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**To City Executive Committee**

I am writing in support of the 'Tenant First – TCHC Proposal' to transfer the ownership and operation of TCHC's Agency Houses and Rooming Houses to qualified non-profit housing operators that have expertise in providing vulnerable tenants with the supports they need.

Our Homes (Toronto) Association has operated two agency houses for the past 8 years, and these houses have provided much needed affordable housing to vulnerable individuals. Many were previously homeless.

Because we operate in partnership with local community centres, such as St John's Mission, we are able to offer the residents additional tenant supports at no cost to the City.

I understand that the City's Tenant First recommendations are for agencies to have the opportunity to purchase their houses, and that that the remaining houses will be protected by transferring them to a land trust.

These existing houses are small scale affordable homes, and they fit well into existing neighbourhoods. It is important that these homes be preserved. The recommendations in the 'Tenant First – TCHC proposal' are an excellent way to preserve affordable housing in our city.

Sincerely,

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