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Good day,

We are writing this letter in support of *The Next Way's* application for funding through the Community Foundation of Canada's Healthy Communities Initiative.

Action Sandy Hill (ASH) communication association is pleased to support an initiative that aims to empower and enable Canadians of all backgrounds to engage on critical public policy issues. Like *The Next Way*, ASH celebrates the socio-economic, racial, cultural, and linguistic diversity of Sandy Hill. As such, we seek to preserve this unique character and support programs that share our interest in maintaining Sandy Hill as a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive community.

At ASH, we truly believe that citizen engagement on real issues that matter can foster empathy and awareness as well as contribute to sound, anti-discriminatory political outcomes. We happy to support initiatives that offer safe spaces for such engagement to happen.

Independent from my position as the President of ASH, I want to speak from my own personal experience as someone who was once an immigrant, a visible minority, a woman: I cannot but vigorously support an initiative that endeavours to elevate the voices of constituencies that have been traditionally excluded, such as those who are racialized, have diverse gender identities, lower socio-economic status, or differing physical abilities. Without true inclusion and consultation with all members of society, healthy communities and fair policies are not possible.

We hope that the Canadian Healthy Communities Initiative can award the necessary funds to enable *The Next Way* to launch and look forward to the day that I can take part in lively debate at allSaints in our Sandy Hill community.

Sincerely,

Susan Khazaeli, PhD
President, Action Sandy Hill