



To: York Region Chair, Regional Councillors and the Region Clerk,

Ref: Supporting a Motion for Reena's Request for \$240,000 of rent supplements

Our organization, **Anand Vihar – The Centre for Dignified Living of Markham**/York Region, aiming to build and operate a purpose built a supportive/affordable rental housing for 100 Persons with Disabilities and Seniors in York Region, preferably in Markham, would like to add our support to **Reena's** request for Rent Supplements for the Lou Fruitman Reena Residence and the development of a fair and equitable process to deliver rent supplements to individuals qualifying for healthcare supports in the years ahead.

Although, **Anand Vihar, a registered charity**, has not currently built or operates a not-for-profit housing facility, we will be relying in future on for-profit-rental property operators willing to have our clients rent from them.

The individuals we will support will require rent supplements to bridge the gap between \$497/month ODSP and the average market rent in York Region.

These supplements ensure that those in need who qualify for healthcare supports, also have the ability to keep a roof over their head.

We look forward to the passage of this resolution and working with the York Region Staff team that will be charged to set up a fair and equitable process to deliver rent supplements to individuals qualifying for healthcare and or social supports in the years to come.

We hope this resolution shall pass, and that the result will be a clear mandate to staff to execute, enabling York Region to join other municipal and regional jurisdictions in the Province who have already recognized the shared responsibility of providing "deeply affordable" housing to individuals who through no fault of their own are living on a monthly shelter allowance, and provided a clear mandate to staff to execute.

Thank you,

(Signed-SURJIT)

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