

Hi,

I am a resident of 200 Wellesly Street East and would like to address the following Item 10 for the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting on City Council Directions Requiring Board Attention;

**EC26.8 – Supporting Food Security in St. James Town**

Food security has become a more critical issue as a result of the social and economic conditions that are affecting all of us in The City and all over the country. Residents of St. Jamestown are made of tenants mainly and most of us live in social housing and private market apartments where the vast majority are low-income and working class; tenants. I wholeheartedly support the capital improvements necessary to establish a community food space at 200 Wellesley; and to continue collaborating with third party community agencies to deliver these services.

**DM11.1 - Ombudsman Toronto Report: An Investigation into Toronto Community Housing Corporation's Tenant Human Rights Complaints Process**

I also would like Toronto Community Housing to continue its collaboration with Ombudsman Toronto, and to continue engaging tenants and residents to promote Human Rights across all our communities. Most of us, who live in TCHC has experienced social barriers and exclusion for multiple reasons, and introducing a human rights framework, would improve our living conditions, well-being, and more importantly it would also enhance our sense of dignity.

**PH2.8 - Ensuring a Successful Tenant Advisory Committee at Toronto Community Housing Corporation**

I would like to recommend Toronto Community Housing to engage and encourage tenants with Lived and Living experience at participating on the Tenant Advisory Committee. Most of our voices are not heard because we often feel excluded and ignored, and within this context we are not participating enough, and missing an opportunities to share our experiences and to shape policies.

Sincerely,

Alex Gonzalez-Rendon  
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