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Dear Councillors

The Planning and Housing Committee members

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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 Kappa Kappa Gamma, which has a chapter house at 32 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. I had the opportunity to live in the house during my 4 years at the University of Toronto. I am now a senior leader within the business community and the learnings and the safe environment that I lived in was a direct result of Kappa Kappa Gamma residence. PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE DOWN THE HOUSE TO MULTI-TENANT HOUSING. This is an essential facility to support learning and development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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