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Item 7E – Q2 2025 Violence Reduction Program Update
TSC Public Meeting – October 3, 2025

Good morning:

Item 7E:

My deputation on item 7E, Violence reduction program update, will focus on the update on the transition section on page 2. In this paragraph, we read that” The Community Safety Unit (“CSU”) and the Programs and Partnership (“PAP”) team are central to this transition”. As we see, there is a connection between safety and programs, and partnership; however, some partners focus on just the food banks and don’t offer any other programs that help in reducing violence. They work in our local communities, and they don’t have the capacity or any initiative to offer programs that address the violence and illegal activities that are associated with it.

We propose working together with the partners to find solutions or establish programs; however, it is very hard to communicate with them or achieve anything on the ground.

We complain to TCHC staff and managers, and no one discusses with us any initiatives or solutions.

I would like to point out that the relationship between some superintendents and the partners marginalizes entirely the role of the representatives and the leaders in coordinating with the partners, especially if the superintendent has an excellent relationship with the drug dealers and the illegal activities in our buildings.

Thank you,