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Dear Members of the Planning Committee,

Re: PED26013 – Zoning By-law Amendment, 70 Hope Avenue (Ward 4)

Indwell supports the proposed City-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment for the lands at 70 Hope Avenue. This application represents a responsible and necessary step toward increasing affordable housing supply in Hamilton.

Redeveloping a municipal parking lot for residential use, with a minimum of 30 percent of units meeting the City's affordability definition, will contribute to a more inclusive and resilient community. Affordable housing serves a broad range of residents, including seniors, working households, and people early in their careers, and helps ensure neighbourhoods remain diverse and economically stable. Active, vibrant communities are safe spaces where everyone can thrive.

The City's decision to make this land available at nominal value to a non-profit housing provider demonstrates strong leadership and a commitment to using public assets for long-term community benefit.

We respectfully urge the Committee and Council to approve this amendment and allow the project to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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