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Andrea Horwath statement on city-funded housing

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“A mayor’s number-one job is to listen. I’ve knocked on so many doors and spoken to so many Hamiltonians, and everywhere I go, I hear that housing is a huge priority. The problem in our city is dire.

The city has a vital role to play in making sure everyone has a roof over their head. I absolutely do not support the idea of removing the city from the equation when it comes to solving the housing crisis.

If we rely on corporations or non-profits alone to tackle this major issue, the city would be in effect washing its hands of any responsibility for addressing housing and homelessness. That’s just wrong. It’s our responsibility to do everything we can to address our community’s needs and build housing fast by working together. That’s how government should work.

Housing is a human right. Period. Everyone has a role to play in ending homelessness: government, not-for-profits, and community. As mayor, equitable access to housing of all kinds will be my number one priority – not making a \$51 million cut to public housing.”