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To City of Toronto Executive Committee:

Re: Divesting of TCHC Homes

Please be advised that Nishnawbe Homes Inc. is in opposition to the City of Toronto's proposal to divest itself of nearly 700 single-family homes from the Toronto Community Housing portfolio. We feel it is not a good idea and would put more than 2000 tenants in a vulnerable position with no viable option to house their families, in light of housing's extended waiting list and the lack of comparable alternatives.

It is true that some of TCHC's housing stock is in need of repair, but selling off current homes is not the answer. The problem must be dealt with by all three levels of government sitting down to negotiate a reasonable solution.

Losing valuable housing units would mean that current tenants would have to be incorporated into existing units, which are current unavailable. Families do not deserve to be ghettoized by having no alternate choices than to be swallowed up by a housing "project." Integrating families into a mixture of rent geared-to-income, affordable and market units in a mainstream neighbourhood is a recipe for success, acceptance and a sustainable cityscape.

Nishnawbe Homes implores members of Toronto City Council to think long and hard before making a decision would be extremely detrimental to the well being and viability of social housing.

Respectfully,

Frances Sanderson
Executive Director