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Dear Mayor Guthrie and City Councillors,

My name is Rick McRonald, a long-time resident of Guelph and I am writing once again in support of the zoning by-law amendment for transitional housing to be located at **65 Delhi St**.

Our community has a plan to end homelessness by 2023. Creating transitional housing for those who need it most is an essential part of making this happen. As part of a range of housing options, transitional housing is a solution that will provide the structure and support needed to improve people's lives, increase health and wellbeing, and support a stronger community overall. When everyone in our community has a safe and affordable place to call home our whole community benefits.

Through volunteering at Chalmers Community Service Centre and my involvement with outreach work through St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, I have come to more fully understand the complexities of homelessness and the need to address them. When the City was considering the sale of this property last November, I had a discussion with staff about converting it into affordable housing so, I am very supportive of the County's initiative.

I believe that everyone should have a safe, stable and affordable place to call home, and access to supports to make that possible. I encourage City Council to approve this amendment to make this project possible and help put an end homelessness in our community.

Thank you,

Rick McRonald