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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Multi-Year Budget

Good morning London City Council,

I am writing with feedback on the proposed 2020-2023 budget. I noticed that three business cases on housing are currently not in the recommended section, particularly:

- 1) "Additional funding for affordable housing - Part B"
- 2) LMCH regeneration
- 3) LMCH staffing and security

I strongly believe that each of these is an important contribution to addressing the housing crisis and ending homelessness. In particular, to develop new affordable housing stock the HDC requires both funds and land (or funds for land). As the pace of requests for units out-strips development of new units, this additional investment is key. Secondly, in terms of LMCH, regeneration offers an incredible opportunity to both increase stock and replace aging stock through the intensification of existing sites. This is being done in communities across Ontario already (see for example Toronto and Peterborough) so it is very timely for London to do so as well. Finally, in regard to LMCH staffing, providing supports to tenants on site will help to reduce the cycle of homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,

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