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Planning and Housing Committee (phc@toronto.ca)

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

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the St. Andrew’s Ratepayers Association to support the recommendations submitted to the Committee by the Federation of North Toronto Residents’ Associations (FoNTRA) regarding the above noted report to create a new comprehensive regulatory and compliance framework (zoning bylaw amendments, licensing requirements), for Multi-Tenant Houses across Toronto.

The St. Andrew’s Ratepayers Association represents the interests of approximately 1,500 homeowners in the area bounded by York Mills Road to the south, Highway 401 to the north, Old Yonge Street to the west and the green belt west of Bayview Avenue to the east. St. Andrew’s is a well-established residential neighbourhood characterized primarily by single family dwellings.

Our Association agrees with FoNTRA that licensing and enforcement of multi-tenant housing is essential to ensure a safe home for tenants, as well as to prevent problems in neighbourhoods.

We also support FoNTRA’s recommendations:

1. That PHC requests that City Council require that a formal evaluation of Year 2 be undertaken before the introduction of Year 3.

2. That PHC requests that City Council ensure that the cross-divisional budget adequately covers the costs for the initiative, including zoning by-law enforcement, property standards, and supportive services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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