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December 3, 2009

Ms. Barbara Hall Chief Commissioner Ontario Human Rights Commission 180 Dundas Street West, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9

Dear Ms. Hall:

Subject:

**Executive Committee Item 37.4** 

2010 Election Community Engagement Program

Toronto City Council on December 2, 2009, in considering this Item, requested that I file complaints, on behalf of the City of Toronto, with both the Ontario Ombudsman's Office and the Ontario Human Rights Commission regarding the alleged failure of MPAC to ensure that tenants are properly enumerated for municipal elections and are thereby denied their democratic right to vote.

City Council has also requested the Ombudsman of Ontario to assess the overall accuracy of the voters list provided to the City of Toronto by MPAC.

A copy of City Council's decision is attached for your review. Your assistance in expediting this review is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Joseph P. Pennachetti City Manager

**Attachments** 



## Ontario Human Rights Commission

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January 27, 2010

Mr. Joseph P. Pennachetti City Manager City Hall, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, East 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mr. Pennachetti:

RE: Executive Committee Item 37.4

2010 Election Community Engagement Program

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 21, 2009 to Chief Commission Barbara , Hall. We received your letter on January 13, 2010. The Chief Commission has asked me to respond to your letter on her behalf.

You state in your letter that Toronto City Council requested you to file a complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Commission regarding the alleged failure of MPAC to ensure that tenants are properly enumerated for municipal elections and are thereby denied their democratic right to vote.

Please be advised that effective July 1, 2008, the Ontario Human Rights Commission no longer deals with individual complaints of discrimination and no longer has authority to receive complaints under the Human Rights Code.

The Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario deals with individual complaints (applications) under the Code. Accordingly, you may wish to pursue this matter with the Tribunal.

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Yours sincerely.

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