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Chair, Tenant Services Committee  
Board of Directors, Toronto Community Housing Corporation

#### **Toronto Community Housing and the Neptune 4**

Dear Chair and Members of the Tenants Services Committee,

This past week there was a media story about the well-known Neptune 4 case. It concerned disciplinary hearings for the TPS officers involved.

Four young Black teens were stopped by TAVIS officers on their way to a Pathways to Education session in the Neptune/Lawrence Heights Community.

The young men who had been through Know Your Rights Training told the TAVIS members that they did not need to give their names. The officers claimed that a scuffle ensued where one teen was hurt. The teens were charged with assaulting a police officer and the young man who first exercised his rights was charged with threatening death and assault with intent to resist arrest.

Subsequently released security camera footage showed a very different picture.

The police were charged with arresting the teens without sufficient cause and use of excessive force. Charges against the youths were dropped.

While the disciplinary case involving the officers is all in public there is a not a lot known about the TCHC response or the overall situation.

When and how did TCHC hand over the camera footage? Were some staff were fired or disciplined over this? How many and for what? Were phones and emails investigated? What support did TCHC offer the 4 teens and for how long? How did TCHC regard TAVIS and formally react to TAVIS operations in Neptune/ Lawrence Heights?

Sincerely,

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