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From: Jordan Cantwell
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To: MYO-Mayor
Subject: Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative

Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

As you are meeting tomorrow to receive the mid-term evaluation report for the Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative and to make decisions on this program's future, I wanted to take a moment to express my strong support for this initiative and to urge you to endorse the recommendation of the report to continue the WHHI until the end of March 2008.

The good work that the WHHI has been able to effect over the past 5 years needs to continue. Homelessness and inadequate housing remain pressing concerns in Winnipeg's inner city. The WHHI has been effective in beginning to address these issues in meaningful ways. Don't stop a good thing!

Endorsing the recommendation of the mid-term evaluation report and backing up that endorsement with a meaningful financial commitment from the city makes good sense. I urge you to give this initiative your full and continued support.

Sincerely,
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