



**THE ANNEX
RESIDENTS'
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Toronto City Council City of Toronto
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Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Toronto City Council,

Re: CC2.1 - 2023 Housing Action Plan

We write today in reference to the 2023 Housing Action Plan to enable both market, non- market and hybrid housing production to achieve the provincial target of 285,000 new homes over the next 10 years.

We have grave concerns about the potential impact of Bill 23 and how it will affect the security of tenure of tenants. The mere fact that this is a possibility is troubling.

In the Annex, tenants comprise 70% of our population. These are our friends and important members of our community. Provincially approximately 50% of residents are tenants.

In our opinion, if tenants' rights are disregarded in favour of demolition and development under the guise of new housing without regard to affordability and dignity - **YOU** - will have failed us.

The City has spent many years putting in place provisions to protect tenants. We expect every effort to be made to secure their entitlement now and in the future to live in their homes. Should development occur, tenants must be made whole, not cast to the wind to make way for luxury rentals and condos.

We urge you to carefully review, consider and ensure that tenant displacement be discouraged and that affordability be front and centre in the development of policy.

A housing action plan that favours ownership at the expense of rental will not deliver the goals of the plan.

Sincerely,

Rita Bilerman
Chair, Annex Residents' Association

cc: Members of City Council
Councillor Dianne Saxe
145 St. George Tenants Organization
Premier Doug Ford