



October 31, 2025

ATTENTION: City of Toronto Executive Committee Members

RE: EX27.1 - Impacts of Provincial Legislation that Weakens Rental Protections

We are writing in strong support of the Executive Committee's proposed recommendations in response to Ontario's proposed Bill 60, *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act*, 2025. Our position is that Bill 60 is a direct attack on tenants' rights across Ontario, and that, should this bill pass, it would undermine housing stability on a scale never seen before.

The Committee's recommendations rightly identify the danger that Bill 60 poses to tenant rights, rent control, and the foundational principle of **security of tenure**—the right of tenants to remain in their homes without arbitrary displacement.

Toronto has already lost far too much affordable rental housing to unchecked redevelopment, increased demovictions, and weak provincial protections, and these "solutions" have not served to stem the housing crisis. Any further erosion of tenant rights would, in fact, serve to **deepen** the housing crisis and push more renters into precarity and homelessness. The Executive Committee's call for City Council to formally oppose Bill 60, to explore legal avenues for challenge, and to reiterate demands for stronger rent control measures represents a crucial step in defending Toronto's renters at this critical moment.

We urge City Council to **adopt these recommendations in full**—and to go further in two key ways:

1. **Build a coalition of municipalities across Ontario** to stand together in opposition to Bill 60. The threat this legislation poses is not unique to Toronto. Cities including Kenora, Thunder Bay, Timmins, Sudbury, Barrie, Brampton, Mississauga, Hamilton, London and Ottawa are facing similar pressures of speculation, displacement, and unaffordability. Should Bill 60 pass, it will escalate the pace of evictions and exacerbate homelessness across Ontario – the cost of which (shelter, housing supports) is borne by cities and municipalities. ***Toronto can and should take the lead in uniting municipalities*** (for example, through the Big City Mayors coalition) to collectively call for the withdrawal of Bill 60 and the restoration of full tenant protections under provincial law.
2. **Demand that the Province engage directly with tenant advocacy organizations** such as ACORN, ACTO, the FMTA, No Demovictions, and others. There was **zero consultation** with tenant advocacy organizations on the proposed changes under Bill 60 – only developer and landlord lobbyists like Federation of Rental Providers of Ontario (FRPO) and Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) were

consulted in shaping this legislation. Tenant advocacy groups **must** be at the table when making policy decisions that shape people's homes and lives, otherwise (as is the case with Bill 60) ***it's obvious who is intended to be the main course***. Effective housing policy cannot be written behind closed doors in consultation with the real estate industry alone. Tenant voices must be central in any review or reform of the *Residential Tenancies Act*.

Toronto's renters are the backbone of this city, and constitute half of its population. We work here, pay taxes, build our lives, our families, and our communities here; we help to shape Toronto into the great city it is. We deserve a government at every level that acts decisively to defend our homes and our rights. By adopting and expanding upon the Executive Committee's recommendations, City Council can send a powerful message to Queen's Park: **Toronto will not stand by while tenant protections are dismantled.**

We thank the Executive Committee for its leadership on this issue and call on all members of City Council to join in this clear and principled defense of tenant rights and housing stability.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Blackwell

/on behalf of the No Demovictions Team

CC: Ashley Reyns, ACORN Ontario
Scott Baird, Advocacy Centre for Tenants of Ontario
Leadership Team, York South Weston Tenant Union
Yaroslava Montenegro, Federation of Metro Tenants Associations