



**STATEMENT FROM BC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT AND CEO AND BIABC PRESIDENT
ON BC URBAN MAYORS' CAUCUS CALL FOR COMPLEX CARE HOUSING**

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Today, Fiona Famulak, President and CEO of the BC Chamber of Commerce, and Teri Smith, President of BIABC, are issuing the following statement on behalf of their members and in support of the BC Urban Mayors' Caucus call for complex care housing:

"Access to housing is critical for the health of our communities. Part of the solution is more complex care options for those who require extra support. As a result of the pandemic, the need for more complex care options is greater than ever before. Cutting red tape to develop tailored housing options with urgency, is therefore critical," said Fiona Famulak.

"Business Improvement Areas of BC (BIABC), which represents more than 50 business communities across the province, is supportive of the work of the BC Urban Mayor's Caucus to find innovative solutions like complex care housing to restore the health and wellbeing of our communities for all. Increasing homelessness, street disorder, property crime, violence, mental health and addiction-related issues have reached a critical point in our downtowns, main streets and commercial districts. We all need to work together to protect our communities and those most vulnerable," said Teri Smith.

Along with the BC Urban Mayors' Caucus, both of our organizations urge the Province to move quickly on this urgent issue for our business members and our communities.

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