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To: Licensing and Standards Committee
Subject: LSC may 4 Item LS25.2
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The Annex Residents' Association

To: The Licensing and Standards Committee – Friday May 4th – Item LS25.2

The Annex Residents' Association (ARA) wishes to endorse the recommendations contained in the review of the Fraternity and Sorority Houses Exemption to Chapter 285, Rooming House (Chapter houses), before you today.

The ARA has a long history of dealing with community problems resulting from activities at the Chapter houses. We have been frustrated by the lack of transparency and accountability which hinders our ability to communicate and negotiate with the Chapter houses. It is generally unclear who is responsible and with whom one can have certainty as to authority and management. The ownership structure of many Chapter houses, and thus directorial responsibility, is almost impossible to uncover; actual ownership generally exists in the USA through series of numbered corporations.

We believe proper licensing is vital for the safety of the Chapter house residents and the peace of mind of neighbours. If Toronto first responders are required to attend these houses for any reason - fire, health or criminal activity - there is no standard registration information to assess how many residents are located there nor an official log of actual residents. Further, it is generally unclear who has real responsibility for ensuring proper day to day management of these facilities.

The recommendations in LS25.2 for reporting requirements are reasonable and provide no onerous responsibility upon the Chapter houses. Indeed, we would say these reporting requirements are the minimum one would expect for any multi-residential facility. We urge their earliest adoption.

These new requirements do not, by themselves, provide any solace for the community as to anti-social activities and property maintenance; but they do give the community a way of holding someone or some entity to account. Also, police and by-law enforcement officers will have proper contact information.

Of course, as with all by-laws, enforcement is the key issue. We remain very concerned that the City of Toronto is woefully under-resourced in its ability to provide enforcement, particularly in the evening and nighttime hours when nuisances most often occur.

We ask that you vote in favour of LS25.2

Respectfully,

David Harrison

Chair, ARA

From: David Harrison
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Subject: RE: LSC may 4 Item LS25.2
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[Voice of the Annex June 1985 Fraternities concern.PNG](#)

Thanks Ashley,

Your committee might be interested in the attached extract from our Annex newsletter, Voice of the Annex, from June 1985.

It discusses the frustration, even then, with the behavior of some fraternities.

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From: Licensing and Standards Committee [mailto:lsc@toronto.ca]
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Hello David,

Thank you for re-submitting your communication. We have replaced the previous version with this one and it has been posted online here: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.LS25.2>

Have a wonderful day.

Regards,

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FRATERNITY NOISE AND NUISANCES

In response to the perpetual and escalating noise, vulgarity, rowdiness, belligerence, intoxication and harrassment, a group of 80 Annex residents met on May 23 with aldermen Ron Kanter and Ying Hope and the Metro Police to voice once again their concerns and discuss possible solutions.

The police indicated they they have set up a task force to deal with the problem and are willing to lay charges against the fraternities if the complainant is willing to testify in court. Further discussions with the aldermens' offices resulted in promises to use their influence to help alleviate fraternity-caused problems.

Residents and tenants from the various buildings represented at the meeting agreed to form an anti-noise association having building and block representatives whose mandate is to control unacceptable fraternity conduct. This will be accomplished through two simultaneous actions: It is intended that a resident-fraternity committee be formed by the end of June, which will provide means for exchanging ideas and grievances and encouraging the fraternities to control their troublesome members. The fraternities have expressed willingness in principle to a meeting. Secondly, fraternity actions will be monitored and deviant behaviour prosecuted. Through these actions, residents hope to solve this problem permanently.

For further information call Riki Groeneveld,924-1656.