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Dear Members of London City Council (CPSC Committee),

I am writing to express my strong support for extending the City's contract with 519Pursuit.

As a business owner, and community member in London for 10 years, I believe 519Pursuit provides a vital and much-needed service in our city. Their work reaches people directly on the ground, including those living in encampments and others who may not otherwise be consistently connected to care and support. In my view, this kind of outreach is essential to any effective response to homelessness in London.

Last year, I volunteered with 519Pursuit at a Valentine's Day outreach event where we distributed food and supplies to people living in an outdoor park encampment. Through that experience, I saw firsthand the level of care, compassion, and professionalism that 519Pursuit brings to this work. It was clear that the people they were serving appreciated the help, felt safe in their presence, and trusted them. What stood out to me most was not only that 519Pursuit was providing practical support, but that they were able to genuinely connect with people in a way that built trust and dignity.

I was also deeply impressed by the knowledge and experience of the organizers and volunteers. They understood how to engage people respectfully, how to meet urgent needs, and how to serve as a real bridge between vulnerable individuals and the broader support system. That kind of trust-based, street-level connection is incredibly difficult to build, and it is something our city should value and protect.

I believe 519Pursuit can continue to play a key role in helping administer needed services in London and in improving the wellbeing of the city as a whole. Supporting effective organizations like this is not only a compassionate choice, but also a practical one. It shows leadership, good judgment, and a real commitment to supporting approaches that genuinely help people and strengthen the community.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to support a contract extension for 519Pursuit. Their presence, relationships, and street-level outreach are too important to lose.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration.

Sincerely,

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