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November 30, 2018

Mayor and Council
Township of Langley
20338 - 65 Avenue
Langley, BC V2Y 3J1
Via email: legservicesinfo@tol.ca

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES 6465 - 201 Street

Dear Mayor and Council,

I/[organization] want to share our strong support for Bylaw No. 5391 and its proposition to amend the Willowbrook Community Plan by re-designating the Quality Inn site at 6465-201 Street property from Regional Commercial to Institutional.

Housing affordability and homelessness are critical issues affecting the Township of Langley and all levels of government have a role in addressing the complex issues that have brought us to this point. The Township and its citizens are being presented with a tremendous opportunity in the proposal to convert the Hotel into 49 units that can become 49 homes, along with programming space, and offices for the new Integrated Case Management (ICM) team. This is a timely need, as the 2017 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count found 206 individuals experiencing homelessness in Langley; an increase of 124% compared to the previous Count in 2014. Further, creating new units of housing was identified as a need in the 2013 Township of Langley Housing Action Plan.

We have seen other communities in Metro Vancouver benefit from new housing like this in recent years, and it is important that those living in Langley without a place of their own do not miss out on this opportunity to have a safe and supported place to live. I/we have full confidence that Stepping Stone Community Services Society and BC Housing have the capability to operate this facility in a way that is safe for those who live in it, and for those in the surrounding community.

[Insert comment about personal/organizational reasons and offers of support, such as:

- We understand that the rezoning application has an impact on the surrounding neighbourhood and we offer our full support to the project proponent in any way possible to ensure a successful housing transition for the future tenants.
- I have lived in Langley for x years, and in that time I have called Langley my community in the same way that those who would be living in this facility do.

We would strongly encourage Mayor and Council to help ensure that this important project will be approved for our residents and to approve the rezoning application as has been requested. Supporting this proposal is not only a way to change lives for the better, it is simply **the right thing to do.**

Sincerely,

Name/organization