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## **SENIORS HOUSING**

**WHEREAS** housing constitutes a basic need;

**WHEREAS** most seniors want to continue living on their own as long as possible;

**WHEREAS** many seniors can continue independent living through home adaptation;

**WHEREAS** senior housing may include options such as housing shared with other groups;

**WHEREAS** housing and rental costs in many Canadian cities have escalated to the point that urban housing is only affordable by the most well-off Canadian households;

**WHEREAS** provinces, territories and municipalities have implemented a variety of housing strategies, the leadership of the Canadian government is critical to ensure equity for all Canadians;

**WHEREAS** low income seniors and seniors with disabilities may require financial support to ensure adequate housing;

**WHEREAS** the government of Canada is developing a National Housing Strategy, pursuant to resolutions adopted at the Liberal Party of Canada at policy conventions from 2012-2016;

**WHEREAS** some information and advice on issues relevant to senior housing is available from various federal ministries;

**WHEREAS** senior Registered Liberals have prioritized the need to increase age-friendly communities offering a variety of affordable housing options allowing smooth and timely transition to accommodate changing care needs;

**BE IT RESOLVED** That the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to include in the National Housing Strategy special provisions for seniors, including designating funds for housing that will benefit seniors.

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