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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to offer my support to the women in the Baba Yaga Place Toronto group regarding their desire to locate in downtown Toronto. I have been pleased to learn about this organization of dedicated Torontonians and their intention to further access to affordable housing for seniors, in particular for senior women.

The Baba Yaga model promotes housing which allows residents to remain active, involved, and self-sustaining, all of which support the provincial policy of "age in place". Based on the innovative model in Paris, Baba Yaga Place (BYP) Toronto encourages seniors to enjoy engaged, productive lives in a supportive and caring community. Providing a clear alternative to current options, BYP would combat loneliness, depression, and isolation, all of which often lead to declining health, and further burden our system.

Additionally, the women of BYP bring, as part of their central mandate, a dedication to environmental awareness & sustainability. They are committed to an inclusionary approach that embraces elders as an integral part of vibrant and diverse neighbourhoods.

In my role as City Councillor, I am glad to see small groups take on large challenges. Innovative solutions such as those sought by BYP Toronto hold the potential to create stronger, more viable communities. I endorse the Baba Yaga initiative, which exemplifies leadership in practices that are a source of inspiration and hope, and would provide a multitude of benefits to the community. I wish Baba Yaga Place the best in their endeavours; I support the goals and objective of this project.

Sincerely,



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