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Subject: Pending change in bylaw affecting sorority and fraternity housing
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Dear Ms Martins,

I am writing about the staff report for item PH25.10 on multi-tenant housing that is going before Committee on Monday. I respectfully request that the reference to sorority and fraternity houses as multi-tenant houses in Section 3 be deleted and included in Section 4 as (f). Section 3 is an example of staff over-reach.

I am a member of Gamma Phi Beta, which has a chapter house at 26 Madison Avenue in the Annex. Our home provides safe and reasonably priced accommodation to our student members in a collegial environment. For many of our resident members, our homes are a home away from home where they learn how to live with others, build leadership skills, and actively participate in managing a home.

For many years the City of Toronto viewed chapter houses like ours as single housing keeping units (like not-for-profit co-operative housing) where students who all belong to an organization live together and share common living and kitchen facilities.

The proposed framework on multi-tenant housing – as currently drafted – should not include our home, as we do not have tenants. Our resident members are all part owners in the not-for-profit non-share corporation that owns our home, so our house is not subject to the *Landlord Tenant Act* nor the *Residential Tenancies Act* as our residents are not tenants.

Including fraternities and sororities in Section 3 is also discriminatory. Section 4 explicitly exempts all other forms of student housing, except ours. We cannot help but think that we are being unfairly targeted.

Please vote to remove Section 3.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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