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The Honourable Stephanie Cadieux Minister of Social Development Po Box 9058 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9E1

Dear Minister Cadieux:

Re: Housing for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Please be advised that the City of Langley Council received correspondence from the BC Community Living Action Group for consideration at the October 24, 2011 regular council meeting and the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS the Provincial Government is cutting funding and supports for adults with developmental disabilities, resulting in the closure of group homes and mounting waiting lists for services;

WHEREAS these group homes form a vital and necessary part of the housing continuum that has won broad support from members of the public at large, families of adults with developmental disabilities and the communities in which they are located;

WHEREAS the Parent Support Group for Families of Mentally Handicapped Adults Society have approached the City of Vancouver seeking assistance to create new supportive housing options to provide homes for parents and their adult children with developmental disabilities;

WHEREAS the forced relocation of adults with developmental disabilities, against their will and without the support of their families, is causing severe emotional hardship to many families and growing vulnerability in the community, jeopardizing health and safety and increasing the risk of illness or homelessness:

AND WHEREAS the BC Community Living Action Group, which represents more than 65 affected agencies and organizations, thousands of families, and adults with developmental disabilities, has called for an end to service cuts and the closure of group homes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council urge the Provincial Government to end funding cuts, implement a moratorium on the closure of group homes and provide sufficient financial resources both to maintain this vital housing resource and address growing waitlists.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to the LMLGA and the UBCM for their consideration."

If you need any further information please contact me at 604-514-4585.

Yours truly, City of Langley

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