

## Affordable (and Accessible) Housing Pledge

I pledge that, as a Member of my municipal Council, I will:

- 1. Create housing that is affordable** - combine rent supplements with existing municipal housing initiatives to create homes that are truly affordable for the lowest income earners.
- 2. Preserve the affordable housing we already have** - progressively expand municipal residential acquisitions programs, and help non-profit and co-op organizations purchase small apartment buildings and keep them affordable forever.
- 3. Ensure housing is habitable** - ensure tenants have an active voice in the evaluation of their homes, with enough Bylaw Enforcement Officers.
- 4. Direct public investment to homes that are accessible to all** - champion Universal Design in all new apartment buildings so anyone of any age or ability can move in and stay.
- 5. Prevent homelessness** - expand the municipal eviction prevention programs, rent supports and housing stabilization supports to enable tenants to remain in their homes and challenge bad faith evictions.
- 6. Make the most of our public infrastructure** - build housing close to services; facilitate creation of shared housing, second suites, and other “gentle density”
- 7. Fulfill our municipality’s commitment to the right to housing** - create and fund an Office of the Housing Commissioner, governed by the principles of inclusion, equity and diversity, to advance the right to housing and monitor who has been served and who has been left behind.

Signature

Name

Municipality and Ward

Date

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