



## SENIOR LIBERALS' COMMISSION

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### **SENIORS HOUSING – THE NEED FOR A MORE INTEGRATED SYSTEM APPROACH**

**WHEREAS:** Senior Registered Liberals across Canada who participated in the 2017 SLC Policy Questionnaire identified the need for “a CONTINUUM of affordable seniors’ housing options as their needs change, from expanded home care services to assisted living and long-term care facilities, including a need for better trained service providers” as a priority issue for consideration during the next federal election campaign; and

**WHEREAS** over 85% of seniors are living at home suggests that support for in-home care must be a priority for achieving a cost effective approach to seniors’ housing; and

**WHEREAS** most seniors want to continue living on their own as long as possible and can do so through home adaptation or other options such as housing shared with other groups, facilitated by financial assistance especially for low income and disabled seniors; and

**WHEREAS** lengthy waitlists for senior care facilities, particularly those subsidized facilities accessible to lower income Canadians, and the inability to find appropriate alternate living arrangements often result in such seniors being admitted to hospital or finding placements far from spouses, family, friends and a familiar environment.

**BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED** that the Government of Canada will provide leadership, in concert with the provinces, to reform Canada’s approach to seniors’ housing giving priority to in-home care but also ensuring that all seniors can transition readily to appropriate higher level care facilities as their needs change at costs that they can afford.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Housing Strategy includes special provisions for seniors, including designating funds for housing that will benefit seniors.

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Reference: [SLC Policy Paper “A Continuum of Affordable Housing Option for Seniors”](#) October 13, 2017