

## Tenant reps only no vote on TCHC sale

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**Munira Abukar, TCHC board member and tenant representative, speaks to reporters following Friday's Toronto Community Housing meeting. Abukar and the other tenant representative on the board were the only two people on the board to vote against pushing ahead with the plan to sell 706 TCHC homes to raise cash for repairs of other housing properties. (DON PEAT/Toronto Sun)**

TORONTO - New tenant representative Munira Abukar blasted her colleagues on the TCHC board Friday for making the decision to sell 706 homes from a "place of privilege."

Abukar, 19, argued passionately to defer Friday's decision so they could get more information.

Board members resoundingly rejected Abukar's motion to put off the decision.

The Ryerson University student and fellow tenant representative Catherine Wilkinson were the only two board members to vote against the sale of the houses.

Before the vote, Abukar accused her fellow board members — except Wilkinson — of coming at the decision "from a place of privilege."

"Every single one of you guys goes back to a home that is in great condition," Abukar told the board Friday. "My solidarity is with these tenants because they voted me in here to speak for them."

Abukar argued she couldn't "sell out another tenant."

"Personally, as a tenant, I'm willing to compromise the state of good repair in my personal home, that has a giant hole in the roof, to make sure someone else is living in a home that they have been living in," she said.

In a brief interview following the vote, Abukar said she wasn't taking the TCHC's board decision personally.

"I just feel as though we made the decision without information," she said.

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