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RE: City Fee Review: Affordable Housing

From: Kaye Melliship Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 3:37 PM To: Rob Bateman <<u>rbateman@victoria.ca</u>> Cc: James Munro Subject: RE: City Fee Review: Affordable Housing

Dear Mayor and Council: c/o Planning Department

I understand that you are receiving a report that recommends that application fees not be required for affordable housing projects where the housing is owned or operated by a registered non-profit society.

I hope you will consider this recommendation favourably, as every single penny that is saved helps contribute to make a project more affordable.

We are very appreciative of the support Council has shown Greater Victoria Housing Society in the past, including the Affordable Housing Fund and for a short while, 10 year property tax exemptions. When the City steps up like this, it encourages other funders and levels of government to support affordable projects as well.

Yours truly,

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