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EX26.45.2

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Executive Committee
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Re: EX26.45, Licensing Exemption for Fraternities and Sororities

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

The BCCA supports the recommendations of Councillor Joe Cressy that:
“Executive Committee direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards as part of the forthcoming report on multi-tenant houses to review and report back with recommendations on whether fraternity and sorority houses should be licensed as multi-tenant houses (rooming houses) and the feasibility of removing the exceptions for fraternities and sororities in Chapter 285, Rooming Houses, Section 285-8 Exceptions. “

Fraternities and Sororities exist in the City of Toronto in communities adjacent to universities. Currently, there seems to be a lack of licensing Rules that govern these ‘Houses’.

The behavior of university students living in several of these Fraternity Houses has been a topic of serious discussion over the past several months at the U of T Community Liaison Committee meetings. The issues of noise, extreme riotous social events, matters of sexual assaults and what appears to be a serious lack of personal responsibility and accountability have arisen repeatedly. These ‘Houses’ are not under the management of the U of T, nor are they subject to the rules and regulations of Rooming Houses or rental accommodations that apply to other such buildings in our city. Clearly, these Sorority and Fraternity Houses need to have some regulations that require them to meet the normal safety and health standards of all housing in The City of Toronto.

The Bay Cloverhill Community Association believes that changes must be made to city licensing, city by-laws, and what ever health standards must be changed to apply to these ‘Houses’. Aall regulation changes should and must be enacted to correct this lack of housing regulations as soon as possible.

We ask the Executive Committee to take immediate action to start this process.

Respectfully,

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BCCA Interim President

CC: Councillor Joe Cressey, Ward 20
Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Ward 27