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September 27th, 2021

To: The Mayor and Members of the Toronto City Council,
for the 1 October 2021 City Council Meeting
councilmeeting@toronto.ca

RE: Committee/Staff Report PH25.10 – Multi-Tenant Housing Review by the Planning and Housing Committee, 28 June 2021

The Federation of South Toronto Residents' Associations (FoSTRA) supports the initiative to expand Multi-Tenant Housing (MTH) in Toronto in order to provide affordable housing options.

In a city that is so expensive to live in, it is important to ensure options are made available to those on lower incomes.

If Council approves the recommendations of the Committee at this Council Meeting, it is vital that the City, in an urgent and substantive fashion, address the concerns raised by FoSTRA and others during the community consultation process, specifically:

- Establish a licensing program that requires every MTH register with the City, and set stiff fines for non-compliance
- Either establish a snitch line – which would allow anyone to anonymously report a suspected unlicensed MTH and to report abuses at a licensed MTH – or provide protections for tenants and neighbours who register official complaints with the MTH governing body
- Set, publicize, and enforce housing standard minimums for all MTH registrants ! (including health and safety standards) !
- Ensure the provision of legal vehicles to allow for inspection of premises suspected to be in violation; create a process for remediation; and establish consequences for non-compliance
- Allocate a substantial budget to ensure adequate infrastructure for public education, administration, and enforcement of the program



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Finally, a timeline must be established for the implementation of the above points.

Sincerely,

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