

Black Community Housing Advisory Table

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To: ecdc@toronto.ca

Attn: Economic and Community Development Committee, City of Toronto

Re: [EC29.5 Toronto Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism – Year Three Update](#)

The Black Community Housing Advisory Table is comprised of affordable housing providers, experts, academics, and individuals with lived experience and expertise. We were established to address the challenges experienced by Black residents to secure affordable housing and for Black led organizations to ensure Black residents have their housing needs met.

Thanks to the efforts of the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit (CABR), we have been connected to key conversations taking place in the City of Toronto. This includes our invitation to provide feedback on key strategies of the Housing Secretariat and Shelter, Support & Housing Administration offices. In CABR's Year 4 Workplan, they have identified key deliverables for the priority of accessible and equitable housing. BCHAT recognizes that Black people are overrepresented in the shelter system, and are more likely to be evicted and therefore require targeted and intentional supports that reflect these contexts of systemic anti-Black racism.

CABR's role of collaborating with the Housing Secretariat and Shelter, Support & Housing Administration offices are incredibly valued by members of BCHAT. We look forward to continuing these meaningful conversations towards tangible actions and results.

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