mental health resources, and community programming.

We support this project because it will:

- Increase the supply of deeply affordable and supportive housing in a neighbourhood well served by transit and community services.
- Protect existing tenants through replacement housing, relocation assistance, and a guaranteed right to return.
- Provide integrated supports that promote long-term housing stability and improved quality of life.
- Expand valuable community spaces in a high-need neighbourhood.
- Improve building design, accessibility, and indoor and outdoor amenities for residents.

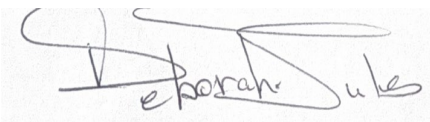
From our experience working with vulnerable members of our community, we know that access to stable and affordable housing leads to better health and social outcomes. It reduces reliance on emergency services, improves mental health and overall well-being, strengthens community safety, increases housing retention, and enables individuals to remain connected to the services, relationships, and supports that help them thrive.

Toronto continues to face an unprecedented housing affordability crisis. Projects like this one, which preserve existing tenancies while significantly expanding deeply affordable and supportive housing, are essential to creating healthier, more inclusive communities.

We respectfully urge you to support this application and recommend its approval to City Council during the current Council term.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to addressing Toronto's housing crisis.

Sincerely,



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