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Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 2:52 PM
To: Council Agenda <councilagenda@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the Hubs for the Homeless

Dear Members of London's City Council,

I am deeply concerned about the resistance to the Hub plans to serve and support our community members who are homeless.

The hubs are the most movement we have seen in decades and I hate to see the momentum stalled because of insular views from NIMBYs. To have the private sector and government support we currently have and a coalition of those who serve the homeless community collaborating is the most hopeful plan I have seen. Can we really turn our backs? I strongly support the Hub concept because it does not ghetto-ize or "warehouse" those experiencing homelessness. I love the fact that the initial hubs target specific populations in our community - Indigenous, women, youth, etc -- in order to better serve and support the diversity among them. It is unreasonable to me that only downtown and the east end should be affected by the struggles and that the rest of the community can hide from this important human issue. We need to share responsibility and we need voices of support to be heard.

Sincerely,
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