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To whom it May Concern,

As councillor for Ward 12 - Rideau-Vanier, I enthusiastically support the purchase of 282 Dupuis Street for conversion into housing for young women+ aging out of the foster care system.

I have met with Marlyn Wall and Beverly Renaud of the Child and Youth Permanency Council of Canada and I know their project is the type of investment that will set these young women and their children on a permanent path to success. Ward 12 boasts many services for geared to youth - Youville School, Vanier Resource Centre, Presidential Basketball, Christie Lake Kids, Miinwashin Lodge, Inuuqatigiit Children and Family Centre, Maison Marie Louise and Boys and Girls Club to name a few. While these programs are great, we are missing an anchor housing hub that could divert vulnerable women and children from the shelter system and can give them the wraparound supports so they can thrive. I look forward to advocating for the funding of this acquisition specifically through the Housing Accelerator Fund which the City of Ottawa was recently awarded.

As someone who had to use public housing and food banks not too long ago, I know firsthand the lack of investments we have made in permanent housing supports and enthusiastically champion this building to housing conversion which aligns with our recently adopted 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan. The City of Ottawa is a Housing First municipality, and I can't think of a better investment than the proposal by the Child and Youth Permanency Council of Canada.



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