



24 March 2026

City Clerk
Toronto City Council
100 Queen St W
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RE: 2026.EX29.14 on March 25, 2026 City Council

Dear Toronto City Council,

We are writing in support of Item 2026.EX29.14 “Cracking Down on Bad Landlords,” moved by Mayor Olivia Chow.

Tenants across Toronto are stuck between a rock and a hard place: rents are going up, while conditions in our apartments are oftentimes deteriorating. Toronto ACORN’s [2026 State of Repair Report](#) found that 43.7% of survey respondents have trouble getting repairs done in a timely manner. Nowhere is this more apparent than 500 Dawes Road, which has been the target of ineffective bylaw enforcement for over two decades now.

The time for waiting is over. Tenants are demanding action now. That’s why Toronto ACORN is joining our affiliate, the Dawes ACORN Tenants’ Association, in calling on Toronto City Council to adopt Item 2026.EX29.14 and begin remedial action immediately so that tenants can finally live in safe and healthy homes.

Sincerely yours,

The Toronto ACORN Board

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