Deputation – Ghassan Fayad Item 12F – Community Safety Unit 2024 Annual Report to Toronto Police Services Board TSC Public Meeting – April 15, 2025

Good morning, Committee members, TCHC management, Tenants and all attendees:

This deputation is about Item 12 F, and the Community Safety Unit 2024 Annual Report to Toronto Police Services Board.

The report is very organized and provides a comprehensive picture about all type of incidents and offensive that is happening in our TCHC communities. There are thousands of incidents that are reported in this report.

However, I want to comment just about the drugs and substance incidents:

The first issue is on page 9: 2024 Crimes Against Persons – Serious Violent Incidents (January 01 to December 31, 2024)

In the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Delivered in Custody to Toronto Police, there was just one person delivered in custody to Toronto Police.

I don't know if this is just the number of persons delivered to custody by CSU, or there are other persons delivered to custody by the police without CSU. I don't know the details about the system; however, one person in entire one year is very small number. It should be more than that, especially, that we have many drug dealers in every community, and the main issue we are suffering from is the drug dealer's gangs. There are local gangs, and there are gangsters that open branches for national gangs in our communities. The drug dealing is their main income.

I am wondering, why it is just one person that was sent to custody in entire year, is it because of lack of investigation, tolerance, or restriction on the job of the CSU!. I hope that I can receive an explanation for this small number, just one.

The second issue, I would like to comment on is the number of the possession and trafficking of drugs. On page 17, we read:

2024 Other Incidents: (January 01 to December 31, 2024), Count of Incidents on Page 17

Possession - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth) (1) incident

Possession - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (14) incidents

Trafficking- Cocaine (1) incident

Trafficking - Opioid (other than heroin) (3) incidents

Trafficking - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (6) incidents

I will focus, just, on the substance trafficking: According to the report, the CSU was able to catch 10 times substance trafficking in the entire year, and that is very small number compared to the reality. I don't know, why CSU couldn't catch more than 10 times trafficking of drugs in one year. In all TCHC communities.

We want much more efforts to decrease this drug trafficking and dealing disaster out of our communities. The gangs become very strong, and they recruits more tenants every year.