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Ms. Jill Davidson
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Dear Ms. Davidson:

RE: Segal Place (63 East Hastings) Support Worker Funding

In the recent discussion paper *'Adult Alcohol and Drug Services for Vancouver; A Health Reform Framework'*, the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board (V/RHB) identified the need for a range of housing options, in particular supportive housing, as part of a strategy to address addictions. Similarly, the City of Vancouver in its *'Framework for Action - A Four Pillars Approach to Drug Problems in Vancouver'* highlighted the need for supportive housing as part of broader treatment strategy.

Given our shared recognition of the need for housing, we are pleased to be able to enter into a partnership with the City of Vancouver in your new project, Segal Place. To increase the supportive component of the housing, the V/RHB will commit funding for a support worker to assist 20 -25 tenants in recovery from addictions. Supports would be focused on assisting individuals to solidify a recovering lifestyle through connections with treatment and other support resources and to provide hands-on support to manage practical day-to-day demands of independent living.

The V/RHB strongly believes that safe, secure, affordable and supportive housing improves the health of individuals and certainly improves their quality of life. Segal Place will play an important role in health improvement and the added supports will increase the likelihood that addictions recovery can be maintained.

We look forward to the opportunity for continued collaboration and partnerships in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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