

September 26, 2021

Dear Mayor Tory and Toronto City Council members,

Re: PH25-10 - A New Regulatory Framework for Multi-Tenant Houses

The Parkdale Residents Association (PRA) applauds the initiative to integrate the entire amalgamated City of Toronto under one multi-tenant-housing bylaw. We also commend the effort to gain control of the proliferation of unregulated rooming houses. We believe that it is much better to license and regulate these 'rooming houses,' rather than allow them to spread unchecked in all areas of the City. Generally, we approve of the plans and support the proposed human rights approach.

The ultimate goal of this bylaw is to establish safe, healthy, affordable housing for a diverse population – tenants who would otherwise be un-housed or homeless. If the new regime results in the withdrawal of the most affordable if unsafe housing, we could make homelessness worse. On the other hand, in the expanded areas under control, multi-tenant housing must be well integrated into each community.

We support the City bringing about a harmonized regulatory framework regarding MTHs, and support the inclusion of fraternity and sorority houses.

Sincerely,

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