

Dear Members of City Council,

RE: 11 October Motion to Allow Four-Units As of Right in The City of Mississauga

About More Neighbours Toronto

More Neighbours Toronto is a volunteer-only organisation of housing advocates that believe in building more multi-family homes of all kinds for those who dream of building their lives in the GTA. We advocate for reforms to increase our city's ability to build more homes in every neighbourhood. We are a big-tent organisation with members across the political spectrum who are committed to counterbalancing the anti-housing agenda that has dominated politics, created an affordability crisis, and cost burdened a new generation of aspiring residents. We are firmly committed to the principle that housing is a human right and believe Mississauga should be inclusive and welcoming to all.

Summary of Position

More Neighbours supports the ending of exclusionary zoning. Please pass the motion moved by Councillor Tedjo and seconded by Councillor Parrish to amend IHCN to permit four units as of right and reaffirm your commitment to Missing Middle housing.

We are in the midst of a housing crisis that is devastating low-income families, immigrants, and young people all across the GTA. Among the necessary steps outlined in the Housing Affordability Task Force report is to permit **fourplexes** across the city. Moreover, the province has set a target for Mississauga to build 120,000 homes in 10 years, while the federal Housing Accelerator Fund and provincial Building Faster Fund require the city to eliminate exclusionary zoning.

In order to improve affordability, meet funding criteria, encourage sustainable city building, and practise housing justice, it is imperative that Mississauga end exclusionary zoning. Toronto took similar steps earlier this year and was highly praised by environmentalists, economists, and human rights advocates for this policy change. Ending exclusionary zoning is a trend we are seeing across North America and receives multi-partisan support from federal and provincial governments.

Mississauga's declining population in the last census report proves that displacement is happening due to high housing costs. By allowing **fourplexes** city wide, we create an opportunity for more affordable, sustainable, and inclusive neighbourhoods. In fact, it is the bare minimum action required to start meeting these goals.

Mississauga does not exist in a vacuum; housing policy decisions in Mississauga do not just impact Mississauga, but the entirety of the GTA. Please support this motion and commit to a more affordable Ontario.

Regards, Simon Tran More Neighbours Toronto