

Dear colleagues,

I hope you will join me in supporting the proposed *Whole of Community System Response Report* to be considered at the February 28th meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee.

Over the last several months, more than 200 Londoners, representing upwards of 70 different groups and organizations, have joined together as part of an effort that's not only the first of its kind in our city, but anywhere in Canada. This is a truly historic, and unprecedented undertaking.

Members of London City Council now have an opportunity to join in this effort, not only by virtue of our support on this occasion, but in a variety of ways going forward. There is no issue of greater importance, and no issue of greater consequence facing London today. What's before us represents our greatest opportunity to make meaningful progress, and lasting change.

Although not all questions will be answered today, and adjustments will need to be made through the implementation process, I do believe in the proposal before us because I believe in the process and in those who have contributed to its design. I believe in their commitment, their compassion, and their expertise.

I look forward to the questions, thoughtful debate, discussion and ultimately supporting the proposal before us today. This will not be the end of the process but is a critical step in transforming our system into a people centered and housing centric response.

I am humbled to stand with each of you, and all those involved in this effort, as we consider this report and seize the opportunity to affirm our belief in this life changing and life saving work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh Morgan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Josh Morgan
Mayor, City of London