

DEPUTATION TO: Toronto Council Executive Committee 23/01/19

RE: Homeless Emergency.

From: Parkdale Tenants Association

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We are from the Parkdale Tenants Association, a grassroots organization working in the historically lower income, rental housing neighbourhood of South Parkdale.

Many of us have lived in Parkdale for decades.

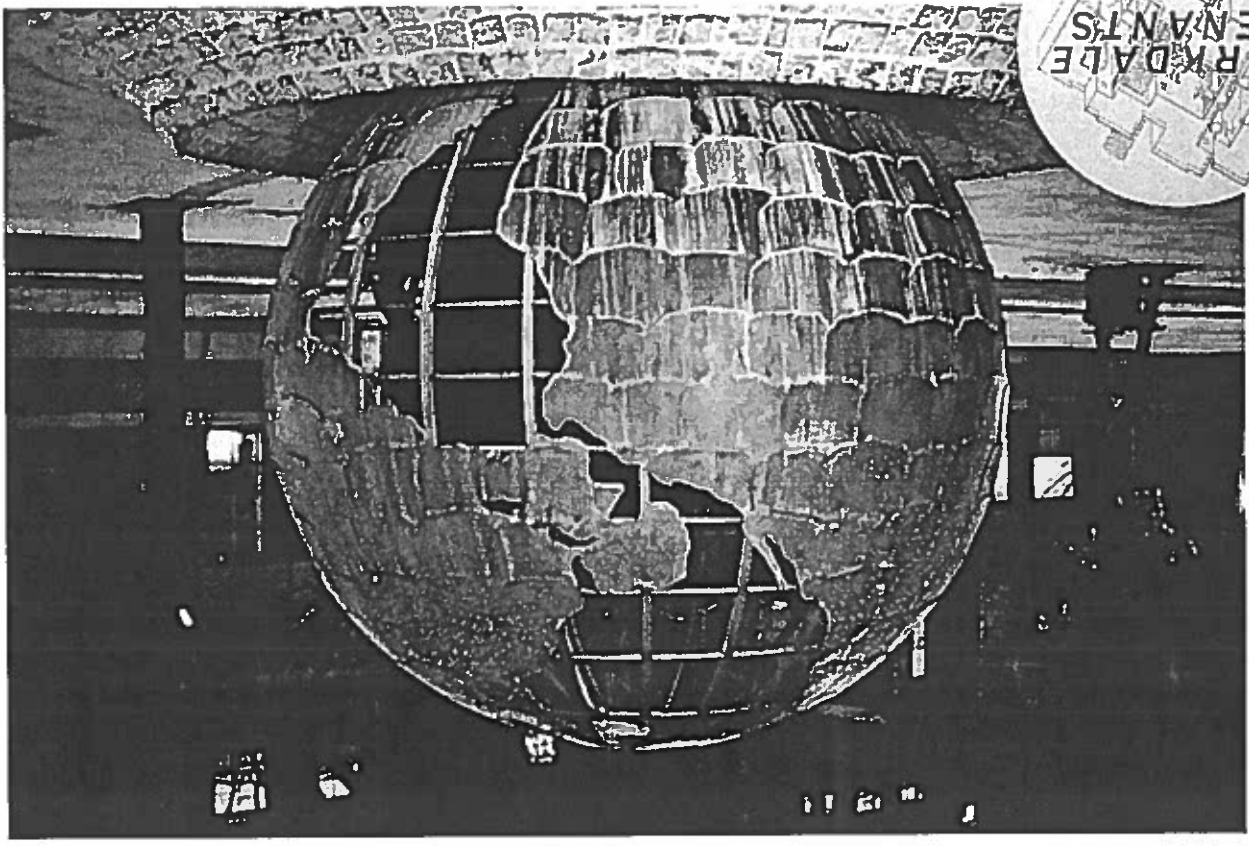
We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of homeless people on our streets these past few years.

We know there have always been many different reasons for homelessness, but we believe market pricing of \$1800 for a one bedroom apartment resulting from the housing shortage and lack of rent control on vacant units is the reason for the worsening homeless crisis in Parkdale.

Submitted by
Juveth PENFOLD

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We see the consequences of the evictions²
following unfair rent increases everyday
as we go about our lives in our neighbourhood

An elderly woman lives in a nest of boxes
and ragged blankets just off the corner of
Queen Street and Close Avenue.

In the M^cDonalds, homeless people ask us
for our coffee cup stickers to get enough
for a cup of coffee to warm themselves up.

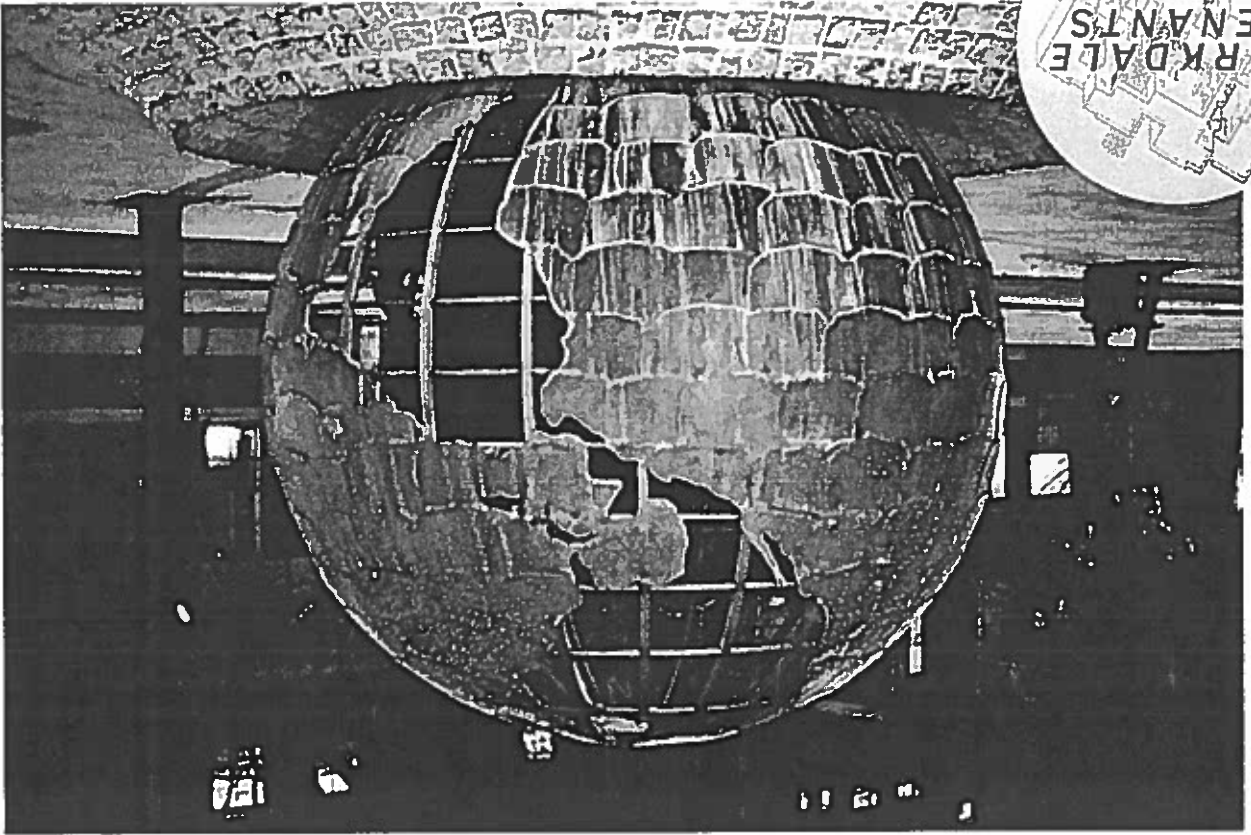
The lineups outside St. Francis Table at
dinner time get longer everyday.

Our homeless in Parkdale do not see emails
to come to meetings like this one.

We, like other neighbourhood groups,
are here to make a plea for them.

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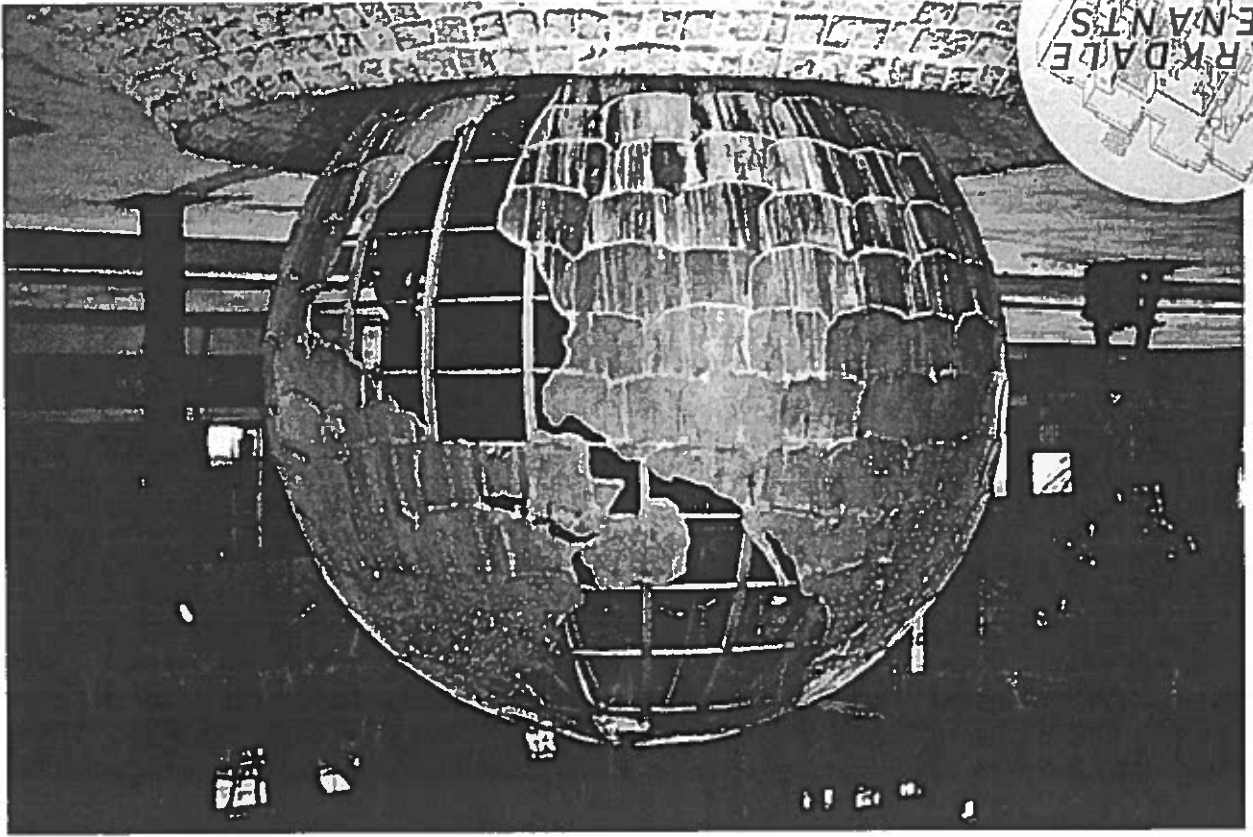
If, you believe there is a housing crisis in our city, and it's hard to imagine anyone who has access to any kind of media not believing in it, then you must believe there is a homelessness crisis too.

We see a state of emergency in our neighbourhood and it cannot be the only one.

We ask for a homelessness state of emergency to be declared now and priority given in the future to those suffering most as the city plans for affordable housing. Housing is a human right and must be available to everyone.

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