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To: City of London, Mayor <mayor@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2020-2023 Budget

Dear Mr Holder

At my church, St. John the Evangelist, we have a weekly hospitality meal for folks who are food insecure. I'm there, meeting and talking to our guests, every Saturday night. As a consequence I have come to know first hand the crisis in truly affordable housing in our community.

I urge you and your fellow councillors to include in the 2020-2023 budget those items that bear directly on this issue, namely

- "additional funding for affordable housing — Part B"
- London Middlesex Community Housing regeneration
- London Middlesex Community Housing staffing and security

The issues of poverty, homelessness, hunger, and social marginalization are all intertwined. I am heartened by your willingness to tackle them, and not simply defer addressing them to a future council.

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