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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oct. 5 decision on Whole of Community System Response

Councillors,

As a resident of Ward 7, I'm urging you to support the hubs presented for approval, including the rezoning required for the hub proposed for 705 Fanshawe Park Rd West.

I consent to this letter appearing on the public agenda.

The Whole of Community System Response has been a long time coming; it is a more comprehensive and collaborative approach than the previous piecemeal attempts, and critically it seems to involve the input and support of those with experience in the community.

I have not personally experienced homelessness; I do, though, know how grounding it is to have stable housing and how essential it is for mental and physical health and well-being. Every person deserves that opportunity – and every neighbourhood should provide that opportunity.

There is clearly not enough affordable, appropriate housing available across this city, and it has caused or exacerbated personal and community crises for years. This is a good plan. It acknowledges the need for support beyond a bed in a shelter, and the need to provide that support urgently. As elected leaders representing all residents of this city, please approve this proposal that will have a tangible, positive impact.

Thank you.

Lella Blumer