

Landlord's Self-Help Centre PH3.1.4

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Planning and Housing Committee, City of Toronto Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West, 10th Floor Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Re: Zoning By-law 569-2013 Amendment
<u>As-of-Right Zoning for Secondary Suites PH3.1</u>

I am writing on behalf of Landlord's Self-Help Centre to express our support for the proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 569-2013 as detailed in the As-of-Right Zoning for Secondary Suites Report, PH3.1. We encourage the committee to adopt the proposed zoning by-law amendment.

Landlord's Self-Help Centre (LSHC), is a specialty community legal clinic mandated to provide support services and educational initiatives to the small landlord community. The client community we serve represents the secondary housing market and includes property owners who provide rental accommodation such as secondary suites.

LSHC has proactively supported homeowners operating secondary suites and those thinking of creating a secondary suite through the development and delivery of educational materials, initiatives, and support services since 1999 with the initial passage of By-law 493-2000.

The removal of barriers which have prevented many homeowners from moving forward with secondary suite projects, such as permitting the creation of secondary suites in both new construction and existing homes, reduced parking requirements, the removal of minimum secondary suite dwelling sizes, and permitting secondary suites in all townhouses, will now support the development and thereby increase the supply of private rental housing in Toronto.

Sincerely, Landlord's Self-Help Centre

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