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To: Council Agenda <councilagenda@london.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support of Council passing the 3 London Hubs Recommended

Dear London City Councillors

Re: [Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response RFP 2023-199 Hubs Implementation Plan Results](#)

Council meeting scheduled for October 05, 2023

I consent for my letter to appear on the public agenda

As a resident of London, living near Gibbons Park, and seeing the growing tent city among the trees along the Thames River in my neighbourhood, I have seen firsthand the growing need for supports, like the suggested 'hubs' for the homeless individuals and also the desperate need for increased supportive housing in London plus rent geared to income housing. These housing options are a continuum .

In the 1990's Mike Harris closed psychiatric hospitals, with the intent of integrating these individuals into our communities, but little money, housing, supports followed this. Now these individuals are on our streets.

In the 1970's there was a combined federal/provincial housing strategy where rent geared to income was supported and built. However over the past 40+ years, little substantial new, rent geared to income housing has been built.

So here we are today....with many homeless individuals, many with mental health and addiction issues and a 10 year waiting list for rent geared to income housing.

These problems will not solve themselves. London hubs for the homeless is the first of many steps required to tackle these social issues, that any caring and compassionate society/individuals would encourage London City Council to support.

I encourage London City Council to approve the 3 recommended 'Hubs' in the 3 locations suggested, and yo move forward with more Hubs in future. They are so badly needed.

Sincerely

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Sent from my iPhone