

Cornerstone Association of REALTORS®

Premier Doug Ford
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

I am writing on behalf of the Cornerstone Association of REALTORS® to express our unwavering support for Ontario's Big City Mayors (BCM) and their vital 'Solve the Crisis' campaign. This initiative calls for immediate provincial action to confront the pressing issues of homelessness, housing affordability, and mental health that are profoundly affecting our communities.

These challenges extend beyond social concerns; they pose significant threats to individual well-being and the economic stability of our neighbourhoods. As REALTORS®, we understand the critical connections between these issues and the vitality of local communities.

We find ourselves at a pivotal moment. The ongoing crisis affects the livability and safety of our cities. The consequences are far-reaching, impacting the businesses that provide essential jobs and services and creating a ripple effect throughout our economy.

Across the Cornerstone market area, REALTORS® are raising their voices about the urgent need to address homelessness and mental health. The 'Solve the Crisis' campaign emphasizes a coordinated, solution-oriented strategy that integrates immediate support with long-term planning. At Cornerstone, we are committed to fostering collaboration among businesses, governments, and community leaders, as we believe that unity is essential for building a stronger, more inclusive community. By proactively tackling these issues, we can restore stability and instill renewed confidence in the future of our cities.

The challenges we witness on our streets demand immediate attention. The safety and vibrancy of our community hang in the balance, and we must implement comprehensive solutions to address the root causes of housing instability and mental health issues. The future of our cities depends on swift and decisive action.

Furthermore, the Cornerstone market area's economic prosperity is intrinsically linked to its residents' social well-being. We need a clear, unified plan to address homelessness and ensure

that support services lead to long-term stability. This is why Cornerstone proudly supports the Big City Mayors' call for unity in solving this crisis.

We urge the provincial government to consider the importance of this initiative and take action that will positively impact our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We look forward to your support in addressing these urgent challenges.

Sincerely,



Julie Sergi
Chair
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cc: Minister of Finance Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Paul Calandra; Associate Minister of Housing Hon. Vijay Thanigasalam; Minister of Health Hon. Sylvia Jones; MPP Natalie Pierre; City of Burlington Mayor Marianne Meed Ward; City of Burlington Council; MPP Brian Riddell; City of Cambridge Mayor Janice Liggett; City of Cambridge Council; MPP Sara Jama; MPP Neil Lumsden; MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos; MPP Donna Skelly; MPP Monique Taylor; MPP Sandy Shaw; City of Hamilton Mayor Andrea Horwath; City of Hamilton Council; MPP Aislinn Clancy; MPP Jess Dixon; MPP Mike Harris; City of Kitchener Mayor Berry Vrbancovic; City of Kitchener Council; MPP Deepak Anand; MPP Rudy Cuzzetto; MPP Natalia Kusendova-Bashta; MPP Sheref Sabawy; MPP Nina Tangri; MPP Kaled Rasheed; City of Mississauga Mayor Carolyn Parrish; City of Mississauga Council; MPP Catherine Fife City of Waterloo Mayor Dorothy McCabe; City of Waterloo Council