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Attention: Nancy Martins

Dear Councillor Shiner, Chair and Members of Planning and Growth Management Committee

RE: PG21.3 Growing Up: Planning for Children in New Vertical Communities - Draft Guidelines

This is to express our support for the draft Growing Up Guidelines. It is apparent that mid rise and tall buildings are increasingly becoming “home” for Toronto families, and it is critical that these are “good places to live” at unit, building and neighborhoods scales, as examined in the report and guidelines.

We would recommend that consultation be expanded beyond the “design and development community”. As such, Recommendation 2 should be amended as follows:

“City Council direct the City Planning Division to consult with the design and development communities **and other stakeholders, such as families living in mid-rise and tall buildings, and social service agencies** on the draft "Growing Up Guidelines" appended as Attachment 4 through the development approvals process and report back on proposed modifications if required by the end of Q1 2018”.

Yours truly,

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