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Dear MPP Kanapathi:

Logan

Thank you for your letter of support regarding the Anand Vihar Centre for Dignified Living. At our meeting with the proponent in March, I appreciated hearing their ideas, and I am supportive of their efforts to increase the supply of affordable and supportive housing in Ontario and in partnering with the private sector in this endeavour.

I share your concerns about the importance of creating safe, inclusive and vibrant communities that support the needs of individuals and families and celebrate diverse cultures. Collaboration with partners like Anand Vihar are essential to achieving these goals.

Regarding our discussion, I appreciated hearing about the proposal regarding payment of money in lieu of Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) affordable housing units. Currently, the City of Markham does not have an IZ framework in place but they are considering an IZ approach and carrying out consultations.

You may wish to encourage the proponents to share their ideas regarding transferability of IZ requirements from one development to another with the City of Markham.

Ontario develops a variety of housing programs to support a range of housing options, which are implemented by municipal service managers. As the Service Manager, the Region of York is responsible for the delivery of these programs.

You may wish to encourage the proponents to engage directly with York Region, given their role in designing local housing and homelessness systems based on local needs and priorities.

The proponents may contact Kathy Milsom, General Manager of Housing for York Region, who can be reached at -1-877-464-9675, ext. 72091, or at kathy.milsom@york.ca.

I am very appreciative of hearing proposals from community organizations to support vulnerable people and create affordable housing.

Once again, thank you for raising these considerations with me. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Clark, written in a stylized cursive script.

Steve Clark
Minister

c. Anand Vihar Centre for Dignified Living