



GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

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Councillor Gord Perks
Chair, Planning and Housing Committee
and Committee Members
Toronto City Hall

Re: Repeal of exemption for fraternities and sororities in Multi-Tenant Housing By-law

The Grange Community Association (GCA) fully supports Councillor Saxe's proposal (December 31, 2023) **to repeal the exemption of fraternities and sororities from the Multi-Tenant House Licencing By-law and that the definition of Multi-Tenant House be the original proposal.**

The GCA has previously supported inclusion of these entities under the bylaw as proposed by staff most recently in 2021 (links below). We were extremely disappointed when the final approval provided an exemption for fraternities and sororities. This was a mistake.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.PH25.10>

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/cc/comm/communicationfile-136767.pdf>

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/cc/comm/communicationfile-135537.pdf>

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/cc/comm/communicationfile-136894.pdf>

We note that FoSTRA (Federation of South Toronto Residents' Associations) (January 11th, 2024) has written in support of Councillor Saxe's proposal. GCA is a member of FoSTRA. FoSTRA has outlined many of the issues that have arisen and notes that there are:

“records of hundreds of calls to the City and police regarding loud noise, garbage, destruction of surrounding property and out-of-control parties. There is evidence of these houses having been rented out to other organizations for paid-entry parties and the serving of alcohol to minors at these and other parties. These houses have been the site of sexual and physical assaults, stabbings, fires, drug busts, and even deaths. Including fraternities and sororities under the Multi-tenant Housing Licencing Bylaw and including them in the definition of “Multi-tenant House” as originally proposed, would be a step towards bringing some control, protecting the general public, the residents in these boarding houses, and improving the situation for their immediate neighbours”.

The GCA strongly urges that this exemption be repealed.

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