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**Re: Valleyview Community Association Concerns**

To the Honourable David Eby:

I would like to draw your attention to concerns expressed by constituents of mine that live in the Valleyview neighbourhood of Kamloops, as detailed in the attached letter from Julie Dormer, Chair of the Valleyview Community Association.

Over recent years homelessness in the area has significantly increased, with most homeless camps located on the banks of the Thompson River. Unfortunately, this increase in homelessness has not been met with the supports needed by vulnerable populations in the area.

This has resulted in a wide range of challenges impacting others in the neighbourhood, including residents and small business owners. Many are also worried about the impacts of increasing crime and other related issues on the schools and daycares in the area.

Further causing anxiety, it is increasingly felt by many in the neighbourhood that B.C. Housing may be laying the groundwork for a supportive housing facility to be located in Valleyview, with a recent job posting for an Accommodation Services Manager at the Tournament Inn in Valleyview being the latest such indication. I have attached this job posting for your reference.

With the people of Kamloops having faced significant challenges recently with supportive housing facilities located on West Victoria St. in Kamloops – facilities that have generally lacked the range of supports needed to address the varied addiction and mental health needs of their residents – people in Valleyview are worried that a similar facility lacking the supports the vulnerable population needs to get better could be coming to their neighbourhood soon. While I will continue to advocate for 24/7 wrap-around, onsite supports to best ensure people who need the help can access a path of wellness unique to their situation, I share the concerns of people in Valleyview, based on our experience over the past number of years with West Victoria Street.

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Therefore, on behalf of my constituents, I respectfully request a response to these questions:

1. Is it B.C. Housing and/or your government's intention to locate a supportive housing facility in the Valleyview neighbourhood of Kamloops, and if yes will it be located within the Tournament Inn? If not at the Tournament Inn, then where?
2. What is the number of anticipated units for this housing facility, and what is your timeline related to opening such a facility?
3. How would you describe the supports that would be provided at any supportive housing facility located in Valleyview, and would they be 24/7 wrap-around, onsite supports?
4. If it is your intention to locate a facility in Valleyview, will you commit to first undertaking a broad and meaningful consultation with residents, small businesses, the City of Kamloops, and other critical stakeholders in the area before any final decisions are made?

I thank you for your attention to this issue and look forward to your response.

Regards,

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cc. Julie Dormer, Chair of the Valleyview Community Association  
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