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City of Prince George Mayor and Council 1100 Patricia Boulevard Prince George, BC V2L 2V9

Re: Harmony House Rezoning Zelkwas Avenue,

Dear Mayor and Council

As the Chair of the Board for the Phoenix Transition Society I am writing a letter of support for the rezoning at 606 Zelkwas Avenue to facilitate the development of the Supportive Housing for the Phoenix Transition Society's Harmony House Program.

We the board have supported this project from the beginning when it was only an idea to meet a critical need in our community. The success rate of 89% is extremely high in any human services field, because this program works and Phoenix is committed to maintain this high quality of work to the women and children. Our current location has also a proven record of "being a good neighbour" as our program is staffed 24/7 to support women and their children to live and play in a safe and supported way. This new build will also give women the opportunity to slowly integrate into the community on their own, build a community of support. As COVID 19 has taught us all that we can not succeed alone. We all need help and support.

We have proven in our current location and will in the new location that the fears and concerns of the neighbourhood that we are a good neighbour and will continue to work with and for our whole community. The women and children will have excellent staff who are dedicated to help them navigate healthy relationships, be a part of this neighbourhood.

We encourage the Mayor and Council to look at the benefits of this program, the benefits of the proposed location and how it will enhance our community.

I can assure you that the Phoenix Transition house is dedicated to continue the high quality of work and support and are asking the Mayor and Council to support this new build as it will enhance our community for the families that need support.

Respectfully

Sandra Sasaki BGS, BCTC Board of Director, Chair Phoenix Transition Society

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