

# Regent Park Neighbourhood Association



## **CR9.4 Addressing Evictions through Disaggregated Race-Based Data in Social Housing**

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### **Mayor Olivia Chow and Members of City Council**

Toronto City Hall, 2nd Floor  
100 Queen Street West  
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### **Re: CR9.4 - Addressing Evictions through Disaggregated Race-Based Data in Social Housing**

Reference: **EX29.14** – Cracking Down on Bad Landlords

## **Submission to the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee (CABRAC)**

**Dear Chair and Members of the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee,**

On behalf of the **Regent Park Neighbourhood Association (RPNA)**, we are writing to formally submit our recommendations and strong support for the motions being considered at the March 23, 2026 meeting of the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee (CABRAC).

This submission is grounded in community-led evidence, recent data disclosures, and the lived realities of tenants across Toronto’s social housing system.

### **1. Context: Escalating Evictions and Systemic Inequities**

Recent data obtained through Freedom of Information requests reveals a **significant escalation in eviction outcomes within Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC)**, alongside serious discrepancies in public reporting.

- Evictions have more than doubled between 2023 and 2025.
- Tribunal data shows **substantially higher eviction outcomes than TCHC-reported figures.**
- Mediation and early intervention mechanisms have declined.

- No race-disaggregated eviction data is publicly available.

These findings raise urgent concerns regarding transparency, accountability, and systemic inequities within a housing system where approximately **40–42% of tenants identify as Black**

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## 2. Anti-Black Racism and Housing Instability

The absence of race-disaggregated eviction data is not a neutral gap. it is a structural failure.

Without this data:

- The City cannot assess whether Black tenants are disproportionately impacted
- Equity commitments cannot be meaningfully evaluated
- Anti-Black racism within housing systems remains unaddressed

As highlighted in the analysis submitted to the City’s Executive Committee, eviction processes disproportionately harm Black communities, contributing to:

- Housing precarity
- Family displacement
- Long-term socio-economic inequities

This directly engages CABRAC’s mandate to advance:

- **Recognition** (data and lived experience)
  - **Justice** (accountability and fair processes)
  - **Development** (community stability and opportunity)
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## 3. Evictions as a Policy Choice — Not an Inevitable Outcome

Evictions in social housing are not merely administrative actions, they are policy decisions with profound consequences.

They lead to:

- Increased homelessness
- Community destabilization
- Entrenchment of poverty and racial inequity

The current trajectory reflects a system where:

- Eviction prevention is not operationalized
- Early intervention systems are insufficient
- Participatory governance structures remain inactive

Notably, key recommendations from the [2010 LeSage Inquiry](#), including mediation, oversight, and eviction as a last resort, have not been fully implemented

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#### 4. The Role of Social Development Plans (SDPs)

The RPNA emphasizes that **eviction prevention is not only a legal issue, it is a community infrastructure issue.**

The **Regent Park Social Development Plan (SDP)** has demonstrated that:

- Resident-led structures strengthen community safety and stability
- Neighbour-to-neighbour support enables early intervention
- Access to information empowers tenants to assert their rights
- Coordinated partnerships reduce crises before they escalate

These outcomes align directly with CABRAC’s priorities and the City’s commitments under the **Toronto Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism.**

However, these systems require **sustained and scaled investment.**

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#### 5. RPNA Recommendations to CABRAC

We respectfully urge CABRAC to adopt and advance the following recommendations to City Council and relevant agencies:

##### A. Immediate Eviction Moratorium in Social Housing

- Implement a moratorium on evictions within TCHC until at least Fall 2026
- Maintain the moratorium pending an independent, public review of:
  - Eviction drivers
  - Mediation practices
  - Reporting discrepancies
  - Racial impacts
  - Compliance with the [LeSage Inquiry](#)

##### B. Mandatory Race-Disaggregated Data Collection and Reporting

- Require TCHC and relevant bodies to collect and publicly report race-based eviction data
- Ensure data governance includes independent oversight and community accountability

##### C. Strengthened Accountability Mechanisms

- Align with the Ontario Human Rights Commission’s [From Impact to Action report](#)
- Establish independent monitoring of eviction practices
- Reactivate and resource participatory governance structures, including:
  - Black Tenant Advisory mechanisms and bodies.

##### D. Citywide Investment in Social Development Plans (SDPs)

- Allocate sustained annual funding (minimum \$250,000–\$500,000 per neighbourhood)
- Scale SDPs across Toronto priority neighbourhoods by 2027
- Integrate SDPs as a core eviction prevention and anti-racism strategy

## E. Community-Based Legal Education and Early Intervention

- Expand Public Legal Education and Information (PLEI) initiatives
  - Fund tenant-led outreach, advocacy, and peer support systems
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## 6. A Call to Action: From Recognition to Justice to Development

The current moment demands more than analysis, it requires decisive action. Black History Month reminds us not only to reflect, but to act.

Toronto has:

- The data
- The community expertise
- The policy tools

What is required now is **political will and institutional accountability**.

An eviction moratorium is not a radical proposal, it is a necessary step toward:

- Stabilizing communities
  - Restoring trust
  - Advancing racial equity
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## 7. Conclusion

The Regent Park Neighbourhood Association stands ready to:

- Collaborate with CABRAC, City Council, and community partners
- Share lessons from the Regent Park SDP
- Support the development of equitable, community-driven housing policies

We urge CABRAC to take leadership in advancing these recommendations and ensuring that Toronto's housing system reflects its stated commitments to equity, justice, and inclusion.

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### Appendix (Optional for Submission Package)

- Executive Committee Communication: *Eviction Is Not Housing Policy*
  - FoSTRA White Paper (SDP Expansion)
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## **About the Regent Park Neighbourhood Association**

The RPNA seeks to foster an inclusive, diverse and healthy neighbourhood in which all residents feel at home. The RPNA also recognizes that Toronto Community Housing (TCH) residents had a vibrant community in Regent Park prior to the redevelopment and seeks to build on that history of grassroots initiatives, resident led ventures, and strong networks. To ensure that this heritage is not lost, TCH residents serve in half of the RPNA Leadership Team positions. The RPNA's advocacy was central in negotiating and winning a commitment from TCHC to include a \$26.8M Community Benefits Agreement as part of Phase 4 and 5 of revitalization in Regent Park.

The RPNA seeks to foster an inclusive, diverse and healthy community through...

1. **ADVOCACY** - to provide a strong voice for residents on issues that will benefit our entire community.
2. **COMMUNITY BUILDING** - to bring our culturally diverse and mixed-income community together.
3. **COMMUNICATION** - So much is happening in Regent Park! It's important to keep residents informed.

