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Hello,

I am writing to express my support and interest in Village Canada to be built on Confederation Heights, as proposed by Seniors Health Innovation Hub.

I am an overhoused senior living in the Glebe. I have been researching and discussing downsizing to some form of community housing since 2015. I am concerned about the impact on housing supply, however I have not seen any attractive residential alternatives to encourage me to move out of my oversized home.

I am interested in the intergenerational, non-profit nature of Village Canada and that it is committed to diversity and sustainability. Socialization with people of all ages is important for a long and healthy life. I support the idea of mixed income, affordable and market housing and like that rent will not be unreasonably increased and you won't be renevicted. I like the fact that the land and revenue from that land will stay in public hands. It is important that I will be supported to stay in my home as long as possible and that if a move to more supportive housing is required, it will be in the same community, close to friends and family. Leading edge technology will be built in to allow seniors to remain independent longer. As seniors are living longer, and as the population ages, there is a shortage of primary and home care in the city as well as the unaffordable private retirement homes.

While I have been fortunate to find a new family physician after my previous physician retired, he has moved three times in three years, from within walking distance of my home, to Westboro, to Lincoln Heights - a 20 minute drive on the Queensway. As I age, this will become more challenging. The presence of a Community Health Centre will allow for team based primary care, without the necessity of driving across the City is very important. As a senior living alone, I have experienced a need for caregivers to provide physical and/or emotional support. Having such caregivers in the community are important to me.

I like the location, and that recreational and social activities will be offered in the village. Isolation is a growing concern in the health of seniors; having recreational and social activities nearby keeps everyone healthy. As a lover of the outdoors: a gardener, canoeist, kayaker and skier, I like the proximity to the Rideau River, Mooney's Bay, the Rideau Winter Trail, and Vincent Massey Park. I have been a member of the RA Canoe Camping Club for over 30 years. Billings Bridge Mall is one of the few malls that I visit.

Thank you very much for developing Village Canada.

Sincerely,

Catherine Johns