

June 29, 2017

Mayor Tory and Members of Council  
Toronto City Hall,  
100 Queen St. W.  
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: Agenda item EX26.2- “Tenants First” Implementation

Further to our deputation to the Executive Committee, I am writing to re-iterate our community legal clinic’s support for the recommendations of the Executive Committee and our endorsement of the amazing work done by the Tenants First Residents Advisory Panel.

I also want to highlight our concern that the actions in these recommendations are not sufficient to create a way forward and again urgently request that you make an emergency budget adjustment to provide more money to stop the deterioration of TCHC’s housing stock. We will continue to join you in the appeals to the senior levels of government to stand up and address the frightening state of TCHC’s finances as illustrated by the PWC financial analysis. But these appeals are not working. The result is real misery for the people who live in TCHC and the people on the waiting list who want to live there.

You have the legal obligation to keep these homes in a good state of repair and to address the need for affordable housing in Toronto. You also have the power to raise and allocate money to meet these obligations. Toronto’s long-term success depends on all residents having safe, affordable homes. You can demonstrate your commitment to this goal by directing more City resources to saving TCHC. If we are to meet this goal, property tax payers will need to pay more until we can convince the senior levels of government to allocate the money that they should be contributing.

We urge you to adopt the recommendations from the Executive Committee, but also to attach some real, immediate money to those recommendations. Taking that extra step will show the TCHC tenants, the wider community and the senior levels of government that “Tenants First” is more than just an empty slogan.

Yours very truly,  
**Advocacy Centre for  
Tenants Ontario** per:



**Kenneth Hale,**  
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