



FEDERATION OF
METRO TENANTS'
ASSOCIATIONS

RE: PH29.5 - [Advancing the City's Affordable Housing Access System](#)

The Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations (FMTA) supports the recommendations made by the Executive Director, Housing Secretariat to centralize the access system for affordable, and deeply affordable, Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) rental housing.

As the FMTA has stated many times, we are in the midst of a deepening affordability crisis, worsening due to global events, which few levels of government attempt to address with sincerity. We are happy to see that the City of Toronto is taking increased steps to address the outstanding issues of affordability, particularly when it comes to housing security for Toronto's most vulnerable tenants.

Our organization frequently receives inquiries from people seeking assistance in accessing affordable housing who are confused by the City's intake and processing systems. Many prospective tenants have expressed frustration with the system, worrying that they may have missed opportunities to apply for housing outside of providers on MyAccessstoHousingTO.

Currently, much of the onus to find and apply to individual providers is placed on prospective tenants, creating the potential for inequity as people with greater access to technology or knowledge of the system are advantaged. A single, centralized access point would greatly assist those in need of affordable housing in navigating the system and a random draw across all providers will result in fairer outcomes.

As such, we support these recommendations and look forward to their implementation, which we believe will result in a fairer and more efficient affordable housing allocation system. We are happy to see the City of Toronto take concrete steps to address the needs of low income tenants and hope to see more projects like this one in the near future.

Sincerely,

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