

Hello City Council and Staff,

My name is Pauleen Ksonzena and I am an ACORN member.
I am delegating today to urge Council vote on a strong anti-renoviction bylaw.

I am facing renoviction presently. The impact renoviction has had on my personal life is beyond anything I expected to have to deal with at my age. I will be 78 next month, which might be my first birthday as a homeless senior. Given the tactics Family Properties, my landlord, used when renovicting my neighbours, I know I will never see my apartment again if I lose my case.

My time at my current apartment is the longest I've ever lived anywhere: 15 years. This isn't just their property, this is my home. My home of 15 years was once a community of neighbours who knew each other, would look out for each other, and I was happy to retire here. After Family Properties renovicted dozens of my friends and neighbours, this building is a stranger to me. I no longer have a support system 10 steps away. I am overwhelmed with feelings of loss, depression, isolation, and anxiety.

Family Properties and other corporate landlords shouldn't get to act in secret when they want to kick out tenants. Tenants should have more rights when it comes to renoviction that don't just kick in after their landlord makes them homeless.

We have the opportunity to do something truly great for tenant protections in Ontario, and ACORN is excited to work with City Council to show Ontario how it's done.

Thank you for reading my delegation.