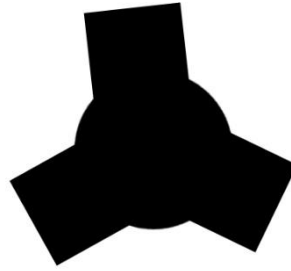# DAWES ROAD TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: ITEM IA30.1,CC30.5
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED DEMONSTRATIONS BY-LAW &
PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO SOCIAL
INFRASTRUCTURE

On behalf of the Tenants of our Tenant's Association, I am writing to Toronto City Council with regard to the proposed demonstrations by-law being considered during this month's council meeting. It with great disappointment that our Association has learned that our local councillor, Brad Bradford intends to support a proposed demonstrations by-law which, in our view and that of several legal academics, is unconstitutional and has been crafted to create needless barriers to lawful demonstrations in our City.

We are also writing in solidarity with other Tenant's Associations, labour unions, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, the Palestinian Youth Movement, and other organizing bodies and individuals who have communicated their apprehension to this proposed by-law.

The City of Toronto does not have the legal authority to create a by-law framework to advance the idea that peaceful public demonstrations are, depending on where they are held, presumptively hateful and dangerous.

We have a body of federal and provincial legislation as well as decisions of our courts that inform our understanding of what constitutes lawful assembly, expression, association and other lawful exercises of our fundamental freedoms, as guaranteed under section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms Charter.

A determination of what is a lawful exercise of a person's sec. 2 charter right or what constitutes an act motivated by hate, requires a thorough legal analysis that by-law enforcement officers are not (nor should they be) trained to conduct.

Therefore we ask members of Council to reject the proposed by-law.

Ryan Endoh

Chair,
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