



Ontario Alliance to **End Homelessness**

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Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Flack,

The Ontario Alliance to End Homelessness is deeply concerned by Mayor Mrakas's use of strong mayor powers in the Town of Aurora to veto the council's vote in favour of building a Men's Emergency and Transitional Housing Facility on public land. This is a decision against building more homes faster, as your government has so clearly prioritized.

Rather than expediting the construction of housing, particularly affordable homes, as your government intended, these powers are being used to block affordable housing, particularly when approved by the local council. This misuse of authority prioritizes NIMBY opposition over the urgent need to house vulnerable Ontarians, and has drawn criticism from the Ontario Human Rights Commission. With homelessness on the rise and thousands of families struggling to secure stable housing, it is critical that municipal leaders support solutions to the housing crisis.

We request a meeting to discuss solutions that support your government's efforts to build more homes, faster and ensure every Ontarian has access to safe, affordable, housing. Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue. We look forward to your response and working together to advance housing solutions that benefit all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

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