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Mayor Guthrie, City of Guelph Councillors and Staff 1 Carden Street Guelph, ON N1H 3A1

Dear Members of Guelph City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Habitat for Humanity zoning and official plan amendment application for the property located at 303 to 317 Speedvale Avenue East in Guelph. As a long-time resident and Realtor in this community, I am acutely aware of the pressing need for additional housing units in our city.

Canada is experiencing a significant housing shortage, and developments like the one proposed by Habitat for Humanity are crucial to addressing this issue within our community. The addition of new housing units at this location will help meet the growing demand for a place to call home within our community.

This infill development will also contribute to the overall growth and vitality of our city by increasing the supply of housing in a location that is well-connected to essential services, public transportation, and local amenities. Ensuring that Guelph has a robust supply of housing is essential for maintaining our city's economic stability and supporting the diverse needs of our population.

While the inclusion of affordable units in this project is commendable, the primary focus must be on the urgent need to expand our housing supply. The proposed development at Speedvale Avenue East is a valuable opportunity to do just that, and I strongly urge Council to approve this application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Bennett