

ST. MICHAEL'S HOMES

February 10, 2012

To: Toronto Executive Committee

Dear Sirs / Madams:

Re: Toronto Community Housing Corporation ("TCHC")- Sale of Scattered Houses

St. Michael's Homes is a charitable organization that provides residential and rehabilitation treatment programs for men for issues relating to substance dependence and addiction. Our programs offer supportive housing for up to 75 men and are offered out of four homes, all of which are centrally located in the City of Toronto. Our Matt Talbot Houses program, which specifically targets men who are displaced and have limited financial resources, is offered out of two homes, one which is located at 234/236 Carlton Street, is owned by TCHC and has been included by TCHC in a list of properties it has recommended to the City of Toronto be sold.

234/236 Carlton Street has been rented by Matt Talbot Houses continuously for over 32 years and is used exclusively as a residential rehabilitative facility for men 50 years and older, who have suffered from long term addiction, poverty, frequent homelessness and related life problems, including social isolation. The property plays a vital role in our organization and has been a key part of our success over the years. Its loss to us would be immeasurable. Of the 49 beds offered by Matt Talbot Houses, 26 are located at 234/236 Carlton Street and their loss would decimate our program.

We believe it highly unlikely our residents at 234/236 Carlton Street would be able to find similar residential treatment programs in the city centre. We are deeply concerned that any sale of 234/236 Carlton Street would interfere with our ability to offer a much-needed service to an already underserved and fragile section of our community.

We are writing to request that 234/236 Carlton Street be exempted from the proposed sale, given its existing use and in consideration of its continued importance to both our organization and the countless men who have needed our support over the years. In addition to operating the treatment program at the property, St. Michael's Homes assists in keeping the property in good repair and is committed to being a good neighbour in the local community.

We believe that the value of our on-going program to the City of Toronto, and in particular, to the residents and future residents of the program, far outweighs the financial gain that a sale of this property would bring.

We thank you for your consideration of our concern and would be pleased to provide any additional information that is required. I can be contacted at (416) 863-7848.

Yours truly



Mary Giambrone

Chair of the Board of Directors